

Education Policy Committee  
March 16, 2006  
3-5:30p.m.  
Capitol Room 112  
Senator Steve Kelley

Members Present:

Senator Steve Kelley	Senator David Tomassoni	Senator Geoff Michel
Senator Tom Saxhaug	Senator Tarryl Clark	Senator LeRoy Stumpf
Senator David Hann	Senator Rod Skoe	Senator Michele Bachmann

Members Absent:

Senator Gen Olson

Senator Kelley called the meeting to order at 3:20p.m.

The Committee first heard testimony concerning the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee Report from Susan Heegaard, Director, Minnesota Office of Higher Education. Ms. Heegaard spoke in support of the report.

Drew Flaada, Member, Rochester Higher Education Development Committee, gave a power point presentation, "Rochester Report." Mr. Flaada spoke in support of the report.

Barbara Brant, Assistant Vice President, Academic Health Center, University of Minnesota, discussed the proposed nursing programs. Ms. Brant spoke in support of the report.

Michael Vekich, Member, Rochester Higher Education Development Committee, responded to a question referencing page 42, "Rochester Higher Education Development Committee: Report to Governor Tim Pawlenty and the Minnesota Legislature." Mr. Vekich spoke in support of the report.

Patricia Simmons, Vice Chair, Board of Regents, University of Minnesota, spoke in support of the report.

Barbara Brant, Assistant Vice President, Academic Health Center, University of Minnesota, commented on the med tech programs. Ms. Brant spoke in support of the report.

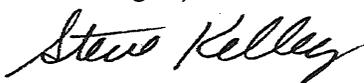
Gregory Wright, Faculty President, Rochester Technical College, spoke in opposition of the report. Mr. Wright referenced, "University of Minnesota-Rochester, Projected Statement of Investment."

Michael Vekich, Member, Rochester Higher Education Development Committee, responded to a question, referencing lines 41, 33-35, and 17 of the "University of Minnesota-Rochester, Projected Statement of Investment."

The Committee then heard testimony regarding the MN P-16 College Readiness Report from Commissioner Alice Seagren, Department of Education, 1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266. Commissioner Seagren referenced the "Report of the MN P-16 Education Patnership Working Group on College and Work Readiness." Commissioner Seagren spoke in support of the report. Susan Heegaard, Director, Minnesota Office of Higher Education, spoke in support of the report.

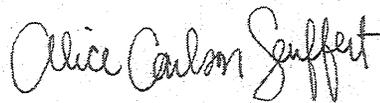
Cyndy Crist, System Director for P-16, Minnesota State College and Universities, spoke in support of the report. Ms. Crist referenced the text, "Toolbox Revisited." Ms. Crist referenced the "Report of the MN P-16 Education Patnership Working Group on College and Work Readiness."

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



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Senator Steve Kelley  
Chairman



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Alice Carlson Seuffert  
Legislative Assistant

# Education Committee

Senator Steve Kelley, Chair

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## Agenda

### I. Rochester Higher Education Development Committee Report

- Susan Heegaard, Director, Minnesota Office of Higher Education
- Drew Flada, Member, Rochester Higher Education Development Committee
- Barbara Brant, Academic Health Center, University of Minnesota
- Patricia Simmons, Regent, University of Minnesota

### II. Report of the MN p-16 Education Partnership Working Group on College and Work Readiness

- Commissioner Alice Seagren, Department of Education
- Susan Heegaard, Director, Minnesota Office of Higher Education
- Cyndy Crist, System Director for P-16, Minnesota State and Universities