

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:35 a.m. on February 9, 2001, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Jim Barone - excused
Senator Nick Jordan - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debra Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amory Lovin, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Paul West, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor, Revisor of Statutes Office
Julie Weber, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association
Eric L. Sexton, Director of Governmental Relations, Wichita State University
Dick Carter, Jr., Director for External Relations, Kansas Board of Regents (written testimony)

Others attending: See attached guest list

Bill Introductions

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to introduce a bill (1rs0821) concerning the acceptance of certain real property by the State Historical Society (William Allen White). Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

SB 213 - Negotiation by state board of regents for dental seats at university of Nebraska and Creighton university

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association, who spoke in favor of **SB 213**. Mr. Robertson explained that **SB 213** would require the Board of Regents to negotiate with the University of Nebraska and Creighton University in Omaha for dental seats for Kansas students. He mentioned that the KDA believes that acquiring more dental seats at surrounding state dental schools is an imperative "piece of the puzzle" to increasing the supply of dentists in Kansas and better serving the populations of rural areas and Medicaid and indigent patients who currently have reduced access to dental care (Attachment 1).

Committee questions and discussion followed. The Chairman thanked Mr. Robertson for appearing before the Committee and closed the public hearing on **SB 213**.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing on:

HB 2016 - Wichita state university, revising certain statutory provisions and definitions

Staff briefed the Committee on the bill.

Chairman Morris welcomed Eric Sexton, Director of Governmental Relations, Wichita State University, who spoke in favor of **HB 2016**. Mr. Sexton mentioned that the bill would revise certain definitions and

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statutory provisions applicable to Wichita State University as referenced in his testimony (Attachment 2). The Chairman thanked Mr. Sexton for his appearance before the Committee.

Written testimony was received from Dick Carter, Jr., Director for External Relations, Kansas Board of Regents, who recommend the proposals in **HB 2016** as favorable and are explained in the testimony (Attachment 3).

Committee questions and discussion followed.

There being no further conferees, the Chairman closed the public hearing on **HB 2016**.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to pass **HB 2016** favorably and be placed on the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris turned the Committee's attention to discussion of **SB 213**.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to amend the bill and make it effective as of the Kansas Register. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Senator Adkins moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to pass **SB 213** favorably as amended. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Chairman Morris called the Committee's attention to discussion of:

SB 65 - Dental student loans

Committee questions and discussion followed.

Senator Feleciano moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to amend **SB 65** on page 3 and remove entire subsection (2). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Morris requested that staff research the cost of dentists against cost of medical doctors scholarships. Senator Kerr mentioned that he agreed with a comment that Senator Huelskamp had made earlier regarding tying the use of the dental slots to either service in Kansas or re-payment of the costs. Senator Kerr also mentioned that he would like to see a financial penalty being imposed if the student would want to buy-out just as has been done with the loan program costs.

Senator Kerr moved, with a second by Senator Feleciano, to draft the introduction of a bill regarding tying up Kansas service for the use of dental slots. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2001.

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Amonda Golbeck	KBOR
DICK CARTER	KBOR



KANSAS DENTAL ASSOCIATION

February 9, 2001

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Kevin J. Robertson, CAE
Executive Director

Re: Hearing on SB 213 – Dental Seats

Senator Morris and members of the Committee I am Kevin Robertson, executive director of the Kansas Dental Association which represents about 80% of Kansas' practicing dentists. I am here today to testify in support of SB 213 which would require the Board of Regents to negotiate with the University of Nebraska and Creighton University in Omaha for dental seats for Kansas students.

The KDA believes that the acquiring more dental seats at surrounding state dental schools is imperative "piece of the puzzle" to increasing the supply of dentist in Kansas and better serving those populations – rural, Medicaid, indigent – who currently have reduced access to dental care. Other pieces are increased Medicaid reimbursement, reduced administrative hassles, a full-time Dental Director to coordinate and oversee dental program activities, and a loan repayment to provide an incentive for students to practice in underserved areas of Kansas (SB 65).

As we have discussed during past testimony, the number of dentists in Kansas, particularly in rural Kansas is decreasing. This is largely due to four factors: the total number of dentists being trained nationwide has decreased, the number of dental school slots available for Kansas residents is not replacing retiring dentists, the location of dental schools are largely in urban centers, and student debt continues to increase.

The number of dentists being trained in the U.S. has decreased dramatically over the past 20 years due to the closing of a number of dental schools and the reduction of dental school class sizes. In fact, the number of dental school graduates decreased by 27.2% from a high of 5,550 in 1981 to 4,041 in 1998. The large number of dental school graduates during the 1970s was largely the result of federal money provided to dental schools to increase the dentist population. Following the withdrawal of the federal money and an over abundance of dentists throughout the 1980s, many schools drastically reduced their class sizes. In our area, the UMKC School of Dentistry has reduced its class size from 160 to its current 84. In addition, the UM St. Louis School of Dentistry closed its doors. Persons having graduated from these larger dental school classes are now reaching retirement age.

The small number of dentists under the age 35 is particularly troubling as Kansas attempts to replace its retiring dentists. There are currently 1235 dentist actively practicing in Kansas. According to figures provided by the Kansas Dental Board, the number of practicing dentists in Kansas is decreasing at a rate of about 1-2% per year. There is concern that the number of practicing dentists will soon decline even more rapidly as the larger enrollment dental school classes reach retirement age and are not replaced at the same rate by incoming dentists. This is of even greater concern in rural areas, as the average age of rural dentists appears to be greater than that of the larger populated areas.

In Kansas, the Board of Regents and the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education have entered into an agreement whereby the UMKC School of Dentistry accepts a total of 80 Kansas

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students in their dental, dental specialty, and dental hygiene programs. Each school year, UMKC enrolls about 52-55 Kansas residents in the four-year doctor of dental surgery (DDS) program and dental specialty training programs. The balance are enrolled in the dental hygiene program. Tuition and fees at UMKC totals around \$80,000 for four years of education. This compares to around \$96,000 for the School of Dentistry at Creighton University in Omaha, and \$104,000 for out-of-state tuition at the University of Nebraska, School of Dentistry.

UMKC is considering increasing its dental class size from 84 to 120 as a result of pressure from the Missouri Dental Association and its Missouri alumni, however, many issues regarding funding must be worked out by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education before final approval is given to move forward. If an increase is approved, most of those new seats will go to Missouri students. In the meantime, the KDA has been exploring the possibility of finding additional openings for Kansas students with Creighton University in Omaha and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The success of such discussions depend largely on the Kansas Board of Regents and the State's willingness to provide additional funding to purchase these dental school seats.

My discussions over the past year and last week with Dr. Wayne Barkmeier, Dean of the Creighton University and Dr. David Brown, Associate Dean of the University of Nebraska School of Dentistry have uncovered the following:

Creighton University:

- Seats Available: 4
- Tuition/year: \$24,082
- Agreement: Tuition + 10% (\$2,408) administration fee
- Total Cost to State (Year 1) Around \$10,000 (if state only picks up admin. fee)

University of Nebraska*:

- Seats Available: 4
- Tuition/year: \$25,940 out-of-state/\$15,512 in-state
- Agreement: State pays difference between in and out-of-state tuition (\$10,428) + 20% (\$2,086) of difference administration fee*
- Total Cost to State (Year 1) Around \$50,000

* estimate

The KDA would suggest some effort be given to subsidize Creighton student's tuition beyond the administrative fee.

The KDA has two questions/concerns with regard to SB 213. First, we question whether the hands of the Board of Regents be bound for them only to negotiate with the University of Nebraska and Creighton. Yes, those two schools are interested in working with Kansas, however, we believe other schools, including but not limited to, the University of Oklahoma and the University of Colorado should also be contacted. Secondly, SB 213 postpones an actual agreement one full year by requiring the Board to report back the legislature next year. The KDA is interested in moving forward as quickly as prudently possible to secure additional dental seats for Kansas students.

The KDA hopes you will give favorable attention to this bill, and I will be happy to discuss it with you further when it reaches your Committee.

Thank you for your time. I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Testimony on House Bill 2016
before
the Senate Ways and Means Committee
by
Eric L. Sexton, Director of Governmental Relations
Wichita State University
on
Friday, February 9, 2001

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Eric L. Sexton, Director of Governmental Relations for Wichita State University, and I am pleased to be here to testify in support of H.B. 2016. H.B. 2016 revises certain definitions and statutory provisions applicable to Wichita State University.

Section one revises K.S.A. 76-116d which would add Wichita State University to the current list of five universities allowed to dispose of "certain books or art objects" at a private sale without regard to other laws regarding surplus property. This statute was enacted in 1953 and was apparently not revised when the university became a state educational institution.

Section two and three revise K.S.A. 76-156a and 76-756 to simply change all references in these statutes from the Wichita State University Endowment Association to the Wichita State University Foundation. This action is necessary to recognize corporate actions taken earlier this year by the Wichita State University Endowment Association to change its entity name to the Wichita State University Foundation.

I appreciate your consideration on these technical amendments. I would be happy to stand for questions.

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Statement to the Senate Committee on Ways & Means

House Bill 2016

Dick Carter, Jr.
Director for External Relations
Kansas Board of Regents

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On behalf of the Kansas Board of Regents, I am pleased to present the following statement in support of HB 2016. As a result of the Higher Education Coordination Act (SB 345), legislative proposals affecting all institutions under the Board of Regents are reviewed and approved by the Board. The Board has recommended this proposal favorably. HB 2016 was passed out of the House Committee on Higher Education and placed on the Consent Calendar in the House of Representatives.

HB 2016 will achieve two things – First, it will formally recognize, in statute, the official name of the Wichita State University Foundation. Second, the bill will allow WSU to dispose of certain books or art objects at a private sale, for the benefit of the Foundation.

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