

MINUTES
KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY
CONFERENCE CALL

The March 30, 2011 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority, conducted by conference call, was held in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room at the Kansas Board of Regents located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas. The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Glassman at 10:06 a.m.

Members Present:

Joseph Glassman, Chair
 Kathy Howell, Vice Chair
 Wayne Carter
 Eddie Estes
 Sheila Frahm

Jim Grier
 Steve Kearney
 William Quattlebaum
 Jack Wempe

Member Designee's Present:

Kristen Rottinghaus for Karin Brownlee
 Caleb Asher for Pat George

Robin Harris for Diane DeBacker

Institutions Represented:

Barton Community College
 Dodge City Community College
 Garden City Community College
 Highland Community College
 Hutchinson Community College

Johnson County Community College
 Manhattan Area Technical College
 Pratt Community College
 Salina Area Technical College
 Seward County Community College

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Member Kearney moved to approve the minutes of March 30, 2011. Following a second by Member Frahm, the motion carried.

REPORTS**Chair Report**

Chair Glassman reported he attended the first in a series of economic summits being conducted by Governor Sam Brownback on Monday, April 25, 2011, at the National Center for Aviation in Wichita, Kansas. The summit —"Kansas Aviation: Soaring into the Future" was attended by about 160 leaders from large and small aviation companies, the state colleges and universities, unions, and representatives from local and state government. Governor Brownback focused on the aviation industry and what Kansas can do to maintain and grow the sector. The overwhelming response from industry representatives included continued support for workforce training and research, and economic incentives.

Chair Glassman shared that he will be attending the annual Kansas SkillsUSA Championship conference April 27-29, 2011. Kansas SkillsUSA conducts many leadership events to provide growth opportunities for students and advisors. At each conference attendees are able to network, attend workshops and meet other SkillsUSA members throughout the state.

Chair Glassman announced that Secretary George has named Caleb Asher as his official designee to the TEA. Chair Glassman also encouraged members to continue Liaison visits during the summer months.

Member Liaison Reports

Member Grier reported he attended Wichita Area Technical College's open house at the National Center for Aviation Training (NCAT) center. The official opening of (NCAT) is still several months away, but NCAT will begin offering nondestructive testing (NDT) courses this fall. Through a cooperative effort between Wichita State University's National Institute for Aviation Research and Wichita Area Technical College, NCAT will offer a series of eleven NDT courses.

Members Howell and Frahm reported they visited the Washburn Institute of Technology campus on Thursday, March 31, 2011 and commended them on the progress they have made within their programs.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Vice President Flanders reported he attended the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) meeting in Washington DC. He affirmed NAM is interested in the development of national aviation credentials with the involvement of employers. Vice President Flanders stated NAM is impressed with the work that has been done on program alignment.

Vice President Flanders attended the ABE to Credentials Leadership meeting Friday, April 15, 2011 in Chicago and will be attending the next ABE to Credentials Leadership meeting Monday May 2, 2011 – Wednesday, May 4, 2011 in Seattle, WA. ABE to Credentials initiative targets various states' struggle to compete in a global economy. The presence of a skilled workforce is a key part of the equation and *ABE to Credentials* meets the challenge head on. The initiative is based on the core belief that postsecondary credentials and education beyond high school are the gateway to family-supporting wages and critical to breaking the intergenerational transmission of poverty in America. This initiative will increase credential attainment using evidence-based instructional and organizational models. It builds on the successes of both the Breaking Through initiative and Washington State's experience implementing and scaling up Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST).

Vice President Flanders reported he attended the **KansasWorks** State Board meeting April 26, 2011 at the Capital Plaza Hotel, Topeka, KS. Discussions focused on the resources expended on training and the need for more context in the analysis of these numbers. He also shared that he was appointed the Chair of the newly formed Performance Committee to focus on more efficient training in the workforce system.

Vice President Flanders announced that at the conclusion of Round 1 of the selection process, the Aspen Institute recently named 120 community colleges from 32 states eligible to compete for the one million dollar Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. Eight of these institutions were from Kansas and include: Salina Area Technical College, Cowley County Community College, North Central Kansas Technical College, Flint Hills Technical College, Garden City Community College, Northwest Kansas Technical College, Hutchinson Community College, *and* Manhattan Area Technical College.

The purpose of the Aspen Prize is to recognize community colleges with outstanding academic and workforce outcomes in both absolute performance and improvements over time. By focusing on student success and lifting up models that work, the Aspen Prize will honor excellence, stimulate innovation, and create benchmarks for measuring progress. The bar for the Aspen Prize was intentionally set high in order to identify those institutions that have demonstrated high levels of student success. In a comprehensive review of publicly available data, these two-year institutions have demonstrated strong outcomes considering three areas of student success:

- student success in persistence and completion,
- consistent improvement in outcomes over time, and
- equity in outcomes for students of all racial/ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Marketing Committee Report

Update on Activities

Chair Glassman recognized Caleb Asher who gave a brief marketing update. Mr. Asher reported the committee continues to look at various metrics, such as the frequency and length of time people spend on the CareerZoom website, to measure accessibility and impact of the site.

Mr. Asher reported the committee discussed the frequency of the Student Success Story events. Members agreed that in order to hold the public's interest and not overtax media these events should continue on a quarterly basis. The next award presentation should take place in August.

Budget Finance Committee Report

Budget and Legislative Update

Budget Finance Committee Chair Grier introduced Kelly Oliver. Ms. Oliver reviewed the Legislative Budget Update dated April 20, 2011 handout. Ms. Oliver stated there was very little change for FY 2011. She referred to one change on page 2; number 2 – Statewide Membership, Dues and Subscriptions: The Senate concurred with the Governor not to include this item and the House recommended adding language prohibiting SGF expenditures by any state agency for membership dues and subscriptions on effective date of the act and lapse savings to SGF (CC agrees with House Position). Ms. Oliver stated the subscriptions and membership dues would need to be funded with alternate funds.

Ms. Oliver referenced the FY 2012 Budget beginning on page 4 as follows:

1. **Page 5-Number 2:** *“Differences in Governor, House and Senate Budgets.”* On April 15, the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group (CREG) met and forecast a slight \$10.2 million – drop in revenues for the current fiscal year and a \$21.5 million drop for the coming fiscal year. Both are changes from the November estimate on which Governor Brownback based his budgets for this and next fiscal year.
2. **Page 7-Numbers 3, 5 and 6: Number 3:** *“Community and Technical College Competitive Grants”* - the Senate recommended adding \$500,000 EDIF to provide competitive grants to community and technical colleges to be administered by the Board of Regents. The Governor’s recommendation provided funding for these grants with the same requirements but included in the Department of Commerce budget. The Senate and House language includes a \$1 to \$1 match. The House concurred with the Governor and budget this item in Commerce. **Number 5:** *“Washburn University Operating Grant”* - the Senate concurred with the Governor and recommended not to include this item and the House recommended deleting \$5.5 million SGF – 50% cut of the Washburn University operating grant. **Number 6:** *“Remove funding for Kan-ed”* - the Senate concurred with the Governor fully funding Kan-ed at \$10 million (KUSF) and the House recommended deleting \$10 million (KUSF) and remove Kan-ed from the budget.
3. **Page 8-Numbers 9 and 10: Number 9:** *“Statewide Reduction of Salaries for State Officers by 2.5% Includes Statutory Agency Heads, Board and TEA members”* - the Senate recommended including this provision and the House recommended not including this provision (CC agrees with House position). **Number 10:** *“Statewide Classified Staff Longevity Payments”* - the Senate recommended to require state agencies (includes board office and state universities) to self-fund state employee longevity bonus payments. The Senate lapses SGF and transfers all allowable special revenue savings to the SGF. The House recommended requiring state agencies (includes board office and state universities) to self-fund state employee longevity bonus payments and the House lapses SGF only.
4. **Page 9-Number 15:** *“Statewide Membership, Dues and Subscriptions”* - the Senate concurred with the Governor and recommended not including this item. The House recommended adding language prohibiting SGF expenditures by any state agency for membership dues and subscriptions and lapse to SGF.
5. **Page 10-Number 20:** *“Statewide Across-the Board Reduction”* - the Senate concurred with the Governor and recommended not including this item. The House recommended reducing 1.193% across the board except debt service, human services caseload, and all K-12 aid (CC agrees with House position.)

Process Management Committee Recommendations

Chair Glassman recognized Blake Flanders who conveyed the following recommendations from the Process Management Committee (PMC) regarding several issues discussed during their April 1 meeting.

Student Residency for State Funding Purposes

After reviewing information gathered regarding the student residency Issues, the PMC recommended maintaining the current policies for the next three years. During that time a mechanism to collect data on current out-of-state students coming to Kansas for technical training would be developed, the data analyzed to determine how many of these students stay and work in the state, and the potential impact on the system monitored. If, at the conclusion of this study, the data supported any potential change in the residency policy, for state aid purposes, additional discussion regarding potential options could be

pursued at that time. Authority Members concurred with the PMC recommendation. Regent Boettcher and Authority members and emphasized the critical importance of collecting this data on now due to the timeframe of the study.

SB 143 Implementation/Re-Centering Issues

It was noted that a taskforce of community college business officers have been actively working with KBOR staff to draft recommendations regarding a set of operating procedures/guidelines related to the newly established postsecondary technical education fund and methods for handling revenues and expenditures specifically for technical education. Vice President Flanders stated a meeting with technical college business officers will be held following this meeting regarding these same issues.

It was also noted that the budget request for the tiered technical education funding stream will initially be sent to the TEA for consideration as they formulate a request to the Board. A separate budget request will be made for non-tiered course funding and will also be presented to the Board for their consideration. Both requests will need to be developed yet this spring to allow the Board to meet the Governor's budget request submission deadline of September 15.

Recommendation

PMC members recommended that at the conclusion of the legislative wrap-up session, a joint conference call be initiated by Board staff in mid-May to report on the outcome of the FY 2012 budget and to assist in determining any recommendations from the colleges for both the tiered and non-tiered funding line items to be forwarded to the Board in advance of its consideration of the Board's FY 2013 Unified Budget Request. Authority members concurred with this recommendation.

With regard to re-centering institutional base amounts, PMC members agreed that re-centering would be defined as *"the process to begin equalizing the negative and positive calculated funding gaps among institutions for tiered technical and non-tiered courses through the distribution of state appropriated funds"*. PMC members also recognized the need for further in-depth discussions within their respective organizations and agreed to bring back consensus recommendations in May.

2011 State Technology Internship Grants

Chair Glassman recognized Rita Johnson. Ms. Johnson summarized the 2011 State Technology Internship Grant applications that were submitted for consideration.

Ms. Johnson explained State funds (\$180,500) are appropriated on an annual basis to support both the Innovative Technology and Technology Internship programs which are awarded through a competitive grant process. Funding for the Innovative Technology grants (totaling \$148,411) were awarded in the fall. The amount of available funding for the 2011 Technology Internship grant awards is \$32,089. Board staff received 11 complete applications by the March 30, 2011 due date requesting funding for a total of \$42,258. Two of the applications received were for internships outside the grant timeframe and were not eligible for these funds. Staff looked at possibly funding for the remaining applications with Federal Perkins funds. The Budget Finance Committee recommended funding eight programs with state funds and the remaining three applications with federal funds.

***Motion:** Chair Glassman moved to approve the grants as recommended. Following a second by Member Howell the motion carried unanimously.*

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Glassman adjourned the conference call at 10:50 a.m. The next Kansas Postsecondary Education Authority meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted by
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