

# **INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE**

## **Budget Review Subcommittee on Education**

### **Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2018 Interim July 26, 2018**

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The second meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on Thursday, July 26, 2018, at 10:00 AM, at Kentucky State University. Representative James Tipton, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representative James Tipton, Co-Chair; Senators C.B. Embry Jr., and Johnny Ray Turner; Representatives Danny Bentley, George Brown Jr., John Carney, Tim Moore, Melinda Gibbons Prunty, Rick Rand, Jody Richards, and Steve Riley.

Guests: Dr. M. Christopher Brown II, President, Kentucky State University (KSU); Dr. Debbie Reed, Director, Breathitt Veterinary Center, Hutson School of Agriculture, Murray State University (MuSU); Dr. Tony Brannon, Dean, Hutson School of Agriculture, (MuSU); Jordan Smith, Legislative Liaison, (MuSU); Dr. Eli Capilouto, President, University of Kentucky (UK); Dr. Nancy Cox, Dean, College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment, (UK); Dr. Kirk Pomper, Director of Land Grant Programs, Professor, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, KSU; and Gregory M. Rush, Office of the President, KSU.

LRC Staff: Joe Lancaster, Chuck Truesdell, Jonathan Eakin, and Amie Elam.

#### **Kentucky State University**

Dr. M. Christopher Brown, President, KSU, presented KSU's Management and Review Plan. President Brown provided highlights on the university's impact on graduates and the community. KSU has made progress in all areas of student success over the last five years.

In response to a question from Chair Tipton, President Brown said that math phobia exists statewide. The new co-requisite model will increase the ability to complete college level math. Training math educators as an area that needs additional work. KSU and Franklin County Independent Schools have expanded the dual enrollment initiative. Each high school student is eligible to graduate with a certificate or an associate's degree that is transferable to any institution in the Commonwealth.

In response to a question from Representative Moore, President Brown said that the state pays for remedial work. The rigor of K-12 education is not consistent across the nation.

In response to a question from Representative Brown, President Brown said that the KSU teacher education program is being revamped to focus on urban and rural students. Educator preparation to work with these groups of students will assist in shrinking the achievement gap.

### **Breathitt Veterinary Center**

Dr. Debbie Reed, Director, Breathitt Veterinary Center (BVC), discussed work at the diagnostic laboratory, which allows veterinarians to make appropriate treatment decisions. BVC plays an important role in public health and safety.

In response to a question from Chair Tipton, Dr. Reed said BVC is moving towards Chronic Wasting Disease onsite testing. Chronic Wasting Disease is spongiform encephalopathy transmitted by deer.

In response to a question from Representative Bentley, Dr. Reed said that listeria is primarily seen in silage-fed cattle. It would be rare to contract listeria from drinking creek water.

In response to a question from Representative Carney, Dr. Reed said that she is aware of the Asian carp situation. She is unsure what role BVC could serve because it is a diagnostic center. Kentucky is blessed to have a great working relationship with other state and federal agencies. Mr. Smith passed on appreciation from President Davies for the support BVC has received from the subcommittee and the General Assembly.

In response to a question from Representative Prunty, Dr. Reed said that the Centers for Disease Control and Homeland Security contribute funding to BVC to ensure emergency readiness.

### **University of Kentucky**

Dr. Eli Capilouto, President, University of Kentucky (UK) and Dr. Nancy Cox, Dean, College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment discussed UK's land grant program. Dr. Capilouto highlighted UK's three-part land grant mission--instruction, research, and extension. Dr. Cox and President Capilouto said that the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment is a valuable investment for Kentucky.

In response to a question from Chair Tipton, Dr. Cox said that digital and robotic farming is increasing. UK partners with large farms to test new technology.

In response to a question from Representative Carney, Dr. Cox said that the extension facilities are in good condition. A statewide needs assessment is being conducted to determine how the Commonwealth can be better served.

In response to a question from Representative Bentley, Dr. Cox said that postmortems on newborn foals are conducted at UK. UK does not offer an equine physical therapy degree. That type of degree would likely be very popular.

In response to a question from Representative Prunty, Dr. Cox said extension offices partner with community based agencies to serve community healthcare needs.

### **Kentucky State University (KSU)**

Dr. Kirk Pomper, Director of Land Grant Programs, KSU, testified about the university's research and extension initiatives. He highlighted various programs including aquaculture, human health, and food safety.

In response to a question from Representative Richards, Dr. Pomper said that more than 20 freshwater prawns producers work with KSU.

In response to a question from Representative Riley, Dr. Pomper said many farmers are interested in growing hemp, but investors are unwilling to provide startup money because of legal issues. He said that future legislation to clarify these legal issues is important for investors.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.