

there is a tie to the role and mission at that institution may have or any other institution for that matter. And then finally even if you up the cash appropriation, there is no assurance of implementation. So it doesn't necessarily add funds to the operation of the college and I see it as an amendment which really serves no purpose.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I find it kind of ironic. Earlier on we are already a university, we are already a university let's do it then, let's study it, but now, no, we are not a university, university yet, let's wait, lets wait, hang on here, and I was guaranteed that probably maybe no harm could, would come to the other state colleges hopefully. I maintain there is a possibility that right now the harm is already started, the harm could be in that the as the other students can get more bang for their bucks, if you will, and they are being flowing, I would predict that they will flow towards Kearney state because just of the appearance and the status of a university degree that Senator Moore was talking about. Students at Kearney stated in a Lincoln Star article that they expected and indeed felt an increase in tuition was justified and I think that after this year you will see that, especially like out west in Chadron and that area, I think you will see that they are suffering in attendance as people can go to the Kearney for the same price and get the university status, so I would support Senator Moore's amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, Senator Moore can I ask you a question please?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Now isn't it true that the students at Kearney right now shoulder the highest percentage of their education in the state of any post-secondary institution percentagewise, tuition based towards general funds?

SENATOR MOORE: The cash general fund mix, yes.