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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lana Gordon at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 in 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representative Landwehr and Representative O'Brien

Committee staff present:

Audrey Dunkel, KLRD
Edw. Balda, Committee assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Fort Hays State-Dr. Edward Hammond, President
Washburn University-Dr. Jerry Farley

Others in attendance: see attached list

Chairman Gordon greeted the members and attendees and opened the meeting.

Dr. Hammond was introduced and greeted the members as well. He provided the power point presentations in handout form as well as showing the visuals. (Attachment 1). The phrase "widget" was introduced; the cost to produce one credit hour. Fort Hayes is one of the few institutions across the country that has actually lowered it's operational costs. Many tuition rates and budgetary issues were reviewed. The influence of the Chinese program was addressed as per the financial rewards. The debt load of graduating students was also discussed. Questions were made by Representatives Winn, Spalding, Aurand and Arpke.

Dr. Farley presented his information (Attachment 2). He addressed such topics as budget, small class sizes, and issues regarding transfer students. The School of Nursing was also reviewed. Mention was made of the upcoming Mar's factory and the training of its personnel to be done at Washburn.

The benefits to the city of Topeka by Washburn University were reviewed.

Representative Spalding asked questions about student tracking and technical school credits. Representative Arpke made comments on the Track 7 program. Representative Cassidy asked where and how can a school lose as much as ten million dollars over a ten year period.

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There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45

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