

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

February 6, 1981

The meeting of the Board of Regents of Higher Education was called to order by Chairman James at 2:50 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 1981 in the conference room in the office of Commissioner of Higher Education, 33 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena, Montana. Regents present: Ted James, Mary Pace, Shelley Hopkins, Jeff Morrison, Lewy Evans and Jack Peterson. Regents absent: Lola Hansen. Also present was Commissioner of Higher Education John A. Richardson.

Chairman James called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 9, 1981 meeting. None were stated, and the minutes were ordered approved as mailed.

Mary Pace moved that the following items be approved as recommended by the By-Laws and Policy Committee:

Item 30-007-R0281, Prohibition of Sexual Harassment,
Montana University System

Item 30-006-R0281, Out-of-state Course Offerings;
Montana University System

The motion carried.

Mary Pace reported that the By-Laws and Policy Committee recommends that Item 30-005-R0281, Custodial Transfer of Natural Resource Interests to Unit Foundations for Management Purposes, Montana University System, be deferred and that the campuses be instructed to develop an inventory of natural resource interests for submission to the Board. Further, the draft agreement referred to in the item should be submitted to the Regents for review. She so moved. The motion carried.

Jeff Morrison moved that Item 30-202-R0281, Authorization to Establish a Dental Clinic for Students in the Student Health Center at Montana State University and to assess \$4.00/Quarter per student effective fall Quarter 1981 be approved as recommended by the joint Budget and Capital Construction Committees. The motion carried with Regent Peterson voting no.

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

Item 30-4001-R0281, Budget Amendment, Miles Community College

Item 30-4002-R0281, Tuition and Fee Changes, Miles Community College

Jeff Morrison reported that the Budget Committee had discussed financing of the Student Union Building construction contract at Montana State University as an addition to the agenda, and recommends the following motion be approved:

That in the event Revenue Bonds of approximately \$1.3 million, as authorized in the G.O. Bond agreement with the Department of Administration, are not sold at the time of awarding the Student Union Building construction contract, MSU is authorized, subject to concurrence by the Commissioner, to secure appropriate interim financing until the Revenue Bonds are sold.

Jeff Morrison so moved. The motion carried.

The Collective Bargaining Committee and the Community College and Vocational Educational Committee had no report.

Mary Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee recommends the following items be approved:

Item 29-203-R1080, Authorization to Establish a Center for Research in Rural Education in the College of Education at Montana State University.

Item 30-101-R1280, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physics and Astronomy, University of Montana

She so moved. The motion carried.

Mary Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee heard presentations from the University of Montana, Montana State University, Western Montana College and Eastern Montana College on Item 27-703-R0680, Authorization to Grant a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services, Eastern Montana College, and discussed the item at length. The committee recommends that the item be amended as follows, and approved:

1. It is understood that none of the following option/concentration areas listed in the proposal will lead to separate degrees:

Human Services Management
 Community-Based Programs for the Handicapped
 Rehabilitation and Related Services
 Applied Psychology

Mary Pace reported the Curriculum Committee makes the following recommendations on Item 29-203-R1280, Authorization to grant the degrees of Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science, Montana State University:

Amend Commissioner's Recommendation 1) as follows:

Line 3: Delete the words "Computer Science" and insert "in the computer science area" so that it reads:

Approve the M.S. degree in Computer Science with the provision that MSU add a faculty member with a Ph.D. degree in the computer science area before the master's level program is initiated.

Mary Pace moved that the Commissioner's Recommendation 1) be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Table the Commissioner's Recommendation 2) to disapprove the requested Ph.D. degree in Computer Science and designate Montana State University as the institution within the University System authorized to proceed toward the development of a Ph.D. program in computer science. The Commissioner's staff is directed to prepare an item for submission to the Board regarding the future direction of doctoral work in computer science in the Montana University System.

Mary Pace so moved. The motion carried.

Commissioner Richardson reported that the Guaranteed Student Loan program in Montana is approaching \$8 million in loans to students since the program's initiation and in accordance with the Regents' authorization of December 8, 1980, United Student Aid Funds has been instructed to increase the processing limit of guaranteed student loans from \$10 million to \$20 million.

Commissioner Richardson distributed copies to the Regents of the units' responses to the Education Subcommittee showing how funds generated by the new budgeting formula would be allocated. At the request of the Commissioner, Paul Dunham reported on winter quarter enrollments in the System, stating there is an approximate 7.8% increase in enrollments overall in the System, and an 8.9% increase in the community colleges.

Commissioner Richardson presented the following resolution and recommended its adoption in recognition of the University of Montana Law School moot court team's accomplishment in winning the National Appellate Advocacy competition:

"Quality education for the citizens of Montana is the primary goal of the educational policies of the Board of Regents and it is the main responsibility of each President of the Montana University System. Quality is a difficult term to define but the concept is universal.

Inasmuch as it is difficult to define precisely, one often looks to the product to assess its quality as well as to the mixture of things which determine the product.

In higher education institutions that mixture consists of faculty, staff, students, research programs, libraries, athletics, experiences in the arts, etc. In each of these, ability, talent, opportunity, resources, and desire are very important ingredients.

Recently a team of students from the University of Montana Law School achieved the distinction of winning the National Appellate Advocacy competition known popularly as the National Moot Court. The Law School last won this competition 23 years ago in 1957. The competition consists of preparing a brief and orally arguing a national problem as if it were before the U. S. Supreme Court.

Two hundred fifty teams from one hundred two law schools in fourteen regions attacked the topic of Fraud in Commodity Trading. Regional competition resulted in twenty-nine teams advancing to the preliminary national competition. The team from the University of Montana Law School won the right to participate from the Northwest Region along with the University of Idaho.

The preliminary round involved competing against Baylor University, and the University of Alabama; in the quarter finals against Indiana University, and in the final competition, against Northwestern University.

Perseverance, hard work, dedication and intelligence are prerequisites for such a success which reflects upon the high quality of the faculty, the law school, the University of Montana and the Montana University System, but most importantly upon the quality of the student team.

The Board of Regents of Higher Education hereby extends its heartiest congratulations to all those who made the success possible and especially to three Montana students: Carey Matovich from Jordan who did undergraduate work at the University of Montana, Karl Seel from Missoula who did undergraduate work at Montana State University, and Paul Meisner of Billings who did

undergraduate work at Eastern Montana College. Special appreciation is extended to Professor Martin Burke who coached the team.

It is a delight for the Board of Regents to recognize such outstanding achievement."

On motion of Lewy Evans, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Council of Presidents and Faculty Association had no report.

Paul Neiman, Chairman of the Student Advisory Council, reported that the SAC is working with others to introduce legislation which would appropriate \$300,000 each year of the biennium for the work study program, and requested Regents' support. Mr. Neiman reported further that at its meeting this morning the SAC discussed faculty evaluation at all units, and heard a presentation on collective bargaining by Dr. Joe Sicotte.

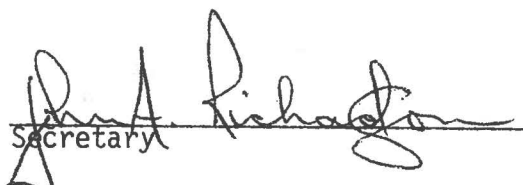
Dave Curtis, President of ASUM, distributed copies of The All Montana Catalog to the Regents, which ASUM co-sponsored in conjunction with the Montana Small Business Association.

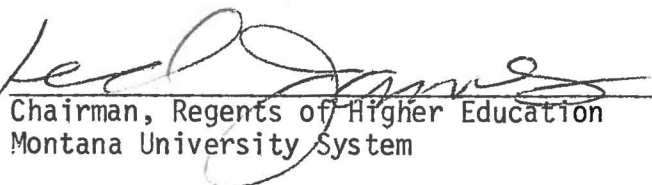
On motion of Jeff Morrison, the following items were approved:

- Item 30-100-R0281, Staff, University of Montana
- Item 30-200-R0281, Staff, Montana State University
- Item 30-201-R0281, Resolution Concerning the Death of Joseph J. May Montana State University
- Item 30-300-R0281, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station
- Item 30-400-R0281, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 30-500-R0281, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology (REVISED)
- Item 30-600-R0281, Staff, Western Montana College
- Item 30-700-R0281, Staff, Eastern Montana College
- Item 30-701-R0281, Resolution concerning the Death of Dick Edwards, Eastern Montana College (Addition to Agenda)
- Item 30-800-R0281, Staff, Northern Montana College
- Item 30-901-R0281, Staff, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

Commissioner Richardson stated that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is March 6, 1981. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

APPROVED:


Secretary


Chairman, Regents of Higher Education
Montana University System