

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 P.M. on March 14, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Annie Kuether- excused  
Representative Valdenia Winn- excused

Committee staff present:

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor  
Linda Reed, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Robert Hemenway, KU Chancellor  
Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO Board of Regents  
Senator Nick Jordan  
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan called the meeting to order.

Senator Nick Jordan provided written testimony supporting oral testimony given to the Committee, March 9, 2005, regarding **SB 139** , **Authorizing state board of regents to establish the Kansas academy of mathematics and science (KAMS)**. (Attachment 1)

The Chairman directed the Committee's attention to the minutes of February 2, 2005, February 9, 2005 and February 14, 2005.

The Chairman also noted handwritten letters from employees at the University of Kansas in support of **SB 74, State educational institutions; conversion of positions to classified service**. (Attachment 2)

Chairman Sloan asked Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department to walk the Committee through **SB 74** comparing it to **HB 2020, Authorizing the conversion of classified employees to unclassified employees at state universities**, pointing out the differences as Amended by Senate Committee and Committee of the Whole. (Attachment 3)

Ms. Galligan noted both **HB 2020** and SB 74 give Regents Institutions discretion regarding converting classified employees. Several differences in the two bills were cited **SB 74** requires (1) conversion of selected positions; (2) affirmative vote of the affected employees prior to a conversion from classified to unclassified status; (3) a university support staff would be created; (4) would remove the requirement that the Board of Regents assist with retirement planning (5) development of personnel policies and procedures.

The Chairman then opened the floor for questions by committee members of any participants that testified on **HB 2020** and to legislative staff.

Representative's Carlin and Storm questioned the voting procedure and time requirements of bill.

Chairman Sloan questioned the Chancellor on the voting process used 10 or 15 years ago for health care workers (nurses) at the KU Medical Center who changed from a classified system. The Chancellor stated that no voting process took place in that case. The Chancellor noted that the nurses have never asked to go back.

Representative Huff questioned Mr. Robinson as to which bill he preferred. Mr. Robinson indicated that he was pleased with what came out on the Senate side.

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The hearing on SB 74 was closed at 4:40 p.m.

The Chairman opened discussion on SB 139; Authorizing state board of regents to establish the Kansas academy of mathematics and science (KAMS) by having Art Griggs present the balloon on SB 139 to the committee. (Attachment 4)

Chairman Sloan explained that the proposed balloon language attempted to incorporate language and issues raised during the hearing on SB 139.

Representative Huff moved to adopt SB 139 as amended.

The motion was seconded by Representative Sharp.

The motion was adopted.

Representative Carlin moved that the balloon bill be further amended to add language that KAMS could receive private funding.

The motion was seconded by Representative Kelsey.

The motion passed.

Representative Horst stated that parents of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students may want to have their children live at home and still have access to advanced classes.

Representative Horst made the motion to provide advance placement courses over the KAN-ED network for pupils in grades 9 through 12.

The motion was seconded by Representative Menghini.

The motion was adopted.

Representative Horst made the motion that base state aid would go to KAMS for resident students instead of to the pupil's former high school.

The motion was seconded by Representative Storm.

Senator Jordan stated that students would receive a dual diploma from the KAMS program. Senator Jordan stated that the course of study of KAMS shall be developed by the Board of Regents in cooperation with the State Board of Education to insure that students' academic needs are met for High School and Associate of Science degrees.

Representative Pottorff made the motion that the curriculum shall be subject to the approval the state board of education.

The motion was seconded by Representative Horst.

The motion was adopted.

Representative Sharp moved that the Committee recommend SB 139 as amended for favorable passage.

The motion was seconded by Representative Huff.

The motion was adopted.

Chairman Sloan asked Representative Sharp to carry the bill.

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Chairman Sloan adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2005, at 3:30 p.m. in Rm. 231-N.