

**MINUTES**

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

March 30, 2011  
Room 144-S—Statehouse

**Members Present**

Representative Joe McLeland, Chairperson  
Senator Marci Francisco  
Senator Tom Holland  
Senator Vicki Schmidt  
Representative Mike Burgess  
Representative Terry Calloway  
Representative Nile Dillmore

**Members Absent**

Senator Garrett Love  
Senator Mike Petersen  
Representative Harold Lane

**Staff**

Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Norm Furse, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Daniel Yoza, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Don Heiman, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer  
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

**Conferees**

Don Heiman, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer

**Others Attending**

See attached sheet.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and welcomed Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer, Don Heiman, who reviewed the need for additional staff funding (\$295,000) and the implementation status of the Kansas Legislative Information Systems and Services (KLISS). He stated that savings from KLISS (\$379,500) could fund additional staff (Attachment 1). He said two positions currently are authorized; four more would need to be authorized. He also encouraged the Committee to recommend the creation of an Office of Information Technology to coordinate Information Technology (IT) services for the Legislature. He referenced an organizational chart to illustrate the function of the proposed office.

Mr. Heiman reviewed progress in implementing KLISS during the past two weeks, noting the work priorities completed, such as PDF conversion and the delta system interface between the Revisors' Office, Legislative Research Department, and the two legislative chambers. He also provided data to show increasing use of the legislative website. Further information was distributed regarding the status of the software application (Attachment 2).

Members discussed the process of creating new positions: they questioned current budget-allocated positions, the use of temporary positions, and how to approach centralizing IT services. Terri Clark, Deputy Director, Legislative Computer Services, explained that temporary employees were being used to augment work on the delta interface, that the workload required payment of overtime for technical support, and that other work had been postponed in order to increase legislative support services. Mr. Heiman added that unfilled positions were being used to supplement staff budget shortfalls. Members requested that Mr. Heiman obtain from Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department, a clear designation of funding for each line item and each FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) in the budget.

*The JCIT minutes for the March 16 meeting were approved. (Motion by Representative Burgess and seconded by Senator Schmidt)*

Mr. Heiman, responding to members' discussion about the KLISS savings, replied that the \$379,500 savings is available and can be used to fund the proposed IT Office. The Chairperson suggested that Mr. Heiman include the proposed savings in discussing budget items with Mr. Conroy.

Members requested that KLISS users report on their recent experiences with the system. Pat Saville, Secretary of the Senate, reported that conference committee reports continue to be erratic and unreliable and that she is still unable to provide enrolled bills for the Secretary of State. Val Carter, IT support for the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, commented that feedback given to the developers appeared to be ignored, that many of the fixes did not improve the system, and that no simple path was provided for work-arounds.

Members requested to be included in all updates regarding the problems and progress of the system.

The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by Gary Deeter  
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Approved by the Committee on:

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