

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 p.m. on January 21, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Eber Phelps - excused
Representative Roger Reitz - excused
Representative Valdenia Winn - 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: Dr. Robert Masters, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Kansas Board of Regents

Others attending: See Attached List.

The minutes of the January 12, 2004 Committee Hearing were noted by the Chairman, and Representative Storm suggested a clarification of her motions.

The Chairman opened the hearings on:

HB 2493: Foreign institutions of postsecondary education; registration requirements.

HB 2494: Out-of-state and private institutions of postsecondary education; certificate of approval.

Dr. Robert Masters gave testimony. Dr. Masters explained the issues that the two bills were designed to address, and noted that upon review, the Board felt that a broader approach was more logical. He suggested that the Legislature consider legislation that would make oversight of proprietary schools and degree-granting schools part of one law (Attachment 1).

The Chairman appointed a Sub-Committee comprised of Representative Huntington, Chairperson, Representative Neighbor, and Representative Carlin, to study the Board of Regents proposed new language for **HB 2493** and **HB 2494**.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. in RM 231-N.