

COMMITTEE MINUTES for EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: ***February 7, 2018***

Location: ***RM 22***

Convened: ***10:10 AM***

Adjourned: ***10:40 AM***

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Kraayenbrink-CH, Carlin-VC, Danielson-RM, Quirmbach, Schultz

Absent:

Excused: Representatives Dolecheck-CH, Moore, T.-VC, Winckler-RM, Fisher, Kurth, McConkey, Miller, P.,
Mohr, G., Rogers

Sen. Kraayenbrink called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.

Roll call was taken silently due to the absence of House members. All House members were excused due to the chamber being in session for debate. A quorum of the Senate was reached. No action was taken, including approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Dr. Marlene Sprouse, President of Indian Hills Community College (IHCC) and Shelly Blunk, Executive Director at Iowa Central Community College (ICCC), spoke about the nature of community college education. President Sprouse elaborated on the collaboration of community colleges with private sector industries, high schools, and government agencies like Iowa Works to match students with career intentions and design coursework and degree pathways accordingly.

Director Blunk spoke about work-based learning (WBL), and the various forms it can take for students at different educational and vocational stages.

President Sprouse and Director Blunk spoke about the Skilled Worker & Job Creation Fund, emphasized the integrated nature of individual programs, and the ultimate indispensability of any one of them.

Sen. Kraayenbrink opened the floor to questions.

Sen. Quirmbach inquired as to the effect of the proposed budget de-appropriations on IHCC and ICCC and moved to open the floor to other community college leaders present in observance of the subcommittee meeting. No one seconded the motion to open the floor, and Sen. Kraayenbrink did not open the floor accordingly.

President Sprouse answered Sen. Quirmbach's inquiry, stating that the proposed budget de-appropriations would amount to around \$400,000 for IHCC and that that figure would likely double due to the cut being made during the academic year. She elaborated on the specific programs, positions, and initiatives that would be cut, frozen, not filled, etc., in the wake of the proposed cuts.

Sen. Quirmbach noted that the community college leadership in his district reported to him similar effects would likely take place in the wake of the proposed cuts.

Sen. Kraayenbrink thanked President Sprouse and Director Blunk for coming and speaking and noted the apologies to the speakers from Rep. Dolecheck and the House members of the subcommittee.

Sen. Schultz moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Senator Tim Kraayenbrink

Kyle Day, Committee Secretary