

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
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Helena, Montana

The Board of Regents of Higher Education met at 9:15 a.m., Tuesday, April 12, 1977 in the conference room of the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena, Montana.

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

On motion of Sid Thomas the minutes of the February 14, 1977 meeting were approved as amended on page six, paragraph one, line eleven after the word "to" to delete the remainder of the paragraph and add the words, "fund special non-recurring athletic items, intramurals, or club sports."

The Commissioner reported he had received honorary degree proposals from Montana State University. He moved approval of the proposals as submitted. The motion carried.

The Commissioner noted that Mr. Lewy Evans, Chairman of the Presidential Search and Screening Committee for Eastern Montana College, was not present. He therefore reported on the status of the search. He said the committee had been established, the advertising requirements had been met and the deadline for receipt of nominations and applications had been set at May 9, 1977. He expressed the hope that the committee would be able to propose some recommendations for consideration of the Board during the summer months prior to September.

Noting that Board members had received letters from faculty members of Eastern Montana College complaining about the selection of faculty representatives on the presidential search committee, Mr. James asked the Commissioner whether he had met with the letter writers. The Commissioner

advised the Board that he had written that although in sympathy with their concern, the procedure used in establishing search and screening committees provided that the faculty designate their own representatives, which was done.

Ms. Pace, Chairman of the Search and Screening Committee for Montana State University, reported that the committee had winnowed the field of 240 presidential applicants to five finalists; that interviewing of the finalists would begin April 15, 1977 with a recommendation of the final choice expected by the next board meeting.

Mr. Thomas, Chairman of the Policy Committee, reported the committee recommended that Item 5-003-R0774, Policy on Activity and Athletic Fees, Montana University System (Revised) be withdrawn. He so moved. The motion carried.

Mr. Thomas moved that the committee recommendation to approve Item 15-901-R1276, Policy for Filling Vacancies on the Staff of the Commissioner of Higher Education (Revised) be accepted. The motion carried.

Mr. Thomas reported the Policy Committee received copies of the Commissioner's proposed revision of the residency requirements, with a request that written comments be received from the institutions as soon as possible so the new policy can be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Thomas reported the Policy Committee recommended that a proposed policy on handling student building fees be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The matter of coordination and preparation for Board meetings was brought to the attention of the committee by Mr. Paul Dunham, Director of Planning. Mr. Thomas reported the committee recommended that this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Thomas reported the Policy Committee recommended that the Board direct the Commissioner, working with the presidents, to prepare guidelines by which the Board and the Commissioner could evaluate procedures used by the institutions in reviewing faculty tenure cases, to include a review of a few individual cases randomly selected. He so moved. The motion carried.

Mr. Jeff Morrison, Chairman of the Budget Committee, moved adoption of the Commissioner's recommendations on budget amendments, as expressed in Item 16-001-R0477, Schedule of Budget Amendment Requests, Montana University System, (copy attached) as amended by the committee to include the \$6,180 item to recover costs associated with the UM/WMC integration study. The motion carried.

Mr. Morrison also moved that the \$32,500 held in reserve pending passage of House Bill 143 be released to the Commissioner's office after the bill has been signed by the Governor. The motion carried.

Mr. Morrison reported the Capital Construction Committee recommended approval of Item 15-602-R0277, Request to seek annexation of Portion of Western Montana College Campus into Dillon City Limits. He so moved. The motion carried.

Mr. Morrison reported the Capital Construction Committee recommended that Item 15-201-R0277, Remodeling of Ground Floor and Lounge Area of Culbertson & Mullan Wings, Lewis & Clark Dormitory, Montana State University, be disapproved. He so moved. The motion carried.

Mr. Morrison reported the Capital Construction Committee recommended approval of Item 16-203-R0477, Authorization to Request an Architect for and to Proceed with Capital Improvement of the Existing Bioassay Laboratory for Montana State University, as amended to add the following: "This approval is contingent upon approval of the Governor and receipt of anticipated Environmental Protection Agency grant funds." He so moved. The motion carried.

Mr. Morrison reported the Capital Construction Committee recommended that Item 16-103-R0477, Authorization to Request an Architect for, and to proceed with the Replacement of Existing Worn and Damaged Roofs of the Craighead-Sisson Apartments and the Alumni Center, University of Montana, be added to the agenda and approved. He so moved. The motion carried.

It was reported that since all members of the Board were interested in discussing the matter of possibly relocating the Law Enforcement Academy this item had been deferred by the committee for discussion of the full Board and that no further committee recommendation would be made at this time.

The Commissioner indicated the Council of Presidents had no report at this time.

Dr. Harold Holen, Chairman of the Faculty Council, indicated the Council had no report at this time.

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

Mr. Sid Thomas reported that there was some discussion at a Joint Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting on the feasibility of attempting to establish a common calendar for the university system, but the matter had been deferred for discussion of the full Board. He asked Dr. Irving Dayton to comment on the report a special task force made some time ago. Dr. Dayton read the recommendations of the task force. He pointed out that the committee had heard a proposal from Montana Tech and he asked Dr. Koehler Stout, Acting Dean of Academic Affairs, to repeat the proposal. Dr. Stout explained that the proposal, which is to be presented at the next faculty meeting at Montana Tech, was to begin the fall semester one week earlier (September 2nd), shorten the Christmas vacation and dismiss on May 28, and the following year to begin classes on August 31st, schedule the semester break at Christmas and dismiss about the first of

May. Dr. Dayton pointed out that if this could be implemented it would make the transfer of students much easier. The Commissioner remarked that if the university system could facilitate student transfer that would fulfill the major objective of a "common calendar." Dr. Stout stated that not everyone at Montana Tech is in favor of this proposal so it is not certain whether the faculty will approve it.

Mr. Thomas moved that the Commissioner, in cooperation with the presidents, formulate recommendations concerning a uniform beginning and ending date for the five institutions on the quarter system and examine also the possibility for implementing a shorter academic year. The motion carried. Mr. Thomas requested that a report be made at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. James asked what happened to pre-registration procedures at the University of Montana. President Bowers replied that the administration at the University of Montana had been looking at the possibility of pre-registration, although it is not being done at this time.

Mr. Thomas said that Dr. Dayton had informed the committee of his work on a course equivalency catalog. He said the committee recommended that Dr. Dayton proceed with this task. He so moved. The motion carried.

Chairman James acknowledged that Attorney General Mike Greely had arrived to discuss the matter of the Law Enforcement Academy. Commissioner Pettit introduced Mr. Greely. Mr. James expressed the recommendation of the Capital Construction Committee that the Law Enforcement Academy be relocated on the Western Montana College campus in Dillon. Mr. Greely distributed copies of evaluations and recommendations respecting available facilities for the Law Enforcement Academy and requested that the Board take the time to study them before making a final decision. He commented that the greatest number of staff of the Law Enforcement Academy prefer to remain at Montana State University. Mr. Greely indicated that at this

point he believes the disadvantages of moving the academy outweigh the disadvantages of keeping it at Montana State University. Chairman James asked Mr. Peterson to report on the findings of the Capital Construction Committee members who examined the facilities recently at Montana State University. Mr. Peterson stated the committee thought it would not be wise to spend the \$200,000 requested by Montana State University to remodel facilities in order to accommodate the academy on the Montana State University campus. Mr. Morrison explained that the consensus reached by the committee was that since the source of the remodeling funds would be student fees, any money expended should be used to provide dormitory space for Montana State University students. He said the committee agreed that more adequate facilities to facilitate future growth of the academy could be provided by Western Montana College. The Board recessed at 10:15 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:40 a.m. The discussion turned to the problem of the nursing students at Montana State University. Mr. Thomas reported that the joint committee had received a report from Dr. Anna Shannon, Dean of the School of Nursing at Montana State University, and President McIntosh with respect to the problem of placing nursing students in the clinical program. Mr. Thomas said the committee recommended there should be no differentiation between in-state and out-of-state students in dealing with this problem.

Mr. Thomas reported that after adjournment of the Joint Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting further consideration was given to the status of clinical placements in the nursing program at Montana State University. He moved that the students eligible as of the end of winter quarter and not yet placed in the program (currently estimated to be 94 with an additional 7 transfer students) who entered spring quarter be placed in a pool and assigned to the remaining clinical spaces summer quarter by use of the GPA

in prerequisite courses completed by the end of winter quarter, and that students not assigned summer quarter be given priority consideration next year. It was stated that it is the intent of the Board that students already assigned clinical spaces for summer quarter not be displaced by this action. Mr. Thomas asked Dean Shannon to comment. Dean Shannon reported that after talking with people on the campus about administering the policy recommended by the committee, she found that some promises had been made that might be abrogated by the committee's recommendation. After further discussion and comments from students were heard, a consensus was reached that this action would be the best solution for handling the present situation. The motion carried, with Mr. Peterson voting "no", explaining that in his opinion the statement in the catalog constitutes sufficient notices to out-of-state students.

Mr. Thomas moved that a long range plan for placement of nursing students be developed prior to the 1977 fall quarter registration. The motion carried.

Mr. Thomas also moved that Montana State University seek to open all available clinical spaces in the fall to accommodate students. The motion carried.

Mr. Thomas moved that Item 16-202-R0477, Resolution Concerning Limited Enrollment in Nursing and/or Clinical Nursing Classes at Montana State University, be referred to the Policy Committee. The motion carried.

Ms. Mary Pace, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, asked Dr. Dayton to report on the status of the role and scope statements. Dr. Dayton reported that the second draft of the university system statement had been sent to members of the Board and should be reviewed carefully so it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Pettit pointed out that the Council of Presidents would

be meeting prior to the next meeting of the Board and discussion of role and scope statements would be on the agenda.

Ms. Pace moved that the Curriculum Committee recommendation that the Film and Television Program remain at Montana State University be accepted. The motion carried.

Ms. Pace moved that the Curriculum Committee recommendation to approve Item 15-701-R0277, Minor in Scandinavian Studies, Eastern Montana College, be accepted. The motion carried.

Mr. James introduced Greg Henderson, Student Body President at the University of Montana, who stated that even though the Student Advisory Council had no report per se, he would like to make a presentation on the ramifications of the tuition increase approved by the Board at the last meeting. He distributed copies of the report, which included a status of financial aid available. It was generally agreed that this was a meaningful study and Mr. Peterson recommended that copies be sent to members of the Joint Appropriation Subcommittee on Education and also to conference committee members. He noted that the tuition increases implemented by this Board were approved on the basis that the State General Fund support for the university system would be more substantial than the amounts appearing in the appropriation bill at the present time.

The Board recessed at 11:45 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

Mr. James stated that members of the Board had had an opportunity to read the report distributed by Attorney General Greely. Mr. Peterson moved that the Board of Regents express its recommendation to the Office of the Attorney General that after considering all of the factors, including data presented by Mr. Greely today, the Board prefers that the Law Enforcement Academy be relocated to Western Montana College, and that members of the



Board would be pleased to meet with the Attorney General to offer any assistance necessary relating to the final decision. Mr. Peterson stated it should be made clear that moving the academy would mean that at least equal, and possibly even better, facilities at comparable annual cost would be provided than those being provided at the present time, and the move will insure that the new facility can accommodate future growth. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pettit reminded the Board that at the last meeting the Policy Committee recommended that Dr. George Bandy be retained as interim president at Western Montana College for a period not to exceed two years. He moved that the Board accept this recommendation. The motion carried.

Commissioner Pettit moved approval of Items 16-700-R0477, Staff, Eastern Montana College and 16-200-R0477, Staff, Montana State University, including the addendum. The motion carried.

On a motion of Mr. Thomas Item 16-201-R0477, Creation of a Separate Department of Women's Intercollegiate Athletics, Montana State University, was approved, with Mr. Peterson voting "no" on the basis that he would like to see this item tied to a funding proposal.

Mr. Thomas moved approval of the following items:

- Item 16-300-R0477, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station
- Item 16-400-R0477, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 16-100-R0477, Staff, University of Montana, including addendum
- Item 16-101-R0477, Administrative Reassignment of Recreation Degree Programs and Recreation Faculty from Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation to the School of Forestry, University of Montana
- Item 16-102-R0477, Administrative Reassignment of Certain Health-Related Departments or Programs to the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, University of Montana
- Item 16-600-R0477, Staff, Western Montana College

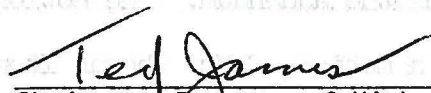
The motion carried.

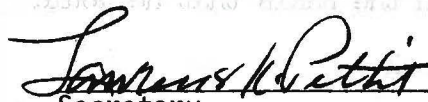
Chairman James announced that there would be no executive session, and there would not in the future be any unless requested in writing through the Commissioner stating the reasons for the request.

President Bandy reported that the students at Western Montana College had voted to support intercollegiate athletics. He asked if that would now be inconsistent with the current Board policy. Mr. Thomas replied that it would be. Mr. Morrison stated, however, that if the students wished to make a special request to the Regents to be allowed to support intercollegiate athletics the request would be considered.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for late in May or early June in Havre, the date to be announced by the Commissioner.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

  
Chairman, Regents of Higher Education  
Montana University System

  
Secretary