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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 Thursday, February 9, 2012 in 159-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Audrey Dunkel, KLRD

Edw. Balda, Committee assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kansas State University-Kirk Schultz, President

Emporia State University-Dr. Michael Shonrock, President

Others in attendance: see attached list

### **HB 2429 Removal of expiration date for the state educational institution project delivery construction procurement act.**

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

Dr. Shonrock addressed the Chairman and committee with his information (Attachment 1). Much data and history concerning Emporia State was reviewed. Mention was made of the school's collaboration with the other Kansas institutions, and the economic contributions to the state. The committee was told that Emporia has had 29,000 alumni and that 90 per cent of them are from Kansas. They are said to always be searching for new financial resources.

Presentation was made on the topic of E-Commerce. Other items were addressed from his booklet page by page.

Questions were asked by Representatives Aurand, Feuerborn and Cassidy.

Dr. Schultz was welcomed to the committee. He brought attention the packet from K-State (Attachment 2). Many items were focused upon from his documentation. Direction was made to pages 5 and 6 regarding extension and the beef industry's model program. K-State is said to have one of the best engineering programs in the state and to be in the top 40 of the nation.

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Representative Cassidy made reference to faculty salaries and the source of income to support them. Concern was made regarding the lower end employees. Representatives Spalding, Aurand and Feuerborn also asked for answers to topics. The point was made that money from out of state students is often used to help fund the in state students. Dr.Schultz finished his presentation and there were no further questions.

Chairman Gordon then presented information for the members to review (Attachment 3). Comments were also made suggesting that recommendations for the budget be postponed until Monday.

Chairman Gordon then asked the members if they would be willing to make recommendation on **HB 2429**. *Representative Cassidy moved that **HB 2429** be passed* on to the Senate as favorable; *the motion was seconded by Representative Landwehr*. Representative Feuerborn spoke in opposition of the motion, requesting discussion. The motion to pass the Bill onto the Senate was withdrawn. *Representative Cassidy then moved to pass the bill out as is. Representative Aurand seconded the motion and the bill passed.*

Chairman Gordon addressed the agenda for the next meeting, and called the session adjourned.