

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
September 12, 1977  
Helena, Montana

The Board of Regents of Higher Education met at 1:35 p.m., Monday, September 12, 1977 in the conference room in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena, Montana.

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

On motion of Commissioner Pettit the minutes of the July 11, 1977 meeting were approved.

The Commissioner reported that the Search and Screening Committee for the President at Northern Montana College is established but the Committee needs a guideline from the Board as to the salary level to be negotiated with finalists. He suggested that a range of \$30,000 - \$36,000 be established. He so moved. The motion carried with Mr. Morrison voting "no".

The Commissioner reported he had received a letter signed by Mr. Evans and Mrs. Hansen addressed to the Board requesting that it consider changing the name of "Eastern Montana College" to the "University of Montana at Billings". Dr. Pettit moved that the matter be referred to the Curriculum Committee for discussion at the October meeting. The motion carried.

The Commissioner announced that Sid Thomas had been selected by the Association of Governing Boards to serve as a member of the Advisory Board for the Study of Presidential Selection and Assessment provided for in a W. W. Kellogg Foundation grant. Mr. Thomas was congratulated on having been chosen as the national student Regent to serve in this capacity.

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The Commissioner asked the Board to consider the manner in which materials were being sent to them in preparation for Board meetings. He said he would appreciate having any comments in this regard.

The Commissioner asked Ron Near, Director of Management Systems, to present a brief report on the status of the uniform accounting system. Mr. Near reported that the Governmental Accounting Policy Council had just approved the specifications of the SBAS Upgrade for all state agencies. He said that what we now have is the University System specifications being used by the entire state. He advised the Board that he expected the task could be accomplished with the funds provided by the Legislature and that the new system should be completely implemented by July 1, 1978.

Chairman James introduced President William Tietz, Montana State University, stating that this is Dr. Tietz's first meeting. President Bandy introduced Mike Billings, new Business Manager at Western Montana College; President Bowers introduced Dr. Donald Habbe, new Academic Vice President at the University of Montana; and President DeMoney introduced Dr. Roy Turley, new Dean of Academic Affairs at Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology.

The Commissioner reported that the American Council on Education had published some recent data on enrollment projections which he would like to have Dr. Irving Dayton present. Dr. Pettit pointed out that his staff was beginning to draft guidelines and procedures for retrenchment in the event that enrollments decline dramatically in the future. The proposed guidelines will be circulated on the campuses and discussed by the Council of Presidents before a final Commissioner's recommendations is prepared, for presentation to the Board. Dr. Pettit advised that the Regents should have retrenchment plans formulated

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and adopted before the convening of the 1979 legislature. Dr. Dayton made a brief slide presentation on the ACE study.

On motion of Mr. Lewy Evans, Chairman of the Capital Construction Committee, the Committee recommendation to approve the following items was accepted:

- Item 18-701-R0977, Parking Lot, Eastern Montana College
- Item 18-501-R0977, Lease of Real Property from the Anaconda Company, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 18-502-R0977, Purchase of Real Property from the Anaconda Company, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 18-503-R0977, Authorization of Additional \$500,000 for Physical Education Facility, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 18-203-R0977, Increase Authorization for Parking Lots, Montana State University

Mr. Evans moved that the Board reaffirm approval of Item 18-101-R0977, Authorization to Expend Funds for Shower Room Renovation Duniway Hall, University of Montana. The motion carried.

Mr. Andy van Teylingen reported that Montana State University has been authorized by the Commissioner to hire a consultant who can determine the anticipated cost of the proposed Film and TV Building on that campus so that by the time the Legislature meets again there will be a better basis for requesting funds. He explained that the Department of Administration would allow Montana State University to employ a consultant but not an architect.

Respecting the Law Enforcement Academy, President Tietz stated that he was in favor of expediting negotiations with the Attorney General so that the Law Enforcement Academy could be moved from the campus of Montana State University by July 1, 1978. He indicated that he would make this request to the Commissioner, who could forward it to the Attorney General in an attempt to settle the matter.

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The budget allocation for the costs of the Facilities Planner for the University System was approved. Bill Lannan, Director of Special Projects, explained the procedure used by the Commissioner's staff for pro-rating the costs for this position. It was agreed that the funds would be taken from contractual services moneys and the position would not be included in the number of staff positions at any institution.

Mr. Evans reported that Item 18-809-R0977, Authorization for Right-of-way to City of Havre, Northern Montana College, had been added to the agenda. Mr. Louie Forsell, Chief Legal Counsel, explained the necessity for submitting the item. Mr. Evans moved approval and the motion carried.

Ms. Mary Pace, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, reported the Curriculum Committee recommended that Item 9-211-R0775, Traffic and Safety Education Teaching Minor, Montana State University, be tabled and that Item 9-804-R0775, Teaching Minor in Safety Education, Northern Montana College be approved. Commissioner Pettit moved that both items be approved by the Board. Ms. Pace expressed her feeling that the Superintendent of Public Instruction should take another look at the requirements which necessitate that this curriculum be offered. Chairman James suggested that the Board take no action on either of these requests until the Commissioner and the Superintendent of Public Instruction discuss them further. Commissioner Pettit withdrew his motion. Mr. Thomas then moved that both items be referred again to the Curriculum Committee. The motion carried.

On motion of Commissioner Pettit Item 18-601-R0977, Natural Heritage Degree Programs, Western Montana College, was approved.

On motion of Commissioner Pettit the following recommendation of the WMC/UM Joint Program Planning Committee was accepted:

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Because the University of Montana has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and History and because both programs have been articulated, the Joint Program Planning Committee recommends that these degree programs should be phased out at Western Montana College by 1981, and thereafter all Western Montana College students enrolling in these programs should complete their junior and senior years at the University of Montana.

Nonetheless, the Committee wishes to emphasize that Western Montana College must continue to offer the liberal arts if it is to attain the Board of Regents mandate of remaining a viable institution.

On motion of Mr. Peterson Item 18-801-R0977, Master of Science in Industrial Arts, Northern Montana College, was approved.

Mr. Thomas moved that Item 18-202-R0977, Master of Science in Industrial Arts Education, Montana State University, be approved. Mr. Peterson commented that the Commissioner's reasoning and recommendation that Item 18-202-R0977 be denied had merit. Mr. Thomas repeated that he felt both programs should be approved as this time, to be reviewed again in one year. Commissioner Pettit explained the reasons why the staff recommendation was to deny the request from Montana State University. A roll-call vote was called for on the motion to approve the item. Chairman James, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Evans voted "no"; Ms. Pace, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Hansen voted "yes". The motion carried.

On motion of Ms. Pace Item 18-807-R0977, Associate Degree in Metals Technology, Northern Montana College, was approved.

Ms. Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee discussed Item 18-001-R0977, Resolution Respecting the Indian Culture Master Plan, Montana University System, at length and recommended that a revised item be submitted for further discussion by the full Board. Copies of the revised item were distributed. Mr. Robert Perego asked that paragraph three of the revised item be deleted in its entirety. Mr. Peterson expressed his feeling that

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this resolution did not comply with the intent of the statutes respecting the Indian Culture Master Plan. Commissioner Pettit acknowledged that the campus administrators had not allowed sufficient FTE faculty to carry out the intent of the Master Plan. He asked if it would not be just as helpful if the Board were to reaffirm its position on the implementation of the Master Plan. After some further discussion Mr. Morrison moved that the item be approved as amended further in paragraph four, lines eight and nine to delete the words "the six quarter credit hour requirement has been completed" and add the words "he has met the requirements of RCM 75-6130." The motion carried.

Ms. Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee had requested that the Council of Presidents consider the status of the program review in the University System and that the Commissioner report to the Board at a later date.

Ms. Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee requested that the problem of "language competency" be referred to the Council of Presidents for discussion and also put on the agenda for the Joint Curriculum Committee in the near future.

Ms. Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee had requested that Montana State University, the University of Montana and Montana Tech get together and produce a memorandum of understanding on the broad term "land resources", to be reported at the next meeting.

Ms. Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee discussed the concerns of the University of Montana respecting professional programs in theatre arts at Montana State University. She suggested that the two departments get together and attempt to come to a clear understanding of the offerings and report to the Committee at the next meeting.

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On motion of Mr. Thomas the following items were approved:

- Item 18-700-R0977, Staff, Eastern Montana College
- Item 18-500-R0977, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 18-500A-R0977, Staff, Bureau of Mines and Geology
- Item 18-200-R0977, Staff, Montana State University, including the addendum
- Item 18-201-R0977, Retirement of Professor Guenter G. Schmalz, Montana State University
- Item 18-300-R0977, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station
- Item 18-400-R0977, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 18-800-R0977, Staff, Northern Montana College
- Item 18-100-R0977, Staff, University of Montana including the addund.
- Item 18-102-R0977, Resolution Concerning the Death of Dr. Roy C. White, University of Montana
- Item 18-110-R0777, Deletions from Degree Lists submitted July 11, 1977, University of Montana
- Item 18-600-R0977, Staff, Western Montana College, including addendum

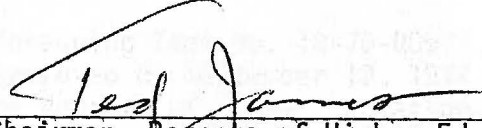
On motion of Mr. Thomas the following items were referred to the Curriculum Committee:

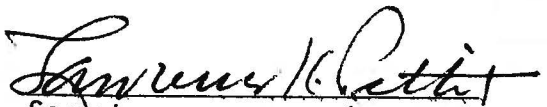
- Item 18-802-R0977, Major in General Business Leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree plus a Minor in General Business, Northern Montana College
- Item 18-803-R0977, Bachelor of Arts in History with a concentration in Canadian Studies plus an Associate of Arts Degree in Canadian Studies, Northern Montana College
- Item 18-804-R0977, Major in Diesel Technology Leading to a Bachelor of Technology Degree or a Bachelor of Science Degree in Vocational-Technical Education, Northern Montana College
- Item 18-805-R0977, Major in Farm Mechanics Leading to a Bachelor of Technology Degree, Northern Montana College
- Item 18-808-R0977, Minor in Theatre Arts, Northern Montana College
- Item 18-602-R0977, Rural Education Center, Western Montana College

It was agreed that the next meeting date would be announced by the Commissioner.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
 Chairman, Regents of Higher Education,  
 Montana University System

  
 Secretary