

Chadron State thumb their nose at the commission. What happens then?

SENATOR WITHEM: Well, if the commission...I'm trying to decide here whether I ought to just punch my light because you only have a minute left.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, okay.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, we'll go ahead and continue on now, on your time. If the commission comes up with a transfer of credit policy, it cannot impose that on an institution. It cannot force an institution to accept that because that is clearly governance.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time. Time.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay.

SENATOR ROBINSON: You going to give you some of your time?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. I'll now recognize Senator Wehrbein followed by Senator Warner and Senator Withem. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WITHEM: (Mike not turned on immediately.) ...that's acceptable with the Chair.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wehrbein relinquishes his time, okay.

SENATOR WITHEM: Well then I will welsh on my deal and not give him my time when it comes to that. No, I apologize for stumbling there because the answer is going to take more than a minute I thought, or the remainder of the minute. There is a clear delineation between governance and coordination. One of the things we put in coordination was creating a statewide plan for the State of Nebraska. Within that plan we want them to talk about transfer of credits. They cannot force Wayne State and Chadron to accept particular credits because that is governance and they don't have the constitutional authority to get into that. They can't come out and send the Higher Education Coordinating Commission truth squad out to force them to do whatever they expected them to do. What they can do, however, is when they review programs and when they make their budgetary recommendations they can use those powers to attempt