

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 p.m. on January 14, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Carl Krehbiel - excused
Representative Lee Tafanelli - excused

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Debra Hollon, Legislative Research
Art Griggs, Revisor of Statutes
Susan Allen, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Janice DeBauge, Chairperson, Kansas Board of Regents
Dr. Reginald L. Robinson, President & CEO,
Kansas Board of Regents
Dr. Ed. Berger, President,
Hutchinson County Community College
Dr. Camille Kluge,
President, Wichita Area Technical College
Dr. Robert Hemenway, Chancellor, University of Kansas

Others attending: See attached list.

The meeting was called to order by Representative Pottorff. No new bills were presented and Representative Pottorff called Janice DeBauge, the Chairperson of the Kansas Board of Regents, to speak.

Ms. DeBauge gave testimony on the progress toward seamlessness that has been achieved between Community Colleges and Universities in Kansas. Ms. DeBauge credited much of this progress to the establishment of "core competencies" that have been identified and upon which transferability of course work from one institution to another has been facilitated. Ms. DeBauge also acknowledged the addition of Technical Colleges into the post-secondary system through SB 7. Technical Colleges are now participants in the seamlessness system of transferability.

Ms. DeBauge acknowledged an increased coordination among the thirty six (36) Regents' institutions with the identification of specific institutional goals. Institutional funding will be tied to progress toward achieving these goals. Increasing fiscal accountability of all sectors will be studied by the Board this year.

Ms. DeBauge acknowledged that the Legislature previously granted increased administrative flexibility to the six Board of Regents Universities and improvements were achieved through the financing of the Crumbling Classroom Initiative. She suggested that the time is appropriate for a new initiative to address the deferred and future needs of the universities.

Lastly, Ms. DeBauge expressed the intention of the Board of Regents to fund the second part of the NORED study ([Attachment 1](#)).

Dr. Reginald Robinson, President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents spoke about funding for Adult Basic Education (ABE). Currently, the funding is received by local school districts and passed to the Technical College that administers the program. As SB 7, when fully implemented, provides for Technical Colleges to be independently governed, Mr. Robinson recommended legislation that would allow for the funding for ABE programs to go directly to the Technical College. In addition, Mr. Robinson pointed out that Technical Colleges do not have taxing authority in their areas of jurisdiction, as do Community Colleges.