

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

February 8, 1979
8:15 a.m.
Room 104
State Capitol Building
Subject: WORK SESSION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carroll South with the following members present:

Sen. Larry Fesbender
Sen. Harold Nelson
Rep. Oscar Kvaalen
Rep. Jack Moore
Rep. Esther Bengtson

Also present in the meeting were, Judy Rippingale, Fiscal Analyst; Glen Leavitt and Tom Crosser for OBPP.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Chairman South stated that the Agricultural Experiment Station made a commitment to buy an electron microscope without legislative authority; they also need legislative authority to build a facility to put the microscope in and to hire the two people to operate the microscope. The Experiment Station is trying to encumber \$569,000 from its \$762,617 reserve fund for these purposes. The LFA has recommended appropriating the entire \$762,617 into the Station's operating budget. There was continued discussion on the options for the purchase of the microscope.

Rep. Bengtson stated she feels the Agricultural Experiment Station should perform their on-going programs rather than begin new programs such as buying the microscope. In response, Chairman South stated that a coalition would force it through the Legislature anyway and the committee would not have any control over the language in the bill.

MOTION WAS MADE by Rep. Moore that \$269,000 be appropriated from the reserve fund for the purchase of an electron microscope; it will be recommended to the Long Range Building Committee that \$100,000 be appropriated for the building to house the microscope. MOTION PASSED with the committee members with the exception of Rep. Bengtson voting no and Rep. Kvaalen being absent.

MOTION WAS MADE by Rep. Moore that it be recommended to the Long Range Building Committee that a \$200,000 request for a machine shop building not be authorized. MOTION PASSED unanimously with Rep. Kvaalen being absent from the voting.

Chairman South stated that since the Service feels they can make the microscope self-supporting for salaries and operations, in FY 1981 the cost of the 2 FTE come from the operation of the microscope. That would be an additional \$32,210.

MOTION WAS MADE by Rep. Moore to increase the revenue projections; expenditure in personnel \$32,210 the last year of the biennium. MOTION PASSED unanimously with Rep. Kvaalen being absent from the voting.

MOTION WAS MADE by Rep. Bengtson that the cropping systems program be continued in the amount of \$26,361; the amount would be appropriated from general fund money. MOTION FAILED with all committee members with the exception of Rep. Bengtson voting yes and Rep. Kvaalen being absent from the voting.

SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

There was discussion of the cost estimates for the proposed car for the School for the Deaf and Blind.

MOTION WAS MADE by Sen. Fasbender that parents of students enrolled at the School for the Deaf and Blind not be reimbursed for travel from the Office of Public Instruction, but that the School be reimbursed directly; it was also moved that the suggested appropriation language as stated in Exhibit A attached hereto be adopted.

MOTION PASSED unanimously with all the committee members present for the voting.

LIBRARY COMMISSION

MOTION WAS MADE by Rep. Moore that 54% of the salary increases be paid with general fund monies and 46% will be paid with federal funds. LSCA Title I and Title III funds received in excess of other funds appropriated and in excess of federal funds needed to meet the 46% employee pay raises shall be passed on as grants to local library federations.

Judy Rippingale explained that the federal representatives feel that the state should contribute to the pay raises because the federal government should pay only the proportion that the federal government is paying on the total program.

Chairman South stated that in terms in the Fiscal Analyst recommendation this is not new general fund money, this general fund money is already in the recommendations for funds for the pay plan from the fiscal analyst office.

Rep. Bengtson asked Chairman South if that isn't what they voted for the other day. Chairman South said yes, but it was killed and we are voting on the reconsideration of this.

Chairman South stated that Rep. Moore will first have to make the motion of reconsidering this subject and then make a motion on it fully.

The motion was passed for reconsidering the motion unanimously.

The committee then voted on the motion previously made by Rep. Moore. (the 54% and 46% be instated) MOTION WAS PASSED unanimously with all the committee members present for the voting.

Rep. Bengtson stated now that pay is being 54% of the general funds, does this allow more federal grant money to go to federations or does that federal grant money reduce in any amount of this time.

Chairman South told her that any amount of general increase allows that additional amount of money to be passed through to grants.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Chairman South stated that he would like to take executive action on the advisory council for Vo-Ed; we have two options:

1. Executive
2. LFA Recommendation

MOTION WAS MADE by Sen. Fasbender that the LFA Recommendation be adopted. MOTION PASSED unanimously with all the committee members present for the voting.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes transcribed by Linda Berg.


CARROLL V. SOUTH, CHAIRMAN


Jeanne Glennon, Acting Secretary