

ITEM 143-1901-R0509

**Authorization to Expend Student Computer Technology Fees: The University of Montana - Helena College of Technology**

**THAT:**

The Board of Regents authorizes, in accordance with Montana University System Policy 940.23, the expenditure of \$60,000 of previously collected student computer technology fees for the purchase of laptop computers for faculty's instructional use at the college.

**EXPLANATION:**

The proposed plan calls for the purchase of 34 Hewlett-Packard laptops and docking stations at a quoted price of \$61,880 to be used by faculty for instructional classroom presentation, program and course development, student laboratory exercises and related academic functions. This purchase will afford faculty the opportunity to present digital information in real time, have greater mobility between creation and presentation, and take digital technology to the laboratory. This proposal was presented to and approved by the Associated Students of UM-Helena on April 3, 2009. (See attached letter from Student Senate Advisor, Suzanne Hunger.) The \$1,880 balance will come from other operating funds at the College.