

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
March 19, 1979

The Board of Regents of Higher Education convened at 1:45 p.m. Monday, March 19, 1979, in the conference room 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, Ms. Shelley Hopkins, Mr. Jeff Morrison, Ms. Mary Pace, and Acting Commissioner George Bandy.

On motion of Dr. Bandy, the minutes of the January 29, 1979 meeting were approved with the following amendments:

On page five, paragraph three, lines one and two, delete the words, "both Senate Bill 32 and", and on line four, delete the words "these bills", and add the words, "the bill".

Chairman James introduced Shelley Hopkins, the newly appointed student member of the Board.

Upon the request of Jeff Morrison, Chairman of the Budget Committee, each of the presidents reported the current status of the legislative appropriation for their respective institutions. Jack Noble, Deputy Commissioner for Financial Affairs, reported on the status of the appropriation requests for programs in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education such as the WAMI, WICHE and Minnesota dental programs. Dr. Bandy commented briefly about the appropriation for the operation of the Commissioner's office.

Mr. Morrison reported the Committee had discussed a proposed item, Item 23-001-R0379, Indirect Cost Recovery Rate, Montana University System, and recommended that this item be referred to the Council of Presidents for further discussion. The Board concurred.

Mr. James indicated there seemed to be some misunderstanding of the Policy Committee recommendation with respect to the seed potato certification problem. He asked President Tietz what his understanding was. President Tietz recalled that as he understood it, the Committee recommended that he make every effort to continue discussions with the

Montana Potato Improvement Association in an attempt to come to some agreement before the next meeting of the Board. Mr. Morrison moved that President Tietz be directed to do this so that there will be a clear understanding of how the matter will be handled during the next two years. The motion carried.

Mr. Lewy Evans, Chairman of the Capital Construction Committee, reported the Committee recommended that Items 23-111-R0379, 23-112-R0379 and 23-115-R0379 be deleted and that Item 23-109-R0379, Authorization for Renovations to the Social Science Building, University of Montana, be revised to include the requests in those items. He so moved. The motion carried.

Mr. Evans reported the committee discussed Item 23-501-R0379, Authorization for Specialized Instructional Laboratory Classroom Building, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology (an addition to the agenda), and recommended approval of the item. He so moved. The motion carried.

Mr. Evans moved approval of Items 23-113-R0379, Renovations to General Classrooms and 23-114-R0379, Moving Expense - Archives, University of Montana. The motion carried.

Mr. Evans moved that the Board accept the Committee recommendation to request that the Legislature authorize a total of \$120,000 to be used for planning a clinical psychology building at the University of Montana and a small animal building at Montana State University. The motion carried.

Dr. Bandy commented that the Capital Construction Committee had discussed the Legislature's potential allocation of plant funds to be used for funding Montana University System building projects but made no recommendation. He expressed his feeling that this matter should be addressed by the Board in the near future.

It was noted that the Collective Bargaining Committee would be meeting in executive session during the afternoon.

There was no report from the Community College and Vocational Education Committee, the Curriculum Committee, the Council of Presidents, the Faculty Association, or the Student Advisory Council.

Mr. James noted that the recommendation for the site for the

gerontology program would be discussed by the Curriculum Committee at the next meeting, possibly along with further discussions with respect to the role and scope recommendations.

Upon Dr. Bandy's request, Dr. Irving Dayton, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, distributed a copy of the proposed amendments to the Board of Regents' contract provisions respecting rules for tenure and termination. Dr. Dayton pointed out that these provisions would apply only to the faculty at Montana State University and Montana Tech, the two campuses which are not involved in collective bargaining. He urged that these proposed amendments be circulated on the campuses so that any suggested amendments could be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Louis Forsell, Chief Counsel for the Commissioner's office, reported that Attorney Doris Poppler, who is representing Mr. Erick Erickson in the matter of his appeal for promotion, had to leave so this matter should be deferred. The appeal was deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. James announced the following new committee assignments:

Budget Committee

Jeff Morrison, Chairman
Lewy Evans
Mary Pace

By-laws and Policy Committee

Ted James, Chairman
Mary Pace
Shelley Hopkins

Capital Construction Committee

Lewy Evans, Chairman
Jack Peterson
Jeff Morrison
Lola Hansen

Collective Bargaining Committee

Jack Peterson, Chairman
Jeff Morrison
Ted James

Community College and Vocational Education Committee

Lola Hansen, Chairman
Jack Peterson
Shelley Hopkins

Curriculum Committee

Mary Pace, Chairman
Lewy Evans
Shelley Hopkins

It was reported that two honorary degree candidates submitted by Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, and four honorary degree candidates submitted by Montana State University, were approved during the executive session of the Board.

The following items were approved on motion of Mr. Morrison:

Item 23-700-R0379, Staff, Eastern Montana College

Item 23-500-R0379, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology

Item 23-200-R0379, Staff, Montana State University as amended on page 2 to delete the information on A'Delibert Samson and Robert J. Thibeault

Item 23-201-R0379, Renaming of Department of Mathematics at Montana State University

Item 23-300-R0379, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station

Item 23-400-R0379, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service

Item 23-800-R0379, Staff, Northern Montana College

Item 23-100-R0379, Staff, University of Montana

Item 23-108-R0379, Naming the "Jiggs" Dahlberg Basketball Arena, Harry Adams Field House, University of Montana

Item 23-116-R0379, Resolution Concerning the Death of Professor Raymond J. Bennett, University of Montana

Item 23-900-R0379, Staff, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



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NOTICE OF BOARD OF REGENTS' MEETING:

The Chairman has confirmed that the next Board of Regents' meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 1979, in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, 33 South Last Chance Gulch in Helena, Montana. Board committees will probably be meeting during the morning hours and possibly early afternoon, with the Board convening sometime in the afternoon. An agenda and specific time schedules will be distributed at a later date.

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