MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 p.m. on January 26, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mike Peterson- excused

Committee staff present:

Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department Jay Hall, Kansas Legislative Research Department Doug Taylor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes Mary Koles, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Andy Tompkins, Kansas Board of Regents

Dr. Blake Flanders, Workforce Development, Kansas Board of Regents

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan welcomed the Committee and Dr. Tompkins, President, Kansas Board of Regents.

Dr. Tompkins answered several questions regarding content he presented during the January 24th committee meeting, then continued his discussion about tracking and responded to some of the remaining requests posed by the committee last spring. Dr. Blake Flanders, Vice President of Workforce Development, Kansas Board of Regents, shared, when appropriate, his expertise and insight alongside Dr. Tompkins. Dr. Tompkins' commentary focused on: (Attachment 1)

- 1. tracking and the status of sharing pertinent data with the Departments of Labor and Commerce (request 6),
- 2. the role of private post-secondary institutions in job training, ways Regents' coordinated educational programs can benefit from shared resources, strategic planning to benefit the workforce, and collaboration between the public and private post-secondary institutions to identify best practices to meet employer needs and stimulate economic growth (request 7),
- 3. the evaluation processes used to determine degree programs/departments most able to achieve national prominence as well as programs needing additional resources to achieve greater prominence and those which will not achieve prominence and the reallocation of resources to programs with the greatest potential (request 10),
- 4. processes available to the institutions and the Board to expand endowments (request 11),
- 5. identifying programs in demand but underfunded and developing a plan to address the needs (request 8), and
- 6. process whereby technical programs can be or are offered through other locations and the prospect of expanding these and similar programs (request 9).

Questions were asked and brief discussions occurred as Dr. Tompkins spoke. More questions, comments, and discussions followed the conclusion of his prepared remarks. Those asking questions were Chairman Sloan and Representatives Vern Swanson, Joseph Scapa, Barbara Bollier, Don Hineman, Ron Worley, and Bill Otto.

Representative Otto moved to allow three bill introductions relating to school finance; Representative Worley seconded the motion. By consensus of the committee, the motion passed.

Chairman Sloan asked new legislators to make an appointment to visit with him. He reminded committee members to think about and prepare to discuss next steps regarding higher education issues – seek more information, make recommendations.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.