

# ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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48TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

**DATE:** February 7, 2007      **TIME:** 1:30 p.m.      **ROOM:** SHR3

**CHAIRMAN:** Senator O'Halleran      **VICE CHAIRMAN:** Senator Tibshraeny

**ANALYST:** Dawn Nazary      **INTERN:** Sabrina Vazquez

**COMMITTEE  
SECRETARY:** Shelley Ponce

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### ATTENDANCE

### BILLS

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<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>Ex</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Senator Aboud	X			SB 1081	DPA/SE
Senator L. Gray	X			SB 1160	HELD
Senator Pesquiera	X			SB 1322	DP
Senator Tibshraeny, Vice Chairman	X				
Senator O'Halleran, Chairman	X				

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### GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Fred Price DuVal	MEMBER, ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS	CONFIRMATION

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### PRESENTATIONS

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Presentation on Private Postsecondary Institutions  
- Don Isaacson, Independent Colleges and Universities  
- John Mangum, Arizona Private School Association

Chairman O'Halleran called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m., and attendance was noted.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Senator O'Halleran moved the minutes of January 24, 2007 be approved. Without objection, the minutes were approved as distributed.**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Don Isaacson, Independent Colleges and Universities of Arizona**, distributed "Independent Colleges and Universities of Arizona" (Attachment A) and explained the independent college and university industry.

**John Mangum, Arizona Private School Association**, introduced Fred Lockhardt.

**Fred Lockhardt, Executive Director of Arizona Private Schools Association**, explained how the private secondary education schools work and the services they provide.

## **EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

### **Fred Price DuVal – Member, Arizona Board of Regents – RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION**

**Fred Price DuVal** gave an overview of his resume and answered questions posed by the members.

**Senator Tibshraeny moved the Committee on Higher Education recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Fred Price DuVal as a Member of the Arizona Board of Regents. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-0-0 (Attachment 1).**

Senator O'Halleran announced that SB 1160 would be for testimony only and would be HELD.

## **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

### **SB 1081 – community colleges; nonresident county; tuition – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING**

**Dawn Nazary, Higher Education Committee Analyst**, explained the 4-page O'Halleran strike everything amendment dated 02/02/07 at 2:36 p.m. (Attachment B).

**Barry Aarons, Apache County and Greenlee County**, testified in support of the strike everything amendment.

Senator O'Halleran read the names of individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment C).

**Senator Gray moved SB 1081 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.**

**Senator Gray moved the 4-page O'Halleran strike everything amendment dated 02/02/07 at 2:36 p.m. be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.**

**Senator Gray moved SB 1081 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-0-1 (Attachment 2).**

**SB 1322 – DPS employees; university tuition waiver – DO PASS**

**Sabrina Vazquez, Higher Education Committee Intern,** explained SB 1322.

**Andy Swann, President, Associated Highway Patrolmen of Arizona,** testified in support of SB 1322.

Senator O'Halleran read the names of individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment C).

**Senator Tibshraeny moved SB 1322 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-0-0 (Attachment 3).**

In explanation of his vote, Senator Tibshraeny stated "I do applaud you for bringing this forward because I know your heart is in the right place on this stuff. These are things we do need to be talking about doing for our employees and I absolutely agree, we need to be paying our employees more, especially our public safety, no really all of our state employees. I have been saying that from day one since I have been down here. It has a compounding effect so unfortunately when we discuss an issue like that a little of this other stuff lapses over but I still would like to see some kind of thing put in, even if it is what Andy was talking about and I will leave that to your discretion, but I could never be against offering benefits to our employees who are already sorely underpaid so with that I vote 'aye'."

**SB 1160 – universities; tuition adjustments; inflation – HELD**

**Dawn Nazary, Higher Education Committee Analyst,** explained SB 1160 and the 13-line Pesquiera amendment dated 02/06/07 at 9:07 a.m. (Attachment D).

**Senator Garcia, bill sponsor,** further explained SB 1160.

**Uven Chong, Student at Arizona State University, Arizona State University Undergraduate Student Government,** testified in opposition to SB 1160 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Christine Thompson, Assistant Executive Director for Government Affairs, Arizona Board of Regents,** testified in opposition to SB 1160 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Devin Mauney, Chairman, Arizona Students' Association,** registered as neutral but stated that SB 1160 would not solve the problem.

Senator O'Halleran read the names of individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment C).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Ponce  
Committee Secretary

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