

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
October 30, 1981

The meeting of the Board of Regents of Higher Education was called to order by Chairman Ted James at the conclusion of committee work at 11:20 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 1981 in Room 1-110, Wilson Hall, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana. Regents present: James, Peterson, Morrison, Redlin, Pace, Hopkins and Evans. Regents absent: None. Also present was Acting Commissioner of Higher Education Irving E. Dayton.

Chairman James called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. None were stated, and the minutes of the September 14, 1981 meeting were ordered approved as mailed.

Chairman James stated that without objection the order of the agenda would be revised and the Board would act first on Item 33-002-R1081, Resolution recognizing the assistance and support of the Friends of Higher Education, Montana University System. At the Chairman's request, Acting Commissioner Dayton read the resolution, and asked that the two members of the Friends of Higher Education committee present in the audience stand to be recognized. Dr. Dayton presented Mr. Harry Newlon and Mr. Jack Greenway, both of Bozeman, Montana, a memento, and expressed the Board's deep appreciation for their assistance in the last legislative session. On motion of Regent Jeff Morrison, Item 33-002-R1081 was unanimously adopted.

President Tietz introduced State Representative Ken Nordvedt, and Joy Nash and John Buttelman, County Commissioners for Gallatin County.

Commissioner Dayton reported the By-Laws and Policy Committee recommended Item 2-007-R0973, Continuing Education Fees, Montana University System (REVISED) be approved. Regent Mary Pace so moved. The motion carried.

Commissioner Dayton reported the By-Laws and Policy Committee recommended Item 30-005-R0281, Custodial Transfer of Natural Resource Interests to Unit Foundations for Management Purposes: Montana University System (RESCISSION) be deferred to the December 11, 1981 meeting. Re-

gent Morrison so moved. The motion carried.

Regent Evans reported the Capital Construction Committee recommended the following items be approved:

- Item 33-601-R1081, Authority to Select an Engineer and Proceed With the Technical Assistance Program (as defined by the Department of Energy) for Women's Residence, PE Complex and the Student Union Building at Western Montana College
- Item 33-101-R1081, Naming of the Pharmacy-Psychology Building, University of Montana
- Item 33-202-R1081, Request Approval for Naming of Veterinary Clinic Annex, Montana State University
- Item 33-203-R1081, Request Approval for Naming of Agronomy Farm, Montana State University
- Item 33-204-R1081, Request Approval for Naming of Research Park Building, Montana State University

He so moved. The motion carried.

Regent Evans reported the Capital Construction Committee received a report on pending litigation by Mr. Phillip Hauck, Administrator, Architecture and Engineering Division, Department of Administration, but recommended no action at this time.

Regent Jeff Morrison stated that the Budget Committee had no formal report. The Governor has issued the call for a special session of the legislature to convene on November 16, 1981, and although the University System is not expected to be heavily involved in the special session it will be necessary to inform the legislature of certain concerns. One is the area of enrollments, which are higher than anticipated and considerably higher than the System was funded for.

Regent John Peterson reported the Collective Bargaining Committee recommended the Collective Bargaining Agreement between United Food & Commercial Workers' International Union Local No. 991, Butte Teamsters' Union Local No. 2, and the Montana University System for the period July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1983 be ratified. He so moved. The motion carried.

Regent Peterson reported the Collective Bargaining Committee recommended the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Western Montana College Unit of the Montana Education Association and the Board of Regents of Higher Education, Montana University System be deferred with the in-

struction that the bargaining team convene on the Western Montana College campus to clarify the language in Section 7.220 of the Agreement. He so moved. The motion carried.

Regent Elsie Redlin reported on the recent meeting in Glendive, Montana of community college presidents and trustees.

Regent Pace reported there was no meeting of the Curriculum Committee, but that Item 33-701-R1081, Authorization to Grant an Associate of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Studies at Eastern Montana College had been received for consideration at a future meeting.

The Board agreed to hear the residency appeal of Paul Bohan and considerable discussion on the merits of the appeal took place. Regent Hopkins presented a letter from the appellant who had contacted her and asked her to convey to the Board that he would be unable to be present to speak on the matter himself. Regent Hopkins explained that while not speaking strictly on the merits of the appeal, she believed it important that the Board be made aware of the intense concern on the part of students in the System with the Guaranteed Student Loan program's inability to establish a "lender of last resort." The Board was informed by staff that every effort is being made to provide this service to students. Acting Chief Counsel LeRoy Schramm reviewed the memorandum to the Board outlining the facts which resulted in the Commissioner's denial of the appeal. After further discussion, Regent Morrison moved that the Commissioner's decision to deny the appeal be affirmed. Regents Redlin, Morrison and Evans voted yes. Regents Peterson, Hopkins and Pace voted no. Chairman James voted yes. The motion carried.

At Acting Commissioner Dayton's request, President Erickson reported that the Gold Medal in the National VICA competition in diesel mechanics was awarded to Bret Murphy, a student in the Diesel Mechanics program at Northern Montana College. The Board asked President Erickson to convey its congratulations to Mr. Murphy for this outstanding award.

Acting Commissioner Dayton reported that the APKER Award of the American Institute of Physics for the outstanding physics graduate in the country had been made to Mark Ritter, 1981 Montana State University

physics graduate from Joliet, Montana, now at Yale University.

Dr. Dayton explained that by Regents' policy the commissioner is required to report to the Board when the maximum loan authority of the Guaranteed Student Loan program is increased, and he wished to report that such authority has been increased from \$20 million to \$30 million. Dr. Dayton noted that the program is moving very well with considerable assistance from the banking community in the state.

Dr. Dayton reported that at the Regents' recent workshop a request had been made that the Commissioner draft a letter to the Governor on matters discussed concerning the State Board of Education. The Commissioner distributed the proposed letter to the Regents and Presidents for their review. After discussion it was the consensus that the letter contained the salient points of the matter as discussed in the workshop, and on motion of Regent Pace the Commissioner was authorized to forward the letter to the Governor.

Commissioner Dayton reported that three programs at Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology had undergone an accreditation review and received accreditation. The programs are Engineering Science, Environmental Engineering and Petroleum Engineering. At the Commissioners request, President DeMoney commented on various areas of concern at Montana Tech, particularly the intense competition for qualified faculty in Petroleum Engineering. President DeMoney cited several avenues being explored by the College to attempt to deal with this problem, and concluded that he believes they are finding solutions.

Paul Dunham, Director of Planning & Research of the Commissioner's office, gave a status report on 1981 fall enrollments and FYFTE estimates in the System. The report indicates that estimated FYFTE enrollments will be approximately 1,350 higher than the number funded by the legislature. Four campuses experienced increased enrollments while two declined. The largest numerical increase occurred at Montana State University, while the largest percent increase occurred at Montana Tech.

Commissioner Dayton reported that enrollment reporting has been discussed at length in the System and with involved state agencies, and because it is becoming increasingly complex with the age mix and demographics of students, he has appointed a task force in the System to work with the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and Office of Budget and Program Planning to attempt to develop improved enrollment projections prior to

the next legislative session.

The Commissioner reported on two changes to the calendar of meeting dates adopted by the Board. The June meeting will be held on June 21, 1982, and at the request of the Board of Public Education the joint meeting of the two Boards will be held on March 5, 1982 rather than in April as originally scheduled. The Chairman requested that a revised calendar be prepared and distributed to the Board, which should include moving the April meeting to Friday, April 16, 1982.

Acting Commissioner Dayton reported that Jerry Gossel had submitted his resignation to the Governor from the Montana State University Executive Board, and a replacement will be submitted to the Board for confirmation in the near future.

Commissioner Dayton gave an updated status report on the search for a new Commissioner, and the formation of the Eastern Montana College Search Committee. The faculty representative to the Commissioner Search Committee has not been selected by the faculty, and the Commissioner urged the Presidents to encourage their faculty to complete that process. The deadline for nominations and applications is December 4, 1981, and it is the intent to begin review of the files as soon as possible after that date.

Dr. Dayton stated that solicitations for nominations to the EMC Presidential Search Committee have been made to several groups, and all nominations are in except from the faculty. The Board instructed the Commissioner to make the appointments to that committee, and add the faculty representation when the names are submitted.

Brief discussion was held on the format for the presentation to be made by the University System to the special session of the legislature.

The Faculty Association reported they had met late in the summer and are reviewing the By-Laws and Constitution of the organization. At the conclusion of that review, they will address several other items they wish to discuss with the Board.

The Student Advisory Council had no report.

Regent Jeff Morrison stated that prior to moving approval of the regular agenda he would call attention to the staff items from the University of Montana and Montana State University which include an increase in salary to Presidents Bucklew and Tietz. Regent Morrison

stated that the salaries were set before negotiations with President Bucklew were completed, and the salaries presented today are adjusted to conform with those agreements and to eliminate any funding of either position from outside the System. Regent Morrison asked for questions or comments from those present. No response was received.

On motion of Regent Morrison, the following items were approved:

- Item 33-100-R1081, Staff, University of Montana
(AND ADDENDUM)
- Item 33-200-R1081, Staff, Montana State University
- Item 33-201-R1081, Retirement of Gilbert G. Giebink
- Item 33-300-R1081, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station
- Item 33-400-R1081, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 33-501-R1081, Retirement of Associate Professor Margaret Sarsfield, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 33-502-R1081, Resolution Concerning the death of Associate Professor Alan F. Griffith, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 33-600-R1081, Staff, Western Montana College
amended as follows:

Withdraw pages 1, 2, and 3 in their entirety
- Item 33-700-R1081, Staff, Eastern Montana College
(AND ADDENDUM)
- Item 33-902-R1081, Staff, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

Regent Shelley Hopkins reported that the Governor's office had informed her that letters are prepared and will be sent soon to all campuses soliciting names for consideration in selecting the next student Regent. Students, faculty and the administration will be asked to submit three names each for consideration. The deadline for nomination is January 1, 1982, and the Governor's office has indicated


it is anxious to get the position filled as soon after that date as possible so the new student Regent will be able to attend the March, 1982 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Board is December 11, 1981 in Helena, Montana.

The Regents returned to Room 1-110, Wilson Hall at 1:30 p.m. and heard campus presentations on Computer Science and facilities at MSU, a report on MSU thinking skills and writing projects, and a profile of Mathematical Sciences at MSU.

An open forum meeting with faculty, students and interested persons was held by the Regents from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the same location.

APPROVED:


Chairman, Board of Regents of Higher
Education, Montana University System


Secretary