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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Kerr at 1:15 p.m. on January 10, 1994 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator David Corbin (Excused)

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department  
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes  
LaVonne Mumert, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Dr. John Hiebert, Lawrence

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Kerr announced that the Committee would interview Dr. John Hiebert, a recent appointee to the Kansas Board of Regents.

Dr. John Hiebert, Lawrence, stated that he received both his undergraduate and medical school education in Kansas and has been a cardiologist for 20 years. His solo practice was recently assimilated by a group in Kansas City, which will provide him the time and support of his fellow physicians necessary to serve as a member of the Board of Regents. He said that medical education is vital and it is important that this need be addressed both in the Kansas City and Wichita medical centers. Dr. Hiebert noted that health care reform is particularly challenging, and he hopes to provide some background and leadership for the Regents in these areas. Dr. Hiebert listed some of his personal interests: faculty tenure issues, outcomes based evaluations, coordination of higher education in order to optimize resources and better utilization of technology to improve efficiency. He anticipates increased needs for nontraditional education mechanisms to educate and re-educate adults. Dr. Hiebert is serving as the Regents' representative on a subcommittee composed of chief academic officers, senate presidents and student advisory committee representatives organized for the purpose of studying the issue of faculty evaluations. He noted that both the evaluation forms themselves vary widely and the manner in which they are used also varies a great deal. He believes some standardization of the process would be of value and feels this is a part of the process of looking at the quality issue of education.

In response to questions from Committee members, Dr. Hiebert praised the staff of the Board of Regents. He said that it is his personal sense that there is a need to look at issues of tenure to maintain quality of product of the faculty both before and after tenure. He discussed the need for the Board to work with the Legislature. He sees program review as a continuing reassessment process necessary to maintain adequacy of programs. Dr. Hiebert stated that the role and responsibility of the Board centers on oversight of program review, administration of fiscal issues and management of facilities.

Dr. Hiebert said that, after serving four years on the Board of Healing Arts, he personally believes there needs to be some changes in the organization of the board. It is his perspective that improved communication and coordination with the Legislative Educational Planning Committee regarding K-12 curriculum would help to substantially diminish the need for remedial education. He was asked about efforts to organize non-classified faculty. Dr. Hiebert answered that complexities associated with unionization would require extremely careful evaluation in order for him to be supportive.

Dr. Steve Jordan, the new Executive Director of the Board of Regents, was introduced to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 1994.

# SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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