

REPORT OF THE

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

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At its July 26, 1971 meeting, the Legislative Council authorized a study in accordance with the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 9, with a final reporting date of January 1, 1973. H.C.R. 9 requested a study of higher education in Iowa to define the role of each type of institution receiving legislative support, with particular attention to types of program offered, numbers and cost of students served, and entrance and graduation requirements, as well as the overlapping offerings by two-year, four-year, and graduate institutions of all types in Iowa, with legislative proposals for an Iowa Master Plan for Higher Education.

The Legislative Council named the following members of the General Assembly to serve on the Higher Education Study Committee:

Representative Richard W. Welden, Temporary Chairman
Senator Minnette F. Doderer
Senator Edward E. Nicholson
Senator Marvin W. Smith
Senator Rudy Van Drie
Representative Willard Hansen
Representative George N. Pierson
Representative James D. Wells

At its first meeting the Committee elected Representative Welden as Chairman and Senator Rudy Van Drie as Vice Chairman.

The first Committee meeting was not scheduled by the Chairman until October 13, 1971, in order to give the members time to obtain and study the Report of the Governor's Educational Advisory Committee, which was released October 1. The members also received two pamphlets published by the Iowa Coordinating Council on Higher Education, and a study outline prepared by the Legislative Service Bureau.

Mr. Norman W. Kladstrup, Executive Director of the Iowa Higher Education Facilities Commission, appeared at the first Committee meeting, and brought materials relating to higher education, including reports of a number of informative studies which have been conducted under the Commission's authority. An Enrollment Projection Study completed by the Commission was mailed to Committee members shortly after the first meeting.

Mr. Leroy Petersen, Director of the Office for Planning and Programming, also appeared at the first Committee meeting and discussed the Report of the Governor's Committee, and his own concepts of the requirements of a "Master Plan". Mr. Petersen distributed a list of suggested references and a report on budget procedures, and offered the facilities of his office's library for use of the Committee.

At the conclusion of the first meeting, the Chairman suggested that the Committee should have two major objectives. The first is to make the necessary provisions for establishing a continuing planning arrangement for higher education. This objective may not be possible to complete until the Committee has the results of pending federal legislation in this area. The second objective is to make specific recommendations to the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, First Session, relating to its appropriations for education in the next biennium.

For its second meeting, the Committee sought to obtain the viewpoints of each of the three major segments of higher education in Iowa. The meeting was held on November 29 and 30 and featured presentations by Mr. R. Wayne Richey, Executive Secretary of the Iowa State Board of Regents, Dr. Lloyd I. Watkins, President of the Iowa Association of Private Colleges and Universities, and Dr. Wm. M. Baley, Associate Superintendent for Career Education and Area Schools Branch, in the State Department of Public Instruction. At Chairman Welden's request, each speaker discussed the roles of the different institutions, enrollment projections, facilities needed, number and costs of students, desirability of a state planning agency for higher education, comments on the Governor's Educational Advisory Committee Report, and other topics of their selection. Written presentations from each speaker were mailed to the Committee members prior to the first meeting. Dr. Baley was assisted in his presentation by Mr. Charles Moench, Director of Area Schools. Mr. Carroll Bennett, President of the Iowa Vocational Association, also appeared to discuss the relative emphasis on vocational-technical and arts and sciences education in the area schools.

Following these presentations, the Committee members discussed the complexity of their assignment, and requested the Chairman to seek permission from the Legislative Council for the Committee to employ a staff assistant with a background in higher education for up to one year at a salary of up to \$1500 per month, beginning January 1, 1972. With this assistance, the Committee believes that it will be better able to do an adequate job of reviewing alternative proposals and presenting to the Sixty-fifth General Assembly its conclusions as to the best method for planning and coordinating higher education in Iowa.