

different ways. Of course, principally it is better salaries and this is proven by the graduates in this MBA program. It is something that we need in outstate Nebraska, greater Nebraska. Probably 95% of the students that are taking the program could not take it at Lincoln or in Omaha. They are working. They can't drive back and forth and there is no reason in the world why this program can't be offered at Kearney State and get the uncertainty out of the subject. That is the problem now, is the uncertainty of whether it will be offered and frankly, I have doubts myself about it but I want you to know that. I want you to be aware of what is taking place.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Lewis, you may close.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I would like to ask unanimous consent to strike the same wording on page 21, line 27, which is the same thing but in the University section. In other words, the duplicate language in each of the programs, both the University and state colleges, so it is the same language.

CLERK: Can you tell me what page it was again, Senator?

SENATOR LEWIS: That is page 21, line 27, which you do the same thing to.

PRESIDENT: All right, is there any objection? Hearing none, Senator Lewis, so ordered.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I am to the point that I think that the committee spent a long time studying an issue and made some hard decisions and those hard decisions was an attempt to eliminate duplication of services and the committee went to almost every institution and received the same negative treatment from a lot because they all came forward and said, hey, we don't like duplication but let me assure you there is none at this institution and we heard that at each and every one of them, but the committee in good faith told several hundred people in Kearney, Nebraska, that we didn't think that they could justify a masters program in business administration and that wasn't the easiest thing to do, but we positively told them, both there and in a bill, that we were going to have a masters program in business administration and that would be a cooperative venture with the University of Nebraska. Now if we want to change our minds, if we want to relook at it, I have some other amendments available to allow those colleges to return to offering graduate programs and masters programs because, and I