

Approved: March 9, 2000
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Alicia Salisbury at 8:00 a.m. on March 7, 2000 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department
Bob Nugent, Revisor of Statutes
Betty Bomar

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Donald L. Beggs, President, Wichita State University
Richard A. Bendis, President and CEO, Kansas Technology
Enterprise Corporation

Others attending:

Senator Donovan moved, seconded by Senator Brownlee, that the Minutes of the March 2nd and March 3rd meetings be approved. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Appointment of Donald L. Beggs, member Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation, term expiring January 15, 2003.

Donald L. Beggs, President, Wichita State University stated it was an honor to be considered for service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC). Mr. Beggs stated he is a mathematician with 34 years experience in higher education serving as a faculty member, teaching and doing research, and serving as an administrator. He was involved for 12 years in an incubator program at Southern Illinois University (SIU). He believes the KTEC approach to research development is exciting, as it involves all sectors of the academic, scientific and public environment, bringing them together for a common goal, expansion of technology in the state.

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Beggs stated he does not believe there is a conflict of interest in serving on the KETC board, and president of a research university. He views himself as a scientist qualified to fill the statutory requirement. (Attachment 1)

The hearing on the appointment of Mr. Beggs was concluded.

HB 2929 - Kansas technology enterprise corporation, senior administrator

Richard A. Bendis, President and CEO of KTEC, testified in support of **HB 2929** stating the bill allows the Governor to appoint "senior administrators" from the states' universities as well as "scientists or engineers". Presently, the Governor appoints six directors from the private sector and "four directors who are engineers or scientists who have extensive experience in managing basic or applied scientific and technological research at Kansas educational institutions." **HB 2929** allows the appointment of university presidents, vice-presidents, and provosts, as well as engineers or scientists, who have extensive scientific and technological research experience. By allowing senior administrators to speak for the universities, rather than a single department head, the decision making process will be greatly streamlined and accelerated. (Attachment 2)

Mr. Bendis stated KTEC has strengthened its evaluation capabilities by forming committees that conduct extensive reviews of the technical and commercial merits of a proposal, and supplementing the committees with non-board technical experts. Because of the rigorous review process the replacement of

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university scientists or engineers with senior administrators on the KTEC Board will not diminish the quality of the board's decisions.

The hearing was concluded.

Senator Barone moved, seconded by Senator Donovan that HB 2929 be amended on Line 36 following the word "administrators" by inserting "at Kansas educational institutions" and on Line 38 striking "at Kansas educational institutions". The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Senator Feleciano moved, seconded by Senator Barone that HB 2929 be recommended favorably for passage as amended. The recorded vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Senator Gooch moved, seconded by Senator Donovan, that Donald L. Beggs be recommended for appointment as a member of the KTEC board, term expiring January 15, 2003. The recorded vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2000.

**OPENING STATEMENT
Of
Donald L. Beggs, President
Wichita State University
Before the
SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 7, 2000**

Senator Salisbury and members of the Senate Commerce Committee:

I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you this morning. It is an honor to be considered for service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation, and, at your pleasure, it will be an honor to serve.

Although I have been in Kansas for only a short time, I have come to know of the important contribution KTEC makes to the support of science and technology in Kansas. It is clear that KTEC serves us all with distinction and effectiveness. It is known nationally and internationally as a model for economic development through technical innovation.

My academic background is in statistics and I have worked extensively in the area of educational measurement and the development of alternative ways to measure intelligence. In addition, my administrative career has included serving as Associate Dean of the Graduate School, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research and Chancellor while at Southern Illinois University.

These experiences and my background as a scientist and educator has made it clear to me that the State's universities must continue as key members of a larger team as requested by KTEC and provide technical expertise and research services that are the basis for maintaining the economic vitality of the State.

We must continue to encourage and support university and industry research and technology transfer throughout Kansas, and I welcome the opportunity to become increasingly involved with this initiative.

I want to thank you again for the opportunity to appear before you today and I would stand for questions.

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Attachment # 1-1 thru 1-2



WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

Dr. Donald L. Beggs
President
Wichita State University

Dr. Donald L. Beggs became the 12th president of Wichita State University on January 1, 1999. Most recently, Dr. Beggs completed a two-year term as chancellor of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Dr. Beggs earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Southern Illinois University and his doctorate in educational measurement and statistics in 1966 from the University of Iowa.

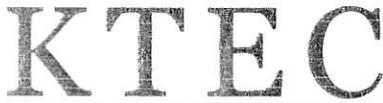
From 1966 to 1998, Dr. Beggs served in a number of capacities at Southern Illinois University, beginning as an associate professor of educational measurement and statistics. He was named associate dean of the Graduate School in 1970, professor of educational measurement and statistics in 1972, and assistant dean of the College of Education in 1973.

Dr. Beggs became the acting dean for University Programs and acting assistant vice president for Academic Affairs and Research in 1975. He also was named associate dean for the College of Education in 1975. In 1981 he was selected dean of the College of Education. He was named chancellor of the university in 1996.

Dr. Beggs is the senior author of a nationally standardized test developed using a cognitive taxonomy to be an alternative to traditional intelligence tests.

During the past year Dr. Beggs has served as a member of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education Review Board, the Southwestern Illinois Higher Education Consortium, the Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market, and the Carbondale Community High School Foundation Board.

Donald and Shirley have two children.



KANSAS TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISE CORPORATION

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Commerce
in Support of HB 2929

Richard A. Bendis, President & CEO

March 7, 2000

Madam Chair, I am here in support of HB 2929, which would amend current law concerning gubernatorial appointments to the KTEC Board of Directors. The amendment would allow the Governor to appoint "senior administrators" from the states' universities as well as "scientists or engineers" from the states' universities to the KTEC Board of Directors. The advantage to the state is that senior administrators - such as university presidents, vice-presidents, and provosts - are in a position to represent the broader interests of a university rather than the more specific interests of a single science or engineering department which a dean might naturally have. In addition, because a senior administrator is in a position to speak for the university, rather than a single department, the decision-making processes for KTEC-university collaborations would be greatly streamlined.

I suspect that the original 1986 statute limiting university appointments to "scientists or engineers" was intended to assemble the expertise to evaluate the technical merits of proposals submitted to the KTEC Board for funding. In practice, the board has strengthened its evaluation capabilities by forming committees to conduct extensive reviews of the technical and commercial merits of proposals and by supplementing the committees with non-board technical experts. These committees each meet for several hours in advance of board meetings and are, in addition, aided by market research reports and technical peer reviews. Because of this rigorous review process, the replacement of university "scientists or engineers" with university "senior administrators" on the KTEC Board would not diminish the quality of the board's decisions.

I encourage your favorable recommendation on the bill and would be happy to answer any questions.

Senate Commerce Committee

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Attachment # 2