

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR EDUCATION

February 21, 1977  
8:00 A. M.  
Room 132  
State Capitol Building

Subject: Work Session

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carroll South.  
The following members of committee were present.

Rep. Ora Halvorson  
Rep. Oscar Kvaalen  
Rep. Jack K. Moore

Sen. Larry Fasbender and Sen. Matt Hims1 were excused.

Also present in the meeting were Judy Rippingale and John Krutar, Fiscal Analysts, and Mae Nann Ellingson, Lobbyist for Students.

Chairman South recommended that the committee place more limitations on the collective bargaining done by the university units with the union negotiating teams. He said that he thought the committee should go on record as saying that the pay plan and the salary increase should be kept in line with the pay plan offered other state employees. Also, it was recommended that the university units assume some responsibility for decisions made during negotiation. It was further recommended that executive authority be given to negotiate other things such as health insurance and fringe benefits. Those members present agreed with this.

There was a discussion regarding the operation base in the budget. The base is 7 percent for FY 76-78 and a 3 percent increase for 1978-79. That was based in other high cost institutions with some guidelines after the cost of materials. Each time there is an increase of one percentage point, it increases the budget \$152,000 for the six units for the biennium: 8% = 8,000,086 (FY 78); 9% = 8,161,197 (FY 79). Three budgets are not shown--Bureau of Mines, Extension Service and Vocational Education.

For these three operation total 3.4 million. An increase from 7 to 8 percent would be about \$17,000 per year or \$34,000 for biennium.

Operating expense should cover everything except salaries and major capital equipment purchases.

John Krutar pointed out that in considering information at SBAS, it should be taken into consideration that the information may be late in coming in and may not be up-to-date. He said that the units should be contacted to see if all information has been recorded. Chairman South said that he had already inquired about this and all information was up-to-date.

Judy Rippingale, Fiscal Analyst, showed the effect of changing the student-faculty ratio as follows:

MSU, U of M, and EMC:	From 20/1 to 19.6/1
Tech and WMC:	From 17/1 to 16.6/1
NMC:	From 16/1 to 15.6/1

Chairman South said that he felt the committee should draw up a plan showing legislative intent so that the units would at least have this guideline when making decisions affecting budget and management.



A motion was made by Rep. Jack Moore that the committee use actual 1976 expenditures as a base upon which to begin appropriating the budget. All members present voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Rep. Moore asked if the committee had set a deadline date for completion of budget figures. Chairman South said that the education appropriation sub-committee was one of the last ones to come in. No tentative date has been set for a date of completion.

The committee members asked Judy Rippingale, Fiscal Analyst, to have a table of variables set up for them by Tuesday, February 22, that they might consider when making decisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A. M.

There was no tape made of this meeting.

  
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CARROLL V. SOUTH, CHAIRMAN  
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Betsy Clark, Secretary