

Proponents push bill increasing scholarship funds

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Proponents of legislation to increase the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education's scholarship fund Thursday said the bill would provide more money for some colleges and stop Nebraska's "brain drain."

Omaha Sen. Brad Ashford, co-sponsor of LB485, told the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee that Nebraska "lags far behind" surrounding states in providing financial aid for needy students.

Ashford also said Nebraska's private and independent colleges receive "significantly less" funding than state-sponsored colleges, and an increase in the scholarship fund would make higher education available to more students.

"The idea is to move Nebraska toward a system where financial aid follows the student

... and to keep the student motivated to stay in Nebraska," he said.

John White, president of Nebraska Wesleyan University, said that although state-sponsored and private schools provide the same types of education, private and independent colleges receive no state support and must charge a higher rate of tuition.

An increase in the scholarship fund would help the private and independent schools "provide support for students to get an education," he said.

White also said needy students are making

college choices for "purely economic" reasons and are being lured to out-of-state schools.

"The individual and the state are the losers," he said.

Father Michael Morrison, president of Creighton University, said Nebraska exports students instead of importing them.

Nebraska should close the gap between state-sponsored and private schools, he said, and LB485 would be a "beginning step in the problem."

No opponents spoke and the committee took no action on the bill.

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general procedures committee, said his committee is charged with examining broad topics in the transition.

General procedures include some aspects of the payroll system, employee benefits, life insurance, retirement plans, sick-leave policy and the process of submitting bids for capital construction projects.

"It's not the kind of thing where you're starting from scratch. We're just refining procedures to bring Kearney in line with Board of Regents policy," Seagren said. He said he has met several times with his counterpart at KSC to build an

agenda and decide on issues.

"We have some things that aren't resolved yet but they aren't impossible tasks," he said.

Seagren said one of the major projects people in his committee are working on is an extensive property evaluation of KSC to determine insurance rates for the new campus.

James Van Horn, NU director of finance and administrative systems, said his committee, which consists of finance directors of the three NU campuses and KSC, oversees all of the money-related aspects of the other committees and makes sure communication lines for money matters remain open.

"When we meet, we go down through areas that relate to dollars and cents and keep everyone in-

formed on how it (the transition) is progressing," he said.

He said one of the main obstacles his committee is tackling is the integration of KSC's accounting, financial management system, ledgers and transactions into NU's system.

"Actually, the whole thing has gone better than I thought it would," he said.

Wilfred Schutz, director of universitywide computing, is chairman of the computer support committee, which is charged with linking the administrative computer systems of KSC and NU.

"We must by July 1st have the Kearney computer on our payroll personnel system. That has been a high priority," Schutz said. To do

that, he explained, a computer network and related software must be in place at KSC.

Schutz said KSC will have the access needed for its administrative functions and will have a close link with academic computing in the university system.

"We will proceed to make Kearney a full partner in the university system and provide them with the same capabilities as UNL, UNO and UNMC," he said.

Schutz said his committee's project is ongoing and will not be done by July 1.

"The members of the committee will be interacting in the computer arena for years to come," he said. The committee will be able to solve problems as they come up, he said.

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students graduate and go into a competitive job market beyond the state of Nebraska. We'll have more recognition," he said.

Steve Stromp, KSC student body vice president, agreed that the name change would be one of the biggest advantages of the transfer.

"There's something about just saying 'university of,' whether it's Idaho, Utah, Montana or whatever. (There are) more aesthetics to becoming a part of the university than saying, 'I come from a small public school in Nebraska,'" he said. "The name itself adds a little more prestige."

Stromp said that although students at KSC generally support the transfer, some are worried about UNK's voice being lost to the magnitude of UNL.

"Some students are a little afraid of the power of Lincoln and their control over the (NU) Board of Regents and money," he said.

Although Stromp stressed that KSC students want to work for the best of everyone involved in the transition, he said that some KSC students worry that the school might get pushed down the priority list as part of the large NU system.

"I don't think Kearney State students want to come into the system to take things away from the university students. We just want a little more of the services provided. Our classrooms are overcrowded; there's not enough instructors for the students. It's really pandemonium," Stromp said.

Rowson said NU tries not to emphasize one campus over another.

"We've tried to have a single focus for the university. We have a single lobbyist (at the Nebraska Legislature). We go through an awful lot of work to put together a common plan that sets up a common budget and a set of priorities for NU as an entity," he said. "We have had a unified approach, and they'd become a part of that decision-making process. They will win some and lose some like the other campuses."

Stromp said some KSC students were worried about a possible tuition increase, especially since they think KSC tuition is high in relation to the amount of state support the school receives.

Haack said the transfer will not directly increase tuition at KSC.

"We'll have to look at their tuition in respect to comparable institutions. Just because they're in the NU system doesn't mean they are comparable to UNL," he said. "We will be looking at institutions of similar size and support and make some assessment at that point."

Haack said that although the regents have projected a 5 percent tuition rate increase for the next academic year for all NU campuses, no "hard-and-fast" decisions have been

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Nester said faculty salaries at Kearney, like tuition, need not be equal to UNL levels.

Salaries "should be different because we have a certain kind of institution that is unique from a municipal university (UNO) or a land-grant institution (UNL). Each had its own reference groups," he said. "They have comparable salary with the kind of institution that they are. No one expects that we would have comparable salaries with UNL or UNO."

However, Nester added that salaries at KSC are behind the average salary level in its reference group "just as UNL and UNO are behind in theirs."

Rowson said he doesn't think the transition will cause any elimination of jobs in the Kearney administration.

"The president will become the chancellor, etc. I don't see any other changes," he said. Rowson said KSC does not have any surplus of administration.

"They're pretty shorthanded. Some of our central people might lighten the workload a little, we hope," he said. "They have some hard-working administrators."

Rowson explained that in the NU system, money procured through student fees are divided into Fund A and Fund B categories. Fund A is the portion managed by student government while Fund B is pre-designated to provide certain items, such as upkeep of student-serving projects.

KSC currently has no equivalent to Fund B, he said, so all of its student fees are managed by the student government.

The details of how the fees will be managed at UNK have yet to be worked out, Rowson said.

He said other changes brought about by the transfer will include the addition of a student regent from UNK and the ability of Kearney State alumni to exchange their KSC diplomas for NU diplomas.

But overall, Rowson said, the switch should help the university system.

In the past, NU has been subject to criticism because it is totally located in the eastern part of the state, Rowson said. He said he hopes that the new campus will help people see the university as a statewide institution.

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