

Conference Committee on H.F. 1385: Higher Education Appropriations

Chairs: Senator Sandra L. Pappas and Representative Bud Nornes

Room 123 State Capitol

Thursday, May 12, 2005

1:15 p.m.

Senate has the gavel

Conferees: Senators Pappas, Cohen, Tomassoni, Kierlin, Robling

Representatives Nornes, Eastlund, Cox, Opatz, Johnson (Ruth)

AGENDA:

- H.F. 1385: Higher Education Appropriations bill
 - Public comment on provisions that are in one bill and not the other

MINUTES:

Members present:

Senators Pappas, Cohen, Tomassoni, Kierlin, Robling

Representatives Nornes, Eastlund, Cox, Opatz, Johnson (Ruth)

1:20 p.m. Senator Pappas called the meeting to order

- Minnesota State Colleges and Universities license plate scholarship program (House provision R22)
 - John Ostrem, Office of the Chancellor, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Representative Nornes moved the following amendment:

Page R23, Line 17.31, strike "equal" and insert "up"

Motion prevailed

- Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Senior Citizens program changes (House provision R23):
 - John Ostrem, Office of the Chancellor, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
- Disabled Veterans provisions (House provision R41):
 - John Ostrem, Office of the Chancellor, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
- Credit card marketing on College Campuses (Senate provision R22):
 - Dr. Ed Ehlinger, Director, Boynton Health Services, University of Minnesota (handout)
 - Pat Martyn, MBNA credit card company (Affinity card issuer)
 - Mike Lopez, Office of the Chancellor, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
- Deaf Students tuition waiver (House provision R15, Senate provision R22)
 - John Fuller, Senate Counsel, explained the differences in the provisions
 - Mike Cashman, President, MN Association of Deaf Citizens (Laurie Krauss interpreting)
 - Chris Holling, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System director of financial aid
 - Mark Misukanis, Director of fiscal policy and research, Higher Education Services Office
 - Donna Peterson, University of Minnesota
- Further discussion of Disabled Veterans provision (House provision R41):
 - Representative Severson (House author of original bill)

- Intervention for College Attendance Program (Senate provision R30):
 - Bruce Vandal, Associate Director, Minnesota Minority Education Partnership
 - Mary Lou Dresback, Higher Education Services Office ICAP program

2:50 p.m. Senator Pappas set the committee in recess to the call of the chair

4:55 p.m. Senator Pappas called the meeting to order

- Changes to the State Grant Program:
 - Susan Heegaard, Director, Higher Education Services Office
 - Mark Misukanis, Director of fiscal policy and research, Higher Education Services Office (powerpoint slides – hardcopy and additional handout)
 - Representative Nornes described the house provisions
 - Representative Opatz discussed the changes to the 2-year and 4-year caps
- Changes to the 2-year cap:
 - Jeanne Hermann, Minnesota Career College Association
 - Jason Perez, Student, Globe College
 - Tom Kosel, President, Herzing College
- Alternative format for instructional materials (House provision R44):
 - Chuck Hamilton, Director, MN State Services for the Blind, Department of Employment and Economic Development
 - Tricia Grimes, Legislative liaison, head of government services, Higher Education Services Office
 - Steve Frenz, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

6:00 p.m. Senator Pappas called a recess until 7:00 p.m.

7:46 p.m. Senator Pappas called the meeting to order

- Further discussion of State Grant Program changes:
 - Ms. Mickelson, Minnesota Career College Association
 - Christopher Holling, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
 - Mark Misukanis, Director of fiscal policy and research, Higher Education Services Office
 - Donna Peterson, University of Minnesota
 - Mike Wilhelmi, Minnesota Private College Council (handout)
- Differences between House and Senate with regard to System initiatives:
 - Laura King, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
 - Donna Peterson, University of Minnesota
- Regent Selection Process

Representative Nornes offered the A-21 amendment
 Kathy Novak, House Research, explained the amendment
 Representative Nornes moved the A-21 amendment
 Motion prevailed

- Reciprocity

Representative Opatz offered the A-24 amendment and explained it

Comments on the A-24 amendment:

- Susan Heegaard, Director, Higher Education Services Office

8:46 p.m. Representative Nornes assumed the chair

8:47 p.m. Senator Pappas re-assumed the chair

Representative Opatz moved the A-24 amendment

Motion prevailed

- Applied doctorate programs at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Representative Nornes offered and explained the A-23 amendment

Comments on the A-23 amendment:

- Laura King, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Representative Nornes offered to incorporate the following changes to his amendment:

Page 2, Line 6, after "education" insert "business"

Representative Opatz recommended the following additional change to the amendment:

Page 2, Line 6, delete "professional fields in the areas of"

Representative Nornes agreed to incorporate the change in the A-23 amendment

Comments on the A-23 amendment:

- Susan Heegaard, Director, Higher Education Services Office
- Laura King, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
- Martin Sampson, Professor, Faculty Liaison to the Legislature, University of Minnesota

Representative Nornes moved the A-23 amendment as amended

Motion prevailed

Maja Weidmann, Senate Research, pointed out an identical provision that was missed when adopting same and similar language on Tuesday

Representative Nornes moved to adopt the language on page R50, in Section 9

Motion prevailed

Senator Pappas asked for clarification of the differences on R28 section 19 of House language and section 13 of the Senate language

- Tricia Grimes, Legislative liaison, head of government services, Higher Education Services Office

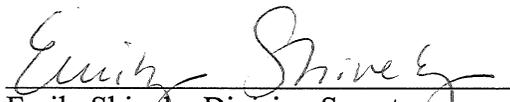
Senator Pappas asked for further explanation of the changes on R33 section 27 of the House language

- Laura King, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Representative Nornes announced that there were no plans at this time setting the next meeting

9:08 p.m. Senator Pappas adjourned the committee.

Minutes respectfully submitted


Emily Shively, Division Secretary

Minutes approved


Senator Sandra L. Pappas, Chair