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very well, why, and third, where the language came from? Why the language change but the first two are the important questions?

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, the language, Senator Lewis, is directly from the agreement that was requested in last year's intent bill between the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents for the University and this is a repeat of the language that they are currently operating under. In line with the progress that has been made, I suppose it has not been as rapid as you and I perhaps would have envisioned, however, according to at least the document from the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents, they are moving in that direction. There is additional funds provided. There is funds identified for further implementation. As I understand it, there will be courses that qualify for an MBA that will begin to be offered this summer. I understand that they are still working out negotiations between faculty that are qualified within the two campuses in order to be able to have a graduate program. I think if we get down to the faculty level or administrative level, there is probably some reluctance or some difficulty at both campuses depending on who you talk to. They usually blame the other but it is very clear cut to me the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents, the governing boards, are working toward the implementation of what we understood to be required for role and mission and particularly not to set up duplicative graduate colleges within the state or competing colleges within the state for graduate programs in general other than those specifically authorized for the state colleges in the area of education and are traditional.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I would just like to speak very briefly on the need for this MBA program and I don't think it has been moving along fast enough but I won't get into that at all. We need it at Kearney State and I am talking as a citizen in the area, not as a senator. The program has been accepted almost unbelievably well and almost a 100%. The attendance of the students at this program are people that are working and they are doing this on a part time basis. They are improving themselves. I am talking about the students that are hired by the industries in the whole area and that goes Hastings, Grand Island, North Platte, all the towns in the area including Kearney, of course. They are bettering themselves and they are doing it in a lot of