

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 convened at 2:30 p.m., Monday, September 11, 1978, in the conference room of the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted James. Also present were: Miss Laura Briney, Mr. Lewy Evans, Mrs. Lola Hansen, Mr. Jeff Morrison, Ms. Mary Pace, Mr. John Peterson and Dr. Lawrence K. Pettit.

On motion of Commissioner Pettit the minutes of the July 10, 1978 meeting were approved as amended on page five, paragraph one, line nine, to add the words "him by" after the words "assigned to". On motion of Commissioner Pettit the minutes of the August 9, 1978 meeting were approved.

Jeff Morrison, Chairman of the Budget Committee, reported that Item 22-901-R0978, Budget Amendment, Commissioner of Higher Education, had been added to the agenda. He said the Budget Committee recommended approval of the item. He so moved. The motion carried.

Mr. Morrison reported the Budget Committee had recommended that the following appropriation requests be submitted to the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning:

Eastern Montana College	\$1,132,596
Montana Tech	789,703
Montana State University	4,381,964
Agricultural Experiment Station	325,326
Cooperative Extension Service	590,066

Commissioner Pettit urged the Board to re-instate the appropriation request for the Cooperative Extension Service to fund the Veterinary Specialist and the Forestry Extension Specialist, as he had recommended, and to consider seriously increasing the amount requested for the Kellogg Extension Program to an amount closer to that which he had recommended. Dr. Pettit stated it was quite clear that funding these programs would benefit the State of Montana. He said he felt it was always a problem to have these types of programs included in the appropriation request for the University System. He urged the Board to recommend to the Governor at some time in the future that these programs

be considered separately rather than being considered as a part of the University System budget request. He expressed his opinion that a transmittal letter to the Governor's budget officer might accomplish this for the next biennium. President Tietz indicated that if there was a different structure for consideration of these requests it would be greatly beneficial. He also expressed his opinion that programs of this nature have a direct economic impact on the State. Several people from Montana State University spoke in favor of the Commissioner's recommendation. Dr. Pettit moved that the Board re-instate the amount he recommended for a Veterinary Specialist and for the Forestry Extension Specialist. The motion carried, with Mr. Morrison voting "no". Mr. Peterson moved that the Kellogg Extension Program be removed from the appropriation request. He expressed his feeling that using tax dollars for this type of program is not in the best interest of the State. Ms. Pace pointed out that the Board should consider very carefully the benefits received for tax dollars spent on these programs. Mr. Peterson's motion to remove the program from the appropriation request failed on the following roll call vote:

"Yes" - Mr. Peterson and Mr. Morrison

" No" - Mr. Evans, Ms. Pace, Mrs. Hansen and Miss Briney

Mr. Morrison moved that the Cooperative Extension Service budget request of \$590,066 be approved and that the amount to fund a Veterinary Specialist and a Forestry Extension Specialist be added to this amount. The motion carried with Mr. Peterson voting "no".

Mr. Morrison moved that the following Budget Committee recommendations be approved:

Bureau of Mines	\$ 128,500
Northern Montana College	362,328
Western Montana College	295,533
University of Montana	1,120,640

The motion carried.

Mr. Morrison then moved that the Forest Experiment Station at the University of Montana be provided a separate budgetary and agency status in accordance with the laws of the State of Montana. The motion carried.

Mr. Morrison moved that the request for funding the Montana

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Public Administration program in the amount of \$122,848 be approved. The motion carried with Mr. Peterson voting "no".

Commissioner Pettit moved that the request for funding the Continuing Education Program in the amount of \$1,547,778 be approved. The motion carried, with Mr. Peterson and Mr. Morrison voting "no".

A proposal that the libraries of the Montana University System join a computerized network system was approved on motion of Mr. Morrison (copy attached)

Mr. Lewy Evans, Chairman of the Capital Construction Committee, reported the Committee had recommended approval of the following items:

Item 22-103-R0978, Authorization to Plan and Construct a Dental Suite, Student Health Service, University of Montana (an addition to the agenda)

Item 21-101-R0778, Authorization to Plan and Renovate Food Serving Areas for Auxiliary Enterprises, University of Montana (REVISED)

Item 22-501-R0978, Increase Spending Authority for the Auditorium, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology

He so moved, The motion carried,

Mr. Evans moved that the priority recommendations for capital improvements in the Montana University System established by the Capital Construction Committee be adopted, Mr. Morrison made a substitute motion to delete Category IV in its entirety. The substitute motion failed. Mr. Evans' motion to adopt the priorities recommended by the committee carried. (copy attached)

Mr. Peterson, Chairman of the Collective Bargaining Committee, reported that the Committee would be meeting with the Commissioner's staff later in the day.

The Commissioner distributed copies of a staff report on current Federal programs.

The Commissioner reported that draft copies of his role and scope recommendations for the six university system units would be distributed to the campuses for comment by October 3, 1978; that the report should be discussed at the November meeting with final action by the Board anticipated in December.

The Commissioner moved that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Catherine Swift served with distinction as staff attorney in the Commissioner's office for three years, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Swift made an outstanding contribution in all phases of legal work, as well as in labor negotiations, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Swift has resigned her position in order to pursue further professional objectives, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Swift will be greatly missed by the staff, Regents and the campuses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Regents of Higher Education expresses its gratitude to Catherine Swift for her outstanding contributions to higher education in Montana, deeply regrets her leaving, and wishes her well in her professional career.

The motion carried unanimously.

Neither the Council of Presidents nor the Faculty Association had a report.

A representative of the Student Advisory Council reported that the students would be hiring a lobbyist for the next legislative session.

Mr. Evans recalled to mind the Board's basic philosophical concept of establishing a single integrated system of higher education. He indicated that while the Board had been moving in this direction there still remains a tendency to lose sight of this concept. He then moved (1) that when a new Commissioner is hired it be made clear to that person and everyone concerned that he/she will act as a Chancellor of Higher Education; (2) that the new Commissioner be directed to develop strategies for the Board's consideration which will in fact bring about a single university system, such as consideration of a name change for the six units of the system that would reflect a single university system; (3) that by fall term of 1979 registration completed at any one unit will constitute registration in the system, and (4) by fall term of 1980 a catalog of course equivalencies be made available on each campus to ease the transfer process. Mr. James objected to the motion, stating that the name of the position had been decided by the

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constitution, Commissioner Pettit agreed that the title was definitely established by the constitution but the function is more like a chancellor. He said he felt it was crucial that the function be spelled out very clearly for his successor. Mr. James reminded the Board that at some time in the future there will be extensive hearings relating to any name change for any of the units of the University System. He said he did not feel this had anything to do with what the Commissioner's duties are. He acknowledged that there was never any doubt in his mind about the fact that the Commissioner runs the system under the policies of the Board of Regents.

Mr. Morrison made a substitute motion that Mr. Evans' proposal be referred to the Policy Committee. A roll call vote was taken on the substitute motion. Mr. Evans, Mrs. Hansen and Miss Briney voted "no"; Ms. Pace, Mr. Morrison and Mr. Peterson voted "yes". Mr. James voted "yes" and the motion carried.

On motion of Commissioner Pettit, Item 22-001-R0978, Inventory and validation of Fees, Montana University System, was approved.

On motion of Commissioner Pettit, Item 22-700-R0978, Staff Eastern Montana College, was approved.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, Item 22-500-R0978, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was approved.

On motion of Ms. Pace, Item 22-500A-R0978, Staff, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, was approved.

On motion of Commissioner Pettit, Item 22-200-R0978, Staff, Montana State University, including the addendum, was approved.

On motion of Commissioner Pettit, the following items were approved:

Item 22-201-R0978, Retirement of Professor Hugo Eck, Montana State University

Item 22-202-R0978, Retirement of Associate Professor Dana H. Myrick, Montana State University

Item 22-203-R0978, Retirement of Professor James L. Van Horn, Montana State University

Item 22-210-R0978, Degrees, Montana State University

On motion of Ms. Pace Items 22-300-R0978, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station and 22-301-R0978, Retirement of Professor James C. Boyd, Montana State University, were approved.

On motion of Ms. Pace the following items were approved:

- Item 22-400-R0978, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 22-401-R0978, Retirement of Marian L. Moline, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 22-402-R0978, Retirement of Dana O. Schrupp, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 22-403-R0978, Retirement of Thaddeus Z. Wojciechowski, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 22-404-R0978, Retirement of Burl Winchester, Cooperative Extension Service

On motion of Commissioner Pettit the following items were approved:

- Item 22-800-R0978, Staff, Northern Montana
- Item 22-801-R0978, Resolution Concerning the Retirement of Joseph L. Keller, Associate Professor of English, Northern Montana College
- Item 22-802-R0978, Resolution Concerning the Retirement of Margaret E. Ott, Associate Professor of Vocational Studies, Northern Montana College
- Item 22-803-R0978, Amendment to Item 11-801-R1275, Retirement of Lorraine B. Hockett, Treasurer, Association Professor of Business and Secretarial Science, Northern Montana College.


On motion of Commissioner Pettit, Items 22-100-R0978, Staff University of Montana, amended to add a corrected page three, Item 22-102-R0978, Authorization for Third Supplement to University of Montana 1956 Indenture and Item 22-110-R0978, Degrees, University of Montana 1977-78, were approved.

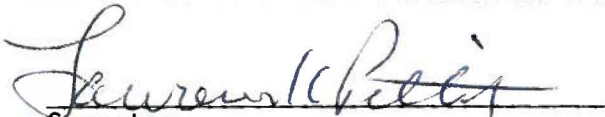
On motion of Ms. Pace the following items were approved:

- Item 22-600-R0978, Staff, Western Montana College
- Item 22-601-R0978, Retirement of Professor Stanley R. Davison, Western Montana College
- Item 22-602-R0978, Changing name of "Old Gymnasium" to "Industrial Arts and Art Building"
- Item 22-603-R0978, Request approval to Reorganize Academic Departments at Western Montana College

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

APPROVED:


Chairman, Regents of Higher Education
Montana University System


Secretary