



MINUTES
Montana Board of Regents
Zoom Meeting
July 28, 2020 | 1:00 PM

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Meeting convened at 1:01pm

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 Amy Sexton. Ex Officio members included Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian; Ex Officio Governor Steve Bullock, represented by McCall Flynn, and Ex Officio Superintendent Arntzen.

Welcome and Comments by Chair Lozar

Chair Lozar welcomed all attendees. He noted the purpose of today's agenda is to allow for a comprehensive discussion of the MUS Healthy Fall 2020 recommendations and planning guidelines that will elevate our consideration to the point of formal Board action. He noted that the planning areas offer areas offer guidance to campuses on everything from delivering quality instruction to campus safety and security. In addition, Deputy Commissioner Tessman will discuss a set of overall guidelines offered by the Task Force – ranging from travel policy to communications coordination and accessibility issues. He will also outline the process and timeline the Task Force used to develop its guidelines and the manner in which campus experts and public health experts were consulted along the way.

Commissioner Christian extended thanks and well wished to Chancellor Dan Edelman of MSU-Billings, who recently announced his departure. He also welcomed and acknowledged Dr. Rolf Groseth, who will be acting as Acting Chancellor at MSUB starting August 4th.

Approval of Minutes

- June 30, 2020 Conference Call Minutes

A motion for approval of the June 30, 2020 Conference Call Minutes was made by Regent Dombrowski; motion passed 7-0).

ACTION

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MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

- a. Request for Adoption of the MUS Healthy Fall 2020 Planning Guidelines for Campuses; OCHE/MUS *ITEM 189-101-S0720*

Deputy Commissioner Tessman presented the request before the Board to adopt the Healthy Fall Planning Guidelines established by the MUS Healthy Fall Task Force, as updated on July 16, 2020. This authorization would remain in place until revoked by the Board. Discussion followed.

A motion for approval of action item a. Item 189-101-S0720 was made by Regent Nystuen. Regent Tuss asked that the Guidelines be updated with Mental Health being listed as an essential item rather than a planning consideration. The motion passed (7-0).

Public Comment

None.

Meeting to adjourn upon completion at 2:09pm

Approved by the Board of Regents on

Date

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

Date

Casey Lozar
Chair, Board of Regents

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