

TENTATIVE MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
July 8, 1974

The Board of Regents of Higher Education met at 9:10 a.m., Monday, July 8, 1974 at the Flathead Lake Lodge, Bigfork, Montana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted James. The roll was called by the secretary. Present were: Mr. Lewy Evans, Mr. John French, Mr. Gary Gallagher, Mr. T. T. Heberly, Mr. Wayne O'Brien, Mrs. Mary Pace and Dr. Lawrence Pettit.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mrs. Pace the minutes of the May 20, 1974 meeting were approved.

The chairman asked for committee reports.

Mr. Jack Noble reported that the sub-committee on budgeting met on July 7, 1974 and approved the budget formula guidelines for submission of the next biennial budget. He said the committee recommended that each institutional president submit his written response to the Commissioner of Higher Education no later than July 19, 1974; that the response should include any appropriate comments as to the adequacy of the formula guidelines in relation to the level of funding each president feels will be necessary to carry out the current role and scope of his institution. Program funding requests which exceed those amounts generated by the formula guidelines will have to be justified in detail. He said each institution would be provided with a budget hearing with members of the Board of Regents prior to determination of the final budget recommendation of the Board and that the hearings will be scheduled in late July or early August. Mr. Gallagher moved that the committee recommendations be accepted. Mrs. Pace seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Lewy Evans reported that the Capital Construction Committee had appointed an ad hoc committee some time ago which is chaired by Mr. Andy van Teylingen, of Montana State University. He said the committee met several

times during the past months and has submitted a report which basically outlines some policy changes for inventory of buildings on campuses and procedures for building new buildings. He distributed copies of the report and moved that consideration of the recommendations be placed on the agenda for the September meeting. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. French stated the Policy Committee had nothing to report at this time.

Dr. Samuel Davis, Chairman of the Faculty Council of the Montana University System, presented a request from the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council for a news release from the Board indicating that all units of the Montana University System will be fully funded and operating their normal programs during the 1974-75 academic year. It was noted that the Commissioner of Higher Education had already issued a release respecting Western Montana College but the chairman stated that another release pertaining to all units would be issued.

Mr. Bill Lannan reported that the task force on computer use was a group that had been working for some time with the six university units, the community colleges and the private institutions to try to devise a method of using the computer resources throughout the state more effectively. He said Mr. Lou Lucke and Mr. Bayliss Cummings, members of the task force, were present and would answer any questions relative to the report to the Board. Mr. Lucke stated he had brought some audio-visual material to present but it would be difficult to do it in this meeting room. It was suggested that this be presented at the next meeting. He said the thirteen-member committee had been working for the past four years to try to get reasonable cooperation among the institutions of the state so that facilities and people power can be shared. Dr. Pettit stated this is something that must be done. He said the task force has done a very good job and they are to be commended. Mr. Bayliss Cummings

read the following resolution and asked that the Board adopt it:

Recognizing that the use of computers in instruction, administration and research is a vital function of higher education, the Board of Regents of Higher Education recommends that the University System Committee on Computer Use continue its work in developing a network of shared resources. The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education will continue to coordinate the activities of this committee and will submit a budget to provide staff support and funding from the State and seek additional funds from Federal and/or private sources, to implement a network of shared computer resources for institutions of higher education in Montana.

Dr. Pettit moved that the resolution be adopted. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Pat Callan distributed copies of charts showing public school enrollment by grade for the period of 1965-66 through 1973-74, one showing the population trends and projections and one on the Montana and National birth rates which were used by the Commission on Postsecondary Education in making its recommendations. He said these documents outline the basic problem the Commission has to deal with and that the Board of Regents will have to deal with during the next century--that of improving quality education in the State in light of decreasing enrollments. He said it is unlikely that there will be any dramatic change in trends in the next thirty years. He said what the State needed to do is to build on its existing strengths since the era of expansion is behind us. He said he felt the Board would have to develop a new philosophy to deal with a new set of circumstances. He said the second recommendation of the Commission is that the diversity be protected and encouraged and third, that there be independence from the political branches of government. He said this is the time to try to accomplish this since the new constitution gives more authority to the Commissioner and the Board of Regents. He said the Commission's recommendation was that the Commissioner be given the staff to do the job he will be required to do. He said the Commission's work to date was not only about closing institutions; that it had tried to be realistic about

the situation the State faces in light of limited resources. He said his plea to the Board is for the members to read all sections in the report very carefully and give them at least as much attention as the more dramatic recommendations.

Mr. James stated he felt the Commission staff had done an excellent job.

Consideration of Item 5-102-R0774, Athletic Fees, University of Montana, was taken up next since there were numerous students present who wanted to speak to the issue. Mr. Tom Stockburger, president of the student body at the University of Montana, and several other students made pleas that the Board not approve this item. Mr. James introduced Dr. Richard Bowers, the new president of the University of Montana, who stated the students had pointed out many questions that he felt should be examined and that he had not had an opportunity to look at the problems involved. He requested that the Board refrain from taking any action at this time. He said the University of Montana has no intention of not meeting its contractual obligations in the athletic program but he needed some time to see how this might be done. Dr. Pettit stated that this is essentially an internal matter and he would like for the Board to accommodate President Bowers on this request. Mr. Gallagher stated he felt the program should stay alive at least until the Postsecondary Commission has submitted its final report and that without proper funding the program could not be successful. Mr. James said he felt the request of Dr. Bowers was legitimate and he entertained a motion that the item be deferred. Dr. Pettit so moved. Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion and it carried.

It was recommended by Barry Hjort, staff attorney in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, that the last sentence in Article VIII of the Board by-laws be deleted since this procedure is unnecessarily cumbersome for the conduct of Board personnel matters. Mr. Heberly moved that this

amendment to the by-laws be approved. Mr. Evans seconded the motion and it carried.

Regarding the residency appeal of Michael Gentile, it was moved by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mrs. Pace that Mr. Gentile re-apply for resident status when twelve months of continuous Montana domicile satisfies the applicable Board rule. The motion carried.

At 10:15 a.m. the Board recessed to convene in executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:00 p.m. with the same members present.

Mr. French suggested that Item 5-001-R0774, Policy Regarding Commissioner's and President's Contracts, Montana University System, be amended in paragraph two, line four, to delete the words, "routine maintenance". The item was approved as amended on motion of Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 5-002-R0774, Late Registration Fee, Montana University System, was approved on motion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Regarding Item 5-003-R0774, Policy on Activity and Athletic Fees, Montana University System (Revised), Dr. Pettit stated that some time soon a policy would have to be designed to define what university programs are and what student activities are. He then moved that the item be tabled since a thorough analysis had not been completed as yet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gallagher and carried.

Item 5-004-R0774, Resolution Regarding Athletic Programs, Montana University System, was approved as amended on line five to delete the words, "especially skiing" on motion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

Item 5-005-R0774, Women's Intercollegiate Athletics, Montana University System, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

There were numerous amendments to Item 5-006-R0774, Policy Regarding Fee Waivers, Montana University System, suggested and the item was deferred until the next meeting on motion of Mr. French, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Item 5-700-R0774, Staff, Eastern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Item 5-710-R0774, Degrees, Eastern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Item 5-500-R0774, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 5-510-R0774, Degrees, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was approved on motion of Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Item 5-200-R0774, Staff, Montana State University, was approved as amended to add the degree designation of "M.A." to the names of John Ellefson, Henry Jackson and Milton A. Loyer on motion of Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Item 5-201-R0774, Retirement of Professor Clifford V. Davis, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Item 5-202-R0774, Retirement of Professor John P. Parker, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Item 5-203-R0774, Retirement of Professor Leona F. Barnes, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 5-204-R0774, Naming of Art Area in the Creative Arts Complex, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. French.

Item 5-205-R0774, Change in Graduate Degree Designations in Agricultural Economics, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Item 5-210-R0774, Degrees, Montana State University, 1973-74, was approved on motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

President McIntosh distributed copies of additional items as follows:

An addendum to Item 5-200-R0774, Staff, Montana State University
Item 5-206-R0774, Authorization to Establish a College of Creative Arts, Montana State University

Item 5-207-R0774, Authorization to Execute a Loan Agreement in Connection with Planned Stadium Improvements, Montana State University

Item 5-404-R0774, Authorization to Create the Office of Vice President for University Extension and Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, Cooperative Extension Service

The addendum to Item 5-200-R0774, Staff, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Dr. Pettit.

Mr. O'Brien moved approval of Item 5-206-R0774, Authorization to Establish a College of Creative Arts, Montana State University. Mrs. Pace seconded the motion. After some discussion regarding questions about the feasibility of making this change, especially with regard to possible additional administrative expense, Mr. Heberly made a substitute motion to defer the item for further study. Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion and it carried.

Item 5-207-R0774, Authorization to Execute a Loan Agreement in Connection with Planned Stadium Improvements, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

President McIntosh asked Dr. Joseph Asleson to comment on Item 5-404-R0774, Authorization to Create the Office of Vice President for University Extension and Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, Cooperative Extension Service. Dr. Asleson stated that extension activities were to be expanded and placed under one head who would have the title of Vice President. In answer to a question from Mr. James, Dr. Asleson said his feeling was that the county agents were not opposed to the re-organization.

President McIntosh distributed copies of the budget of the associated

students at Montana State University and a report on the athletic program budget for Montana State University for the coming year.

Item 5-300-R0774, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station, was approved on motion of Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item 5-301-R0774, Authorization to enter into an agreement with the Hill County Commissioners providing for the payment, in a trust fund arrangement of construction costs of a water impoundment which will store annually 1,000 acre feet of water for the use of the Northern Agricultural Research Center at a cost to the Station of \$66,000, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station, was approved on motion of Mr. French, seconded by Mrs. Pace. Dr. Asleson stated that if the construction costs of the proposed dam can be made in a single payment immediately it will save \$60,000 over a period of time.

Item 5-302-R0774, Retirement of Professor Ellsworth B. Hastings, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 5-401-R0774, Retirement of Mr. John C. Bower, Cooperative Extension Service, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Item 5-402-R0774, Retirement of Mrs. Donna Qualey, Cooperative Extension Service, was approved on motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 5-403-R0774, Retirement of Mr. Rex F. Campbell, Cooperative Extension Service, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 5-800-R0774, Staff, Northern Montana College, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Item 5-801-R0774, Authorization for Easement, Northern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item 5-810-R0774, Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates, Northern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

The errata for the staff item for the University of Montana dated May 20, 1974 was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 5-100-R0774, Staff, University of Montana, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Item 5-101-R0774, Purchase of Real Property, University of Montana, was approved as amended on line two to add the word "and" after the word "improvement" and on line three to delete the words "and maintenance", on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Item 5-110-R0774, Degrees, University of Montana 1973-1974, was approved on motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item 5-600-R0774, Staff, Western Montana College, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Item 5-610-R0774, Degrees, Western Montana College, 1973-74, was approved on motion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mrs. Pace Item 5-901-R0774, Guidelines Relative to Granting Resident Credit for Off-Campus Course Work, Montana University System was approved with the following amendments: On page one under sub-paragraphs 3. and 4. change the word "previous" to "prevailing", and on page two, under D. Eligibility of Students, delete the words "The academic credentials of the prospective students have been reviewed, and the institution is satisfied that these"; start a new sentence with the word "Students" on line three and add the word "must" before the word "meet".

Item 5-902-R0774, Resolution Concerning Administration of the Peter Potter Loan Fund, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. O'Brien the following appointments to the Local Executive Boards were confirmed:

Elizabeth M. Jergeson - Northern Montana College
Arthur Deschamps, Jr. - University of Montana

Dr. Pettit moved that the Board of Regents appoint Mr. Charles Kittock, of Eastern Montana College, and Mr. James Taylor, of Rocky Mountain College, to the Community Service and Continuing Education Advisory Council for a term expiring May 30, 1976. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried.

Dr. Pettit moved that the Regents approve the resolution to be adopted by the State Board of Education at the September, 1974 meeting designating the State Board of Education as the official state agency for receipt and disbursement of funds for Montana's participation in the U. S. Bicentennial Anniversary. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Brien and carried.

Dr. Pettit distributed copies of the guidelines he had prepared for the presidential review authorized by the Board at the May meeting and stated these would be presented as an agenda item at the September meeting.

Dr. Larry Blake, President of Flathead Valley Community College, introduced Jean Robocker, a member of their board of trustees, and stated they would like to make a presentation at the pleasure of the Board. It was requested that the presentation be made after the close of executive session business.

It was agreed not to set the date of the next meeting in the event that the Board has to meet before the statutory date of September 9, 1974.

The Board adjourned at 3:00 p.m. to convene again in executive session.