

**MINUTES
KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY
CONFERENCE CALL**

The December 8, 2010 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority, conducted by conference call, was held in the Kansas Board of Regents Boardroom located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas.

Members on Conference Call:

Joseph Glassman, Chairman
Kathy Howell, Vice Chairman
Wayne Carter
Clark Coco
Diane DeBacker (Robin Harris)
Eddie Estes

Sheila Frahm
Jim Garner
Jim Grier
Bill Quattlebaum
William Thornton
Jack Wempe

Others Present

Regent Jarold Boettcher
Linda Fund

Institutions Represented

Allen County Community College
Dodge City Community College
Flint Hills Technical College
Fort Scott Community College
Garden City Community College
Independence Community College
Johnson County Community College

Manhattan Area Technical College
Neosho County Community College
Pratt Community College
Salina Area Technical College
Wichita Area Technical College
Washburn Institute of Technology

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN GLASSMAN

Chairman Glassman called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Member Grier moved to approve the minutes of November 10, 2010. Following a second by Member Frahm, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA**Budget Finance Committee Report**

Budget and Finance Chairman Grier introduced Rita Johnson who gave a recap of the State Innovative Technology Grant Proposals. The proposals submitted total \$148,411 and the available funding was \$150,000. Staff requested committee approval to roll the remaining balance of the Innovative Technology grant funds (\$1,589) into the set aside funding for spring and summer faculty internships. Five of the seven Innovative Technology grant proposals submitted met all of the criteria for the eligibility of the grant awards.

K.S.A. 72-4467 established the State Innovative Technology Grant and Internship program to provide funds to career technical institutions for start-up support for innovative technical courses or programs in emerging technologies, manufacturing or areas of skill shortages. These funds are appropriated on an annual basis and awarded to institutions through a competitive grant process.

Grants awarded shall meet the following conditions:

1. Private business must provide financial or in-kind support, or any combination thereof, to the career technical education institution equaling 100% of the amount of the grant.

2. The program must be new to Kansas, or if an equivalent course or program is already in existence in Kansas, the new course or program is not offered at a site within 100 miles of a site at which the existing, equivalent course or program is offered; and
3. It must relate to a business or industry located in the service area of the career technical institution.
4. It must relate to emerging technologies, manufacturing or documented areas of skill shortages.
5. Upon completion of the project, institutions receiving a grant award must submit all required reports and forms within the stated timeframe.

Proposals for consideration were submitted by the following institutions:

1. \$70,000 – Wichita Area Technical College – Requested grant funds would be used to upgrade three pieces of equipment known as an Easily Manipulated Mechanical Arm (EMMA) for WATC's Aerospace Coatings & Paint Technology program and support for a part-time instructor. The required business/industry match will be met by a donation of the EMMA equipment by Hawker/Beechcraft.

Motion: Secretary Garner moved to approve the \$70,000 proposal submitted by Wichita Area Technical College. Following a second by Vice Chairman Howell, the motion carried unanimously.

2. \$20,500 – North Central Kansas Technical College – Requested grant funds would be used to support the development of a second-level course in the installation of geothermal heat pumps utilizing horizontal directional drilling; obtaining International Ground Source Heat Pump Association (IGSHPA) program certification and securing designated training equipment for programs at both the Hays and Beloit campuses. The required business/industry match will be met by in-kind services and support from Ditch Witch of Kansas and the Glassman Corporation.

Chairman Glassman and Member Coco abstained from the vote for the proposal submitted by North Central Kansas Technical College.

Motion: Member Quattlebaum moved to approve the \$20,500 proposal submitted by North Central Kansas Technical College. Following a second by Member Carter, the motion carried unanimously.

3. \$15,195 – Independence Community College – Requested grant funds would be used to purchase a “High Powered Radiology System” to be utilized by students in ICC's recently approved Veterinary Technician (Vet Tech) program. The required business/industry match will be met by the donation of an IDEXX LaserCyte CBC Machine and an IDEXX Vet Test Chemistry Machine from the Barta Animal Hospital in Independence, KS.

Motion: Member Estes moved to approve the \$15,195 proposal submitted by Independence Community College. Following a second by Vice Chairman Howell, the motion carried unanimously.

4. \$31,466 – Manhattan Area Technical College – Requested grant funds would be used to purchase instructional equipment and software for student use in the Dental Hygiene program. The required business/industry match will be met by funds contributed by a consortium of ten dentists and dental practices from the area.

Motion: Member Wempe moved to approve the \$31,466 proposal submitted by Manhattan Area Technical College. Following a second by Chairman Glassman, the motion carried unanimously.

5. \$11,250 – Johnson County Community College – Requested grant funds would be used for the development of a new 20-credit hour Legal Interpreting Program. The required business/industry match will be met by in-kind contributions from an attorney and a private company specializing in document translation and interpreting services who will provide professional supervision for student practicum/internships.

Motion: Vice Chairman Howell moved to approve the \$11,250 proposal submitted by Johnson County Community College. Following a second by Chairman Glassman, the motion carried unanimously.

Review of Discussions on Funding Distribution Options

Budget and Finance Chairman Grier introduced Diane Duffy who provided a recap of the discussions currently occurring regarding various funding distribution guidelines and options. Ms. Duffy reported that the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) has officially delivered a description of the new funding approach to Governor-elect Brownback and the Governor's budget staff. KBOR has amended the original budget request to include an additional \$11.6 million in FY 2012 as the first phase of funding for the \$58 million needed to fully fund the new technical education formula. Cognizant of the state's budget challenges, this request, which would jumpstart the change to the new formula, represents only 20% of the total funding needed which is based on 2010 data.

Ms. Duffy reported meetings have been held with institutional leaders to discuss various issues related to the tiered funding distribution model for technical education courses and options for distribution of non-tiered course funding. In addition she noted staff would be busy preparing materials to carry the new forward-looking approach for state funding to the legislature. The next CEO Briefing (is scheduled for December 14, 2010. Ms. Duffy noted that one of the identified issues will involve expending additional staff and institutional staff time over the coming 2-3 months to refine the data related to academic hours.

She noted, depending on the timing of Governor-elect Brownback's State-of-the-State address, she may be able to report on the Governor's budget plan for the State at the January 12, 2010 TEA meeting in Concordia. Typically, the state of the state address is the second Tuesday in January, which is January 11.

Chairman Glassman formally thanked Regent Boettcher for his involvement in the development of the new funding approach and his loyalty to the TEA and KBOR. He requested Regent Boettcher express the TEA's gratitude to the Board for their support and guidance.

Chairman Glassman recognized Clark Coco and thanked him for his valuable input and service as a member of the TEA. In addition, Chairman Glassman announced Secretary Jim Garner and Secretary Bill Thornton would also be ending their term as members of the TEA at the end of the year and expressed his appreciation for their involvement and dedication.

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

No comments were offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Glassman adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Janice Haberman, Executive Assistant