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The Board of Regents of Higher Education met at 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 13, 1976 in the Capital Club Room at the Colonial Inn, Helena, Montana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted James. Also present were: Mr. Lewy Evans, Mr. Ted Heberly, Mr. Jeff Morrison, Ms. Mary Pace, Mr. John Peterson, Mr. Sid Thomas and Dr. Lawrence K. Pettit.

On motion of Dr. Pettit the minutes of the July 12, 1976 meeting were approved with the following amendments:

On page seven at the end of the third paragraph, add the following sentences: "He so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans and carried."

On page two, paragraph five, line five, delete the words "controversial fee matters or any litigation against the Board of Regents" and add the words "any criminal or fee generating matters."

Chairman James announced that the State Board of Education meeting was scheduled at 3:00 p.m. in the Governor's Reception Room, State Capitol.

Commissioner Pettit introduced Paul Dunham, his new Director of Planning, and Marshall Cook, his Special Assistant. He reported that the new Director of the Legal Department, Mr. Louis Forsell, was not present because of a death in his family.

Commissioner Pettit reported that Senator Margaret Warden had made a presentation to the presidents respecting her proposal to seek funding from the Legislature to provide an archive network which would preserve and protect documents and papers of historical significance to

the State of Montana. Dr. Pettit stated the presidents were all in favor of the proposal. He introduced Senator Warden, who discussed the matter, requesting that if the Regents approved of the proposal, it be transmitted to the State Board of Education. Dr. Pettit moved that the Board endorse the plan in principle and pass it on to the State Board of Education. The motion carried.

Dr. Pettit distributed copies of a report from the Joint Program Planning Committee for the Western Montana College/University of Montana merger, stating that he was favorably impressed with the work the committee had done thus far and that the University System may be well on the way to developing a model for other state systems to achieve a successful integration. Both Presidents Bowers and Bandy commented that the task was a complex one; that specific program proposals had not been addressed by the committee since they planned to channel these through the normal faculty process and this was not possible during the summer months.

Commissioner Pettit introduced Mr. Ray Dore, who reported the progress of the implementation of the uniform accounting system, since Mr. Harry Walter, of the Arthur Andersen and Company, was not able to make the proper flight connections to attend the meeting. Mr. Dore mentioned that Mr. Walter had requested that he be given another opportunity to address the Board, possibly at the October meeting, to answer specific questions. Mr. Dore explained that the short term recommendations have been implemented and to this extent the university units are now in compliance with the provisions of H.B. 271. He advised that if at all possible, an attempt be made to obtain additional resources to keep the project going. Mr. James asked for Mr. Dore's opinion about the additional resources which would be necessary to complete the task. Mr. Dore replied that the Department of Administration would be hiring

additional CPA firms to accomplish this for other state agencies and he felt it would be necessary to hire some additional staff in the Commissioner's office to accomplish it for the University System. Mr. James asked that the Board of Regents be furnished a written report on the progress and the anticipated additional costs. Mr. Dore remarked that at the outset he didn't feel that anyone realized the magnitude of the problem. Dr. Pettit asked Mr. Dore if the cost was more than anticipated because of the deadline or "crash" approach which was required, rather than the campuses being allowed to proceed at a reasonable pace. Mr. Dore replied that this was true. Mr. Thomas stated he felt both the Legislature and the Board had indicated that the accounting study was one of the highest priorities and that it involved a "catching up" process after some seventy years of accounting practices which were not in any way uniform among the six institutions.

Dr. Pettit introduced Mr. Ron Near, Director of Management Systems on his staff, who reported the progress made thus far with regard to integrating accounting transactions into the Statewide Budgeting and Accounting System. Mr. Near said the amount of work that had been accomplished in the time available was a truly remarkable achievement; that as of July 1, 1976 all accounting transactions were integrated into SBAS as directed, and the University System now has a basis for an excellent accounting system which has survived a major audit criticism. He noted that the University System is now the largest user of the SBAS accounts. He said it would be necessary for someone to request a statutory fund structure change from the Legislature and it would be his responsibility to assist the units in abandoning internal systems.

Mr. Thomas, Chairman of the Policy Committee, reported that

the Committee heard a status report from Ms. Jo Ellen Estenson on the recodification of Board policies and recommended that the Commissioner appoint an inter-unit committee to develop the manual. Commissioner Pettit said he would appoint a committee and ask Paul Dunham, the new Director of Planning, to act as liaison.

Mr. Thomas reported that the Policy Committee had reviewed a revised policy on consulting services. He mentioned that the committee had suggested some further amendments and he read the new policy statement. He moved approval of Item 2-015-R1073, Consulting Services Policy, Montana University System (Revised). Mr. Morrison objected to the wording in the last paragraph and suggested that on lines three and four the words "and based in the appropriate discipline for which the individual receives additional personal compensation during the contract year" be deleted. Commissioner Pettit pointed out that each of the campuses could clarify this provision in their institutional policies. Mr. Thomas stated that the item should be approved with the understanding that the committee will continue to review the consulting activities. The motion carried, with Mr. Morrison voting "no".

Mr. Thomas reported that the Committee discussed the mandatory retirement policies and he moved that the Commissioner's staff prepare a policy for further discussion at a later date. The motion carried.

Mr. Thomas moved that Items 2-003-R0973, Policy Regarding High School Honor Scholarships and 4-003-R0474, National Merit Honor Scholarship, Montana University System, be rescinded, since both of these are provided for in another policy. The motion carried.

Mr. Thomas moved that the Commissioner be requested to prepare for discussion at the October meeting a schedule for periodic review of Board policies and administrative procedures on a regular basis. The motion carried.

Mr. Ted Heberly, Chairman of the Budget Committee, reported the Budget Committee recommended that Item 14-000-R0976, Operating Budgets, Montana University System, be approved. He so moved, stating that this budget represents a 9.2% increase in the amount of the previous one. The motion carried.

Mr. Heberly reported the Budget Committee discussed the biennial budget guidelines submitted by the Commissioner. He said the Budget Committee approved the guidelines (see attachment #1), and he moved that the Board of Regents also adopt them. The motion carried. President Bowers asked how the Forestry Experiment Station at the University of Montana should be reported. Mr. Noble stated it should be treated in the same manner as the Bureau of Mines. President McIntosh stated that perhaps the Engineering Experiment Station at Montana State University should be handled in the same manner.

Mr. Heberly reported the Collective Bargaining Committee recommended that Item 14-003-R0976, Prebudgetary Settlements with Classified Employee Unions, Montana University System, be added to the agenda and approval recommended to the Board. He so moved. The motion carried. Mr. Heberly also noted that the Status Report on Litigation, Collective Bargaining and Administrative Proceedings was distributed by the Commissioner's staff and should be placed on file.

Dr. Pettit reported that the Council of Presidents had agreed on a statement of criteria for devising administrative salaries in the University System. (See attachment #2)

Dr. Harold Holen, Chairman of the Faculty Council, stated the Faculty Council had not met during the summer so they had no report.

It was reported that the Student Advisory Council had no report at this time.

The Board recessed at noon, to reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with the same members present.

Ms. Pace moved that Items 14-203-R0976, Request Approval to Create an Independent Department of Theater Arts at Montana State University and 13-101-R0776, Change in Name of the School of Pharmacy to the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, be referred to the Curriculum Committee. The motion carried.

Mr. Lewy Evans, Chairman of the Capital Construction Committee, reported the Special Task Force for the Handicapped had recommended that Item 14-001-R0976, Policy Related to Providing Access to Academic Programs for the Physically Handicapped, be added to the agenda and recommended for approval. He so moved. The motion carried. Mr. Gary Gallagher, Chairman of the Special Task Force, made a presentation relating to the recommendations of the Task Force. Commissioner Pettit acknowledged that Mr. Gallagher deserved a great deal of thanks for the time and effort he had given to the work of the Task Force. He asked Mr. Bill Lannan, Director of Special Projects, to read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Task Force on Facilities for the Handicapped was appointed by the Commissioner of Higher Education in January, 1976, to examine the barriers which may exist on Montana University System campuses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gary Gallagher, Chairman of the Task Force, has provided leadership and services without which the charge to the Task Force could not have been completed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gallagher has provided an example of unselfish service to the people of the State of Montana,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents of the Montana University System wishes to express its appreciation and to commend Mr. Gallagher for his contribution to this attempt to provide better educational opportunities to handicapped persons.

Ms. Pace moved that the Board adopt the resolution. The motion carried.

Mr. Larnan then read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Task Force on Facilities for the Handicapped was appointed by the Commissioner of Higher Education in January, 1976, to examine the barriers which may exist on Montana University System campuses; and

WHEREAS, The following citizens have donated their time and energy to attempt to increase accessibility to educational facilities for handicapped persons; and

WHEREAS, Students on each campus have contributed their efforts to this endeavor, particularly Mr. Richard Holm and Mr. Ray Webb:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents of the Montana University System wishes to express its appreciation to:

Gary Gallagher, Chairman, Missoula
Alfred Stiff, Bozeman
JoAnn McCleod, Butte
Joyce Keltz, Dillon
Elia Nickeloff, Billings
Robert Keisling, Havre
Andrew Van Teylingen, Bozeman

The Board commends all those who participated in this project for their dedication and unselfish service.

Mr. Thomas moved that the Board adopt this resolution also. The motion carried.

Mr. Evans moved that the Capital Construction Committee

recommendation to approve Item 14-501-R0976, Addition of Auditorium to New Library Building, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, be accepted. The motion carried.

Mr. Evans reported that Items 14-701-R0976, Purchase of Real Property, and 14-702-R0976, Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with the Department of Institutions for the Use of Land for a Model Nursing Home, Eastern Montana College, had been added to the agenda and recommended for approval by the Capital Construction Committee. He so moved. The motion carried.

Considerable discussion relating to the long range building program priority recommendations followed. Mr. James said he felt very strongly that the entire list of building needs submitted by the institutions should be recommended. Commissioner Pettit expressed his opinion that the legislative committees should be advised of what the total needs of the University System are, but the Board of Regents needed to submit some priorities and those submitted represented a considerable amount of effort on the part of the Commissioner and his staff and the members of the Capital Construction Committee. After some further discussion Mr. Peterson moved that Item 14-002-R0976, Long Range Building Program for the 1977-79 Biennium, Montana University System, be approved. (See priority list on attachment #3) The motion carried, with Mr. James voting "no".

Mr. Evans reported the Committee recommended that the following special projects be submitted separately with a request that they be considered on a line item basis, inasmuch as they have implications for the entire state and are not peculiar to the University System:

Handicapped Accessibility	\$3,500,000
Energy Study	\$ 150,000
OSHA Compliance	\$ 400,000

He so moved. The motion carried. Commissioner Pettit was directed to transmit these three recommendations with strong language stressing the Board's desire that legislation be introduced to fund them in addition to the long-range building program request.

Ms. Mary Pace, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, reported the Committee recommended that the number of Ed.D. programs at the two universities be reduced from 13 to 4, as recommended by the Commissioner, and the determination of where they will be located be deferred until the October meeting. She so moved. The motion carried.

Ms. Pace moved that the Committee recommendation to direct the University of Montana and Eastern Montana College to conduct a feasibility study of the possibility of establishing a collaborative Ed.D. program in Special Education and Habilitative Services be accepted. The motion carried.

Ms. Pace reported the Curriculum Committee deferred action on the Ph.D. program recommendations until October, stating that the institutions would be instructed as to how they should formulate their responses.

Mr. Thomas moved that Item 7-701-R0175, Secondary Education Minor in Environmental Education, Eastern Montana College, be withdrawn, as requested by Dr. Van de Wetering, Interim President. The motion carried.

Ms. Pace reported the Committee recommended approval of Item 9-701-R0775, Major in Sociology Leading to Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees in the School of Liberal Arts, Eastern Montana College. She so moved. Several "no" votes were heard, so a roll call vote was taken. Ms. Pace, Mr. Evans and Mr. Morrison voted "yes"; Mr. Thomas, Mr. Heberly and Mr. Peterson voted "no". Since this represented a tie vote, Chairman James voted "no" and the motion failed.

Ms. Pace reported the Curriculum Committee recommended that the Montana University System be renamed, "The University of Montana at Missoula, Bozeman, Billings, Butte, Dillon and Havre". She so moved. She explained that in making this recommendation the Committee was attempting to emphasize the fact that everyone should be thinking more about the University System as one institution rather than six. After some discussion Mr. Peterson made a substitute motion that this matter be referred to the Policy Committee to study the ramifications of such a recommendation. The substitute motion carried.

Dr. Van de Wetering requested that the Board reconsider Item 9-701-R0775, Major in Sociology Leading to Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees in the School of Liberal Arts, Eastern Montana College. Ms. Pace suggested that the Board reconsider the matter, and she urged that the Curriculum Committee recommendation be accepted. The chairman called a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reconvened at 2:15 p.m. with the same members present. Mr. Thomas moved that Item 9-701-R0775 be reconsidered, stating that his objection was that he had not had the time to review the proposal thoroughly. Dr. Pettit pointed out that the proposal had been in the curriculum committee for two years. The motion carried. Dr. Van de Wetering explained the rationale for the proposal and urged the Board to give favorable consideration to it. Ms. Pace moved that the item be approved. The motion carried, with Mr. Thomas and Mr. Peterson voting "no".

Mr. Thomas moved that the following items be approved:

Item 14-700-R0976, Staff, Eastern Montana College

Item 14-500-R0976, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology

- Item 14-200-R0976, Staff, Montana State University
- Item 14-201-R0976, Retirement of Professor Roy Wiegand, Montana State University
- Item 14-300-R0976, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station
- Item 14-400-R0976, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 14-800-R0976, Staff, Northern Montana College
- Item 14-100-R0976, Staff, University of Montana (including the addendum)
- Item 14-110-R0976, Degrees, University of Montana
- Item 14-600-R0976, Staff, Western Montana College (including the addendum)
- Item 14-601-R0976, Resolution Concerning the Retirement of William T. Straugh, Professor and Athletic Director at Western Montana College

The motion carried.

President McIntosh addressed the Board and made the following statement:

At this meeting of the Board of Regents I have indicated to the Commissioner of Higher Education and the members of the Board of Regents that I will submit my resignation as President of Montana State University effective 30 June 1977. I have served as a college or university president for almost 30 years and I am pleased by the prospects of a research professorship as an alternative to a continuing commitment to the requirements of the office I hold. I have also indicated that I look forward to this coming academic year as an opportunity to work with all those who are a part of the university community to maintain the forward thrust of the university during this period of change. Next June will complete my seventh year as president of Montana State University and I feel a justifiable pride in the contributions Montana State University makes to the people of the State of Montana. I shall continue to place a high value on the associations I have with so many members of the university community and the people of Montana.

Mr. Thomas moved that the Board accept President McIntosh's resignation and commend him for his years of service to Montana State University. The motion carried. Chairman James commented that the Board had enjoyed working with President McIntosh and looks forward to working with him in the future. He requested that the Commissioner appoint a search and screening committee to find a suitable replacement. Commissioner Pettit acknowledged that everyone in the University System owed President McIntosh a debt of gratitude for the service he performed over the years, stating that he had been especially helpful to the Commissioner and his staff.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.