

MINUTES OF THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jean Schodorf at 1:30 p.m. on January 12, 2011, in Room 152-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Sharon Wenger, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Laura Younker, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Eunice Peters, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Dorothy Gerhardt, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dr. Andy Tompkins, President & CEO, Kansas Board of Regents

Others attending:

See attached list.

Presentation: Overview of Higher Education

Dr. Andy Tompkins, President and CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents (Attachment 1), appeared before the Committee with a report of activities of the Board during the past year including a report on student enrollment numbers in the state universities and credit hours. Other items reported on included adult basic education and GED changes over the past ten years, including enrollment increases; Kan-ed, a program which connects Kansas hospitals, libraries, higher education institutions and K-12 schools with high-speed internet; deferred maintenance of state buildings; the PEI loan program; and student debt.

Dr. Tompkins also reviewed the 2010-11 board initiatives which include the following:

- Visit each two year college, three university campuses, and each university president
- Improve the CEO evaluation system
- Revise program review policy
- Review and emphasize growth of distance education
- Adopt a 10 year strategic agenda
- Coordinate more closely with preK-12
- Adopt enhanced qualified admissions standards
- Improve transfer and articulation
- Respond to legislative directive to develop a tiered funding formula for technical education

A brief question and answer period with the committee members followed.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 02:30 p.m.