

Approved: February 23, 2012

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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marc Rhoades at 9:07 AM on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 in 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Barbara Ballard - excused

Committee staff present:

J.G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Dylan Dear, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Michael Wales, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, First Assistant, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Nobuko Folmsbee, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Cindy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Representative Gordon, Chair, Education Budget Committee, presented the FY 2012 Postsecondary Education Systemwide Budget Committee Report (Attachment 1). The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation with the following adjustment: add \$5,462 from State General Fund (SGF) to pay the shortfall in Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC).

Representative Gordon made a motion to approve the FY 2012 Postsecondary Education Systemwide Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn.

Representative DeGraaf made a substitute motion to change SGF to existing resources in the Board of Regents to pay the shortfall in Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC). The substitute motion was seconded by Representative Brown

Discussion followed by committee members regarding the cost savings realized by the members of MHEC.

Representative DeGraaf renewed the substitute motion. The motion carried.

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Representative Gordon renewed the motion to approve the Budget Committee Report as amended. The motion carried.

Representative Gordon, Chair, Education Budget Committee, presented the FY 2013 Postsecondary Education Systemwide Budget Committee Report (Attachment 1). The Budget Committee concurred with the Governor's recommendation with the following adjustment: add \$95,000 for SGF for MHEC dues; delete \$800,000 from SGF for research databases and add the same amount for the research databases at the State Library; and delete \$20.5 million from SGF for Technical Education Tuition Waivers for review at Omnibus, pending the passage of **HB 2620- Creating the excellence in career technical education act.**

Representative Gordon made a motion to approve the FY 2013 Postsecondary Education Systemwide Budget Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn.

Discussion followed by committee members regarding KAN-ED funding for research databases at the State Library, and cost savings experienced by members of MHEC. A committee member expressed concern regarding the KAN-ED audit report. It was noted that other options should be explored for potential cost savings for these services, and the findings reported back to the committee.

Representative DeGraaf made a substitute motion to remove State General Funds noted in item one and replace the language with from existing resources at the Board of Regents. The motion was seconded by Representative Brown.

Discussion continued by committee member regarding the impact of the substitute motion.

Representative DeGraaf renewed the substitute motion. The motion failed.

Representative Feuerborn, Member, Education Budget Committee, renewed the motion to approve the Budget Committee Report. The motion carried.

Representative Gordon, Chair, Education Budget Committee, presented the FY 2013 Budget Committee Report for the following: Kansas Board of Regents; Fort Hays State University; Kansas State University; Kansas State University Veterinary Medical Center; Kansas State University – Extension Systems and Agricultural Research Programs; Pittsburg State University; University of Kansas; University of Kansas Medical Center; Wichita State University; and Emporia State University (Attachment 1). Representative Gordon reported that the Budget Committee Reports contains the same language as the Systemwide Budget Committee Report.

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Representative Gordon made a motion to approve all of the FY 2013 Budget Committee Reports as listed. The motion was seconded by Representative Feuerborn.

Discussion followed by committee members. Representative Schwartz responded to questions from committee members. She reviewed the Polymer Science Program expansion for technical training, and the Governor's enhancements for cancer research and veterinary medicine. It was suggested that additional information regarding the Board of Regents goals and objectives will be provided prior to Omnibus. Discussion followed by members regarding state research funding for higher education. As requested, the amount of SGF dollars supporting law schools, student enrollment for the School of Veterinarian Medicine and the Governor's revised budget reflecting Medicaid and Medicare funding impact for FY 2013 will be provided.

Audrey Dunkel, Legislative Research Department, provided information on the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility Preparation Fund.

Representation Gordon renewed the motion to approve the Budget Committee Reports. The motion carried.

Chairman Rhoades made a motion to introduce legislation regarding capital improvements at the Kansas State Fair. The motion was seconded by Representative Pottorff. The motion carried.

Chairman Rhoades encouraged members to continue to review the universities budgets for continued discussion in committee. He reviewed the agenda for the next committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.