

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenny Wilk at 9:00 a.m. on January 24, 2001 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:        Alan Conroy, Legislative Research  
   Rae Anne Davis, Legislative Research  
   Amy Cramer, Legislative Research  
   Paul West, Legislative Research  
   Debra Hollon, Legislative Research  
   Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
   Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes  
   Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:        Dr. Karen Miller, Dean of Schools of Nursing and  
   Allied Health, KUMC  
   Dr. Helen Connor KUMC  
   Jo Ellen Greischar-Billard, MS, RN, KUMC  
   Melissa Wangemann, Legal Counsel to Secretary of  
   State

Others attending:        See Attached

Representative Bethell moved for the introduction of legislation relating to the minimum standards for the operation of nursing pools.. Motion was seconded by Representative Neufeld. Motion carried.

Representative Hermes moved for the reintroduction of a bill similar to 2000 **HB 2546** which would bring the capital security patrol and the motor carrier inspection unit into the Kansas Police and Firemen Retirement Association. Motion was seconded by Representative Nichols. Motion carried.

Representative Hermes moved for introduction of legislation which would authorize area agencies on aging to participate in State Employees Health Care Benefits Program. Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver. Motion carried.

Dr. Karen Miller, Deans of the Schools of Nursing and Allied Health, KU Medical Center, reviewed the Kansas Model which is a distance learning program that allows nurses and members of the allied health fields to complete their education over the internet and to earn graduate degrees. There are classroom sites throughout the state which can be of benefit to the 38,000 nurses in Kansas if they wish further or continuing education.

Dr. Helen Conner explained the program which was developed in 1994 as a consortium between Wichita State University, Fort Hays State University, Pittsburg State University , and the University of Kansas (Attachment 1). The program has been touted by Time magazine as being one of the most innovative educational programs in the health care field. It allows associate degree nurses to remain in their home communities with their families and continue employment while completing their undergraduate program or earning a master's degree. Among the advanced programs for nurses which are offered are neonatal nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwifery, and nurse anesthetist. The program has been developed primarily through grants of \$4.2 million with Kansas investing \$532,000. Pilot projects are underway in Garden City and Dodge City. The ultimate goal is for the KU Medical Center to become a research and development center of innovative teaching techniques including on-line education

Jo Ellen Greishar-Billard, MS, RN, clinical instructor at the KU Medical Center, provided the Committee with explanations of how she has personally assisted in developing the program, how the program works interactively between the student and the instructor, and how students can interact with each other (Attachment 2). She also

explained the different teaching modules available for senior level courses, how proctored examinations are made available to the students, and the benefits of this type of education for the mature student. The flexible time element appears to be the most appealing facet to most students as even those who attend on-campus are becoming very interested in taking internet classes. Tuition to the parent institution is paid on-line. The question of how to charge students who reside outside the state is being studied. Students graduate from the institution where they have enrolled for the courses. Clinical supervision is done in the local area if possible, with the graduate clinicals being held at the respective campuses i.e., midwifery at the KU Medical Center with assistance from the OB/GYN faculty. One instructor can usually handle 25 to 30 graduate students in a class via the internet classroom. This increases to 50 for undergraduates. The next phase of the program includes involving community colleges.

**Hearing on HB 2036 - rules and regulations filing act; time of filing; disposal by Secretary of State of copies of documents adopted by reference**

Debra Hollon, Legislative Research Department, explained that this bill would eliminate the requirement that a state agency which adopts any material by reference in a regulation file with the Secretary of State a copy of this material. The bill would also authorize the Secretary of State to return any adoption-by-reference materials on hand to the appropriate state agency or dispose of them.

Melissa Wangemann, Legal Counsel to the Secretary of State, appeared in support of the bill ([Attachment 3](#)). She said there had only been one request for any piece of this material in the past seven years.

The Committee requested a fiscal note showing the savings for each agency if they do not have to comply with the current statute.

Chairman Wilk declared the hearing closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2001.

