

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANSThe meeting was called to order by Senator Paul Hess at
Chairperson11:00 a.m./p.m./ on March 19, 1984 in room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senators Gaines, Harder and Hein

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Ed Ahrens, Lynne Holt, Lyn Goering

Revisor's Office: Norman Furse

Committee Office: Doris Fager

Conferees appearing before the committee:

HB 2805 - SYSTEMWIDE ISSUES, Board of Regents' Institutions

Reference was made to Budget Memo 84-2, prepared by the Legislative Research Department and included in the FY 1985 Budget Analysis. The committee studied this memo as they made decisions on systemwide issues noted below.

Enrollment Adjustment (Page 2-10)

It was agreed to adopt the recommendation of the Governor on this issue.

General Fees Fund Adjustments FY 1984 (Page 2-6)

It was noted by staff that neither the Governor nor the House approved the original request of the Board of Regents. The House also spent additional fee income for FY 1984 and lowered the S.G.F. income for the current year for University of Kansas and Wichita State University. Reference was also made to Governor's Budget Amendment No. 2, dated March 16, 1984, regarding changes for Regents' institutions.

The committee agreed with House adjustments mentioned above, and also adopted the Governor's Budget Amendment with reference to the universities.

Academic Services Fee (Page 2-7)

Staff indicated the House Committee on Ways and Means has requested introduction of HB 3094 which would require the Board of Regents to bring these fees to the Legislature about 18 months before they go into effect.

No action was taken on Section B.

Unclassified Salary Increases (Page 2-16)

Staff explained that the House Committee eliminated \$2.0 million recommended by the Governor for the Board of Regents' Office for distribution to the institutions for further unclassified salary increases; and recommended a 7% increase in classified salaries, and in so doing restored base budget reductions the Governor made of \$1.9 million. Following an extended discussion, the Committee agreed with House committee actions.

Classified Salary Increases (Page 2-22)

It was the concensus of the committee to delete this item from the appropriations bill, and to include it with a special salary bill to be introduced at a later date.

Student Salary Increases (Page 2-23)

It was noted by staff that the Governor recommended a 5% increase and the House concurred. They also concurred with the student work-study program as a separate line item and made provision to re-appropriate money for next year. They agreed to change the language to include any non-state employer in the work-study program.

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It was noted that the students were pleased with the action of the House; and that the work-study program has been picking up interest as time passes.

The committee agreed with House committee actions on this item.

Other Operating Expenditures (Page 2-27)

It was stated by staff that the House Committee recommended 6% increase in O.O.E., which would be \$700,000 over the Governor's recommendation. The total impact of House recommendations, including the Board office, was to increase the Governor's recommendations by more than \$3.0 million.

There was subsequent discussion concerning the use of O.O.E. funds. Following this discussion, motion was made by Senator Doyen and seconded by Senator Steineger to increase the O.O.E. by 8%. It was noted by these senators that three areas are in need of funding: (1) building maintenance; (2) equipment purchases; and (3) library acquisitions. There was a brief discussion, and the motion carried by voice vote.

Utilities (Page 2-32)

Staff indicated the House Committee recommended a 7% increase in utility expenditures, instead of the 8% recommended by the Governor. There was discussion concerning this item, and staff stated the Board of Regents was requesting additional funding for FY 1984 for consideration in the Omnibus appropriations bill.

It was further noted that House committee continued a proviso allowing for re-appropriation of unused utilities funds for expenditure on energy saving projects. The committee agreed to approve the 7% increase recommended by the House.

Fee Waivers (Page 2-35)

Staff explained that the House committee recommended fee waivers be increased to 65% instead of the 75% requested by the Regents' institutions. There followed a discussion concerning the possibility of using a different percentage at the smaller universities than at the three large universities. No decision was made; and it was decided to continue this discussion at the next meeting of the committee.

The meeting was adjourned.