

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 p.m. on January 12, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Lana Gordon - excused
Representative Sydney Carlin - excused

Committee staff present: Susan Allen, Secretary
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research
Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached list.

The Chairman introduced new staff members Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes, and Susan Allen, Committee Secretary. Chairperson Sloan requested any motions for new bills or resolutions.

Chairman Sloan moved that the following items be introduced as Committee bills or resolutions:

1. A pharmacological standards commission
2. A regents' report on student financial aid and tuition rates
3. An Educational Building Fund Levies & Workforce Training Advisory Group
4. Centers for Excellence for Community Colleges
5. Provision for reimbursement for Remedial Education costs at Community Colleges
6. Health Care Benefits Package to be available to part-time faculty
7. The voluntary transfer of certain Community College programs to Regents' Universities
8. Joint Technical College and Community College Board of Trustees
9. Allowing the Kansas Development Finance Authority to work with private Research Facilities

The motion was seconded by Representatives Pottorff, the motion carried.

Representative Storm moved to have the Committee: (1) introduce a bill regarding the negotiation process between boards and employees; and (2) introduce a bill regarding the expansion of the eligible institutions to participate in Kansas Scholarships.

The motions were seconded by Representative Horst, the motions carried.

Representative Neighbor moved to introduce a bill that would grant tax credits to businesses for higher education courses taken by established employees.

The motion was seconded by Representative Reitz, the motion carried.

There were no more requests for bills, the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. in RM 231-N.