

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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Great Falls, Montana

The Board of Regents of Higher Education convened in executive session at 8:00 a.m., Monday, January 16, 1978, in the Americana Room of the Heritage Inn, Great Falls, Montana for consideration of the evaluation of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

The Board convened in open session at 2:45 p.m.

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 December 12, 1977 meeting were approved.

Mr. Jeff Morrison, Chairman of the Budget Committee, reported that the Budget Committee recommended approval of Item 19-901-R0178, Budget Amendments, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. He so moved. The motion carried.

Mr. Sid Thomas, Chairman of the By-Laws and Policy Committee, reported the Committee recommended that Items 19-001-R0178, Performance, Evaluation; Campus Personnel, Montana University System and; 19-002-R0178 Recruitment; Campus Personnel, Montana University System, be referred to the Commissioner for further consideration by the Council of Presidents. He so moved. The motion carried.

Mr. Thomas then moved that Item 19-003-R0178, Resident Student Financial Assistance Program, Montana University System, Be approved as amended to add section 6. "The Commissioner shall seek the advice of appropriate faculty scholarship committees." The motion carried.

Mr. Thomas moved Item 3-007-R1273, Building Fees; Montana University System (REVISED), be approved with the following amendments;

At the end of paragraph one add the sentence, "The determination of which means of ascertaining student views is to be used shall be made by the campus administration in consultation with the student government."

In the first sentence of paragraph two under Procedures add the words "election or" before the word "survey".

The motion carried.

Mr. Thomas moved approval of Items 19-004-R0178, Use of Plant Funds, including Student Building Fee Reserves, for projects less than \$10,000, Montana University System and 2-016-R1073, Use of Plant Funds, including Student Building Fee Reserves, for projects over \$10,000, Montana University System (REVISED). The motion carried.

Mr. Thomas moved that Item 18-005-R1077, Policy Regarding Fee Waivers, Montana University System, be amended under Procedures: 4. Waivers: J. Faculty and Staff Fee Waivers. on the first sentence after the word "for" to add the words "University System". The motion carried. He then moved that any further amendments be referred back to the Commissioner's staff for further consideration. The motion carried.

Mr. Thomas moved that Item 6-004-R0974, Appointment of Presidents, Montana University System (REVISED), be referred to the Commissioner's staff for further consideration by the Council of Presidents. The motion carried.

Mr. Thomas moved that the campuses submit staffing pattern plans with their budgets to include where the anticipated increases in each department are. Mr. Thomas said he felt this would give the Board a better picture of the proportion of tenured faculty. The motion carried.

Mr. Lewy Evans, Chairman of the Capital Construction Committee, reported the Committee had considered Item 19-102-R0178, Restoration - Turner Hall, University of Montana and Item 19-103-R0178, Fixed Equipment, Science Building, University of Montana, which were additions to the agenda. He read the items and moved their approval. The motion carried.

Mr. Evans reported that the Capital Construction Committee felt there should be a moratorium placed on all new building projects until the role and scope of the institutions or some kind of master plan is adopted for the University System. He so moved. The motion carried.

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Ms. Mary Pace, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, reported the committee had accepted the Commissioner's recommendation that 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, be approved. She so moved. The motion carried.

Ms. Pace moved that the Commissioner's recommendation to defer Items 18-802-R0977, Major in General Business Leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree plus a Minor in General Business, and 18-805-R0977, Major in Farm Mechanics Leading to a Bachelor of Technology Degree, Northern Montana College, be accepted. The motion carried.

Ms. Pace reported that Item 19-203-R0178, Change in Degree Designation from Land Resources to Agricultural Land Resources, Montana State University, had been added to the agenda. She moved that the item be approved. The motion carried.

Ms. Pace moved that no new programs be brought to the Curriculum Committee until after the role and scope statements have been submitted and approved for the University System. The motion carried.

At Ms. Pace's request, President Tietz reported on proposed veterinary medicine programs.

Mr. John Peterson, Chairman of the Collective Bargaining Committee, moved that the Board ratify the bargaining contracts of the non-academic unions. The motion carried.

Mr. James recognized Senator Margaret Warden, Senator Bill Thomas, Senator Pat Goodover and Mr. George Johnson, the most recently appointed member of the Board of Public Education, who were in the audience.

Commissioner Pettit read the following resolution and moved that the Board adopt it:

WHEREAS, SID R. THOMAS served on the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education from November 26, 1975 to the present time, and

WHEREAS, SID R. THOMAS has always shown an abiding concern for higher education, representing students of all units of the University System fairly and ably, and

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WHEREAS, SID R. THOMAS has made a cogent contribution to the Board during his years of service, always taking a broad view and avoiding parochialism in making judgments, and

WHEREAS, SID R. THOMAS has earned the highest respect of Board members, University System administrators, staff, and students alike,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of Higher Education commends SID R. THOMAS for his outstanding service to the State of Montana as an exemplary student Regent. This resolution is adopted with sincere gratitude for his sustained effort, hard work, and quality of service on the Board.

The motion carried.

The Commissionr read the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the late United States Senator Lee Metcalf displayed the highest qualities of intellect and integrity during his 42 years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Lee Metcalf had a profound love and respect for Montana and her special qualities and natural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Lee Metcalf was a gentle humanitarian in forming his beliefs and a formidable advocate in fighting for those beliefs, and

WHEREAS, Lee Metcalf was a great teacher who generously tutored and cultivated a large number of interns, fellows, and other young persons who had temporary assignments on his staff throughout his 25 years in the Congress of the United States, and

WHEREAS, Lee Metcalf was the leader in securing federal assistance to public education at all levels, beginning with the Murray-Metcalf Bill in 1958;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education that this Board mourns Montana's and the nation's loss of a courageous statesman, and calls upon the various campuses of the Montana University System to formulate proposals on how most suitable to commemorate Lee Metcalf and express to him, posthumously, the gratitude of higher education.

The motion carried.

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Mr. Evans moved that the Commissioner of Higher Education be offered a two-year contract retroactive to July 1, 1977 at his present salary of \$43,000, subject to a salary increase on July 1, 1978 when new presidential salaries will be set, and that other conditions of the contract be worked out with the Chairman of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no report from the Council of Presidents or the Faculty Council.

Mr. Greg Henderson, President of the Student Body at the University of Montana, requested a more active participation by the Board of Regents and legislators by visitations to the University of Montana campus. He also encouraged other university presidents to visit the University, as well as student leaders.

Mr. Thomas moved that the Commissioner's office, in conjunction with the presidents, prepare fiscal impact statements to present with the budgets. The motion carried.

Mr. Mike Dahlem, representing the Students for Justice, made a presentation to the Board and distributed a copy of the academic impact on the University caused by the recent cuts in faculty due to budget constraints. He made a formal request for the Board to direct the Commissioner's staff to put together a supplemental budget request in the event that a special session of the Legislature is called. Mr. Peterson said he wanted it understood that he definitely was not in favor of a special session.

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

- Item 19-700-R0178, Staff, Eastern Montana College
- Item 19-500-R0178, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 19-600-R0178, Staff, Western Montana College, including the addendum

On motion of Mr. Thomas Item 19-201-R0178, Master of Science in Engineering Mechanics at Montana State University, was referred to the Curriculum Committee.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, Item 19-202-R0178, Request Approval of Names for Montana State University Campus, was referred to the Policy Committee.


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President Bowers distributed copies of Item 19-104-R0178, Staff and Salaries for the Fiscal Year 1977-78, University of Montana, as an addition to the agenda. On motion of Commissioner Pettit the item was approved.


Commissioner Pettit distributed copies of Item 19-900-R0178, Staff, Commissioner of Higher Education. The item was approved on motion of Mr. Evans.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chairman, Regents of Higher Education,
Montana University System



Secretary