

MINI-SESSION

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Jt. Mtg. w/Educ.Div./Appropriations  
Mankato State University

EDUCATION DIVISION OF APPROPRIATIONS  
HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On Friday, September 11, 1987, the members of the Education Division of Appropriations and the Higher Education Committee met jointly to tour Mankato State University and to conclude with a hearing at the Student Union.

Members present:

Education Division  
Carlson, L., Chair  
Dorn  
Haukoos  
Munger  
Orenstein  
Price

Higher Education  
Jaros, Chair  
Johnson, B. (tour only)  
Johnson, V. (hearing only)  
Larsen (hearing only)  
Nelson, K.  
Pelowski (hearing only)  
Reding  
Trimble

Education Division members excused: Anderson, G., Boo, and Rose.

Higher Education members excused: Boo, Forsythe, Gruenes, Heap, Kinkel, Kludt, Lasley, Omann, Otis, Ozment, Rukavena, and Tompkins.

The campus tour began at 8:45 a.m. with a welcome and introductory remarks by President Margaret Preska. Bonding projects discussed during the tour were: the proposed Trafton Science Center Addition, the proposed Memorial Library Addition, and the Wiecking Center remodeling (funded in the 1987 bonding bill). Members also toured the newly completed classroom and office building.

At 10:45 committee members assembled in Room 253-4-5 of the Student Union for an open microphone hearing. Rep. Carlson chaired the meeting. Dr. Robert Carothers, Chancellor of the State University System, welcomed members and discussed the following topics:

- Enrollment trends and implications
- Facilities, including capital budget priorities and issues related to residence halls and student unions
- Student costs, including issues of financial aid and work study programs
- Science and technology, including discussion of engineering programs
- Applied research and economic development, including discussion of the MSUS role in the Greater Minnesota Corporation
- Teacher education
- Professional recruiting and retention, including potential faculty shortages on the horizon.

The following persons presented testimony on the issues raised by Chancellor Carothers:

Russ Stanton, Paul Grawe, and David Hess - (Representatives of the Inter-Faculty Organization)

Rich Wheeler, Vice President of MN State University Association of Administrative and Service Faculty

Tim Wierzbicki, President, Mankato State University Student Assn.

Marty McDonough, MSUSA

Patrick McGee, Student at Metropolitan State University

Jodie Palmer, Michelle Adams, Karl Larson, Greg Stehn, Jaime DeMello,  
and Heidi Hasse (MSUSA Representatives)

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

  
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Dori Vaughan, Secretary

  
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Lyndon Carlson, Chair

  
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Mike Jaros, Chair