

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Monday, May 16, 2016

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Higher Education was held on Monday, May 16, 2016, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Kel Seliger, Chair
Senator Royce West, Vice Chair
Senator Konni Burton
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Kirk Watson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

The chair laid out and made opening remarks on the following interim charges:

Study current funding methods for both general academic institutions and community colleges, examining current performance-based methods of funding for community colleges. Review funding methods used in other states and make recommendations on how to incorporate and/or change student outcome measures in institutional funding to benefit students and promote the education needs of a rapidly growing and changing workforce.

Conduct a comprehensive review of funding for GAIs and HRIs, examining whether the methodology for funding the same courses is equitable and productive. Make recommendations on how to update and streamline the current funding methods, to provide a consistent methodology that focuses on student success and innovative strategies. Include in the review a

focus on tuition-revenue generating special items and formula and research funding for new medical schools.

The chair then called invited testimony (see attached witness list).

At 9:19 AM a quorum was established and the following business was transacted:

Senator Seliger moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on April 26, 2016; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair then opened public testimony (see attached witness list).

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:46 AM Senator Seliger moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kel Seliger, Chair

Sarah Harrington, Clerk