



AGENDA
Montana Board of Regents
Conference Call Meeting
June 30, 2020 | 8:30 AM

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Meeting convened at 8:37am

A roll call indicated a quorum present

Regents Present: Casey Lozar, Chair; Paul Tuss, Vice Chair; Bob Nystuen; Martha Sheehy; Brianne Rogers; Joyce Dombrowski; and John Miller. Ex officio members included: Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian; Ex officio Governor Steve Bullock, represented by Ms. McCall Flynn, and Ex officio Superintendent Elsie Arntzen.

Welcome and Comments by Chair Lozar

Chair Lozar welcomed extended thanks to all attendees for their participation on the call. He welcomed and acknowledged Ms. Amy Sexton, the newly appointed student regent. He applauded and acknowledged the outgoing student regent Mr. John Miller for his service and devotion to the students of the MUS. Chair Lozar also extended thanks to campuses for their work in preparing for a healthy return to campus this fall during this challenging time associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic. He noted that each of our campuses is working with local and state health officials to design plans that mitigate health risks while maintaining the excellent academic, student life and work experience that our students and employees expect from the Montana University System.

Approval of Minutes

- May 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion for approval of the May 20, 2020 meeting minutes was made by Regent Sheehy; motion passed (7-0).

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Christian extended his thanks to the Board members for gathering today. He extended thanks to the Governor for his prioritization of higher education through the GEERs Funding, announced last week.

- Campus Reports
- Other

CONSENT

Staff Items

- a. Staff Item; OCHE/MUS *ITEM 189-100-C0620*
- b. Staff Item; Montana Technological University *ITEM 189-1500-C0620*



- c. Staff Item; MSU Bozeman *ITEM 189-2000-C0620*
- d. Staff Item; MSU Billings *ITEM 189-2700-C0620*
- e. Staff Item; MSU Northern *ITEM 189-2800-C0620*
- f. Labor Agreement; OCHE/MUS *ITEM 189-101-C0620 | Attachment #1*

Emeriti Items

- g. Gaines; MSU Bozeman *ITEM 189-2001-C0620*
- h. Campbell; MSU Billings *ITEM 189-2701-C0620*
- i. Dell; MSU Billings *ITEM 189-2702-C0620*

Other

- j. Revision to BOR Policy 706.1; OCHE/MSU *ITEM 189-102-C0620 | Attachment #1*

A motion for approval of the consent agenda, items a.-j. was made by Regent Nystuen; motion passed (7-0).

ACTION

- a. Request for Authorization to Plan a New Dining Facility; UM-Missoula *ITEM 189-1002-C0620 | Attachment #1*

Mr. Ron Muffick, Director of Operations and Administration at OCHE, presented this request, consistent with the provisions of MCA 18-2-102(2)(b), MCA 20-25-302(6), and Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, for the Board of Regents to authorize the University of Montana to proceed with programing and schematic design for a new dining facility on the UM-Missoula campus. This authorization provides authority for a total of \$360,000.

A motion for approval of action item a. Item 189-1002-C0620 was made by Regent Dombrowski; motion passed (7-0).

- b. Request for Authorization to Restructure the ASUM Activity Fee; UM-Missoula *ITEM 189-1003-C0620 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3*

Deputy Commissioner Tyler Trevor presented this request for the Board of Regents to approve an off-cycle request for a student driven fee brought forward by the Associated Students of University of Montana (ASUM), in conjunction with UM Administration, requesting authorization, in accordance with Board of Regents' Policy 940.12.1, to restructure the opt-out Sustainability ASUM Activity fee to include a mandatory rate of \$6 per semester for any student taking one (1) credit or more. Discussion followed.

A motion for approval of action item b. Item 189-1003-C0620 was made by Regent Tuss; motion passed (7-0). Discussion followed.

- c. Level II Proposal | Executive summary

Deputy Commissioner Tessman spoke to the process related to this submission. He reviewed UM Missoula's request for authorization to establish a B.S. in Public Health. Discussion followed.

A motion for approval of action item c. Level II Proposal was made by Regent



Dombrowski; discussion followed. The motion passed (7-0).

INFORMATION

a. Healthy Fall Task Force Update

Deputy Commissioner Tessman provided an update to the Board regarding the Healthy Fall Task Force. He noted that in early June the Task Force finalized planning guidelines for campuses. The guidelines focused on the student-academic experience with additional focus on HR, health, budget and financing across the state. These guidelines helped campuses to shape their own internal plans. Currently about half of campuses have submitted their detailed plans for the upcoming fall semester. He reiterated that the task force was not charged with the creation of specific campus plans. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

Tammy Harris MFPE spoke in support of the Commissioner's Office for their willingness to have conversations related to COVID-19 and extend appreciation for the discussions on a weekly basis.

James Flanagan, ASUM Vice President expressed support and thanks to the Board for the conversation related to the Healthy Fall Task Force.

Chris Palmer, a member of the Faculty Senate at UM Missoula, spoke in support of previous comments made related to preparations for Fall and mask mandatory requirements.

Regent John Miller extended his thanks to the Board, OCHE, and the campus administrators, faculty, and staff across the MUS for the honor to serve as a student regent.

Chair Lozar convened an executive session. He determined that the matters of discussion relate to matters of individual privacy and that the demands of individual privacy outweigh the merits of public disclosure.

10:00 AM Executive Session

- Honorary Doctorate Nomination - MSU
- Annual Review – President Cruzado
- Annual Review – President Bodnar
- Annual Review – Commissioner Christian
- Board of Regents Training and Self-Evaluation



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Meeting Adjourned at 4:30pm.

Approved by the Board of Regents on

Date

Date

Clayton T. Christian
Commissioner of Higher Education
and Secretary to the Board of Regents

Casey Lozar
Chair, Board of Regents