

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

April 13, 1981

The Board of Regents of Higher Education convened in executive session at 10:50 a.m. in the Conference Room in the office of Commissioner of Higher Education, 33 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena, Montana to discuss litigation, collective bargaining, honorary degree candidates, and personnel matters.

The Board convened in open session at 11:45 a.m. Regents present: James, Pace, Peterson, Hopkins, and Evans. Regents absent: Hansen and Morrison. Also present was Commissioner of Higher Education John A. Richardson.

Chairman James stated that the minutes of the February 6, 1981 meeting should be corrected on page 2 by changing Item 27-203-R0680, to read Item 27-703-R0680. There being no other corrections or additions, the Chairman declared the minutes of the February 6, 1981 meeting to be approved as amended, and the minutes of the March 13, 1981 conference call meeting to be approved.

Mary Pace moved that Item 30-005-R0281, Custodial Transfer of Natural Resource Interests to Unit Foundations for Management Purposes, Montana University System, be approved as recommended by the By-Laws and Policy Committee. The motion carried.

On motion of Lewy Evans, the following items were approved as recommended by the By-laws and Policy Committee:

Item 27-009-R0680, Transfer of Credits; Montana University System and Community Colleges (REVISED)

Item 26-014-R0380, Honorary degrees; Montana University System (REVISED)

Mary Pace reported that the By-Laws and Policy Committee recommends that Item 3-008-R1273, Property Management: Montana University System (REVISED) be amended as follows: Under "Procedures" Section 1, line 2, strike "approved by" and insert "submitted to," and following "Board of

Regents" delete "upon recommendation of" and insert "by," so that Section 1 reads: "The acquisition and/or disposition of any possessory interest in real property shall be submitted to the Board of Regents by the Commissioner of Higher Education." Amend Section 5, line 4, following "Board" by adding "except for tax-delinquent property which already has a value established on it by the county, in which case the value so established will be that to be considered by the Board." She so moved. The motion carried.

Shelley Hopkins moved that Item 31-3001-R0481, Tuition and Fee Increase; Flathead Valley Community College, be approved as recommended by the Budget Committee. The motion carried.

Shelley Hopkins reported that the Budget Committee recommends that Item 31-001-R0481, Budget Amendments, Montana University System, be amended on page 2, Designated Funds Budget Amendment, Eastern Montana College - Motor Pool, by striking "\$60,000" and inserting "\$33,750," and approved as amended. She so moved. The motion carried.

On motion of Jack Peterson, the following items were approved as recommended by the Capital Construction Committee:

- Item 30-501-R0381, Remodeling of Student Union Building, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 31-502-R0481, Authorization to Proceed with the Construction of a Parking Lot with Associated Landscaping and Improvements for the Physical Education Building and the Library Building at Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, Butte, Montana, at an estimated cost of \$285,000
- Item 30-501-R0181, Acceptance of the Apartment Complex in Butte as a gift from the Anaconda Copper Company, Butte, Montana, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 31-702-R0481, Purchase of Real Property, Eastern Montana College, amended on line 1 following "Item," by deleting "217-701" and inserting "3-008-R1273"

Jack Peterson further directed that the Commissioner write a letter of appreciation to the Anaconda Company thanking them for their generosity in the donation of the apartment complex to Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology as set out in Item 30-501-R0181.

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

Mary Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee received the following items for consideration at a future meeting:

Item 31-103-R0481, Approval of the Master of Arts in Religious Studies at the University of Montana

Item 31-203-R0481, Authorization to establish a Center for Business and Management Development in the School of Business at Montana State University

Item 31-701-R0481, Authorization to Grant an Elective Program of Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) without minor or major degree status at Eastern Montana College

Shelley Hopkins reported that the Curriculum Committee had received a recommendation from the Commissioner regarding the future direction of doctoral programs in Computer Science in the Montana University System which was requested by the Regents at their February, 1981 meeting. The Commissioner recommends that during Fall, 1983 the Commissioner's office shall conduct an assessment of the master's programs in computer science offered by the two universities including, but not limited to enrollment trends, strength of faculty, and computing equipment available to and utilized in computer science instructional programs. The assessment will be conducted by outside reviewers selected by the Commissioner's office following consultation with both universities. The reviewers will also be asked to address specific questions set out by the Commissioner, and make recommendations. Shelley Hopkins moved that the Commissioner's recommendation be approved. The motion carried.

Shelley Hopkins reported that the Curriculum Committee received a report from Dr. Irving Dayton which rescinded his August 27, 1980 recommendation that the Agriculture Short Course at Montana State University be discontinued. Dr. Dayton reported that a thorough review of the program revealed the program has changed significantly during the past few years, serves a definite student need, and is an appropriate offering for Montana State University. He recommends that Montana State University be authorized to continue the Agriculture Short Course, and the Commissioner concurs in that recommendation. Ms. Hopkins so moved. The motion carried.

On motion of Shelley Hopkins, Item 31-102-R0481, Changing the name of the Department of Mathematics to Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Montana, was approved as recommended by the Curriculum Committee.

Shelley Hopkins reported that the Curriculum Committee heard extensive testimony in opposition to the Commissioner's recommendation on Item 28-103-R0980, Approval of the Master of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science, Clinical Microbiology Option, University of Montana, and that the University had brought in a shortened title for the proposed program. The Curriculum Committee recommends that the item be deferred until Commissioner's staff and the University of Montana have an opportunity to discuss the proposed changes. She so moved. The motion carried.

Chairman James stated that the next order of business was Mr. Rand Alan Decker's appeal to the Board of Regents of the Commissioner's decision that Mr. Decker was not eligible for in-state residency status for fee purposes. Shelley Hopkins moved that the appeal be entertained. The motion carried. The Chairman asked if Mr. Decker was present in the audience, and was told he was not. Jack Peterson asked if Mr. Decker had been properly noticed. The Commissioner replied that Mr. Decker had been sent notice by certified mail. Lewy Evans moved that the recommendation of the Commissioner be accepted, and the appeal of Mr. Decker be denied. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Richardson recommended that the following reappointments to the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Advisory Council be approved in accordance with Section 2-15-1520, M.C.A.:

For a term ending June 30, 1981:

Mr. Keith Clawson	Financial Aid Officer Northern Montana College	Havre, Montana
Mr. William Thorndal	President, Central Bank of Montana	Great Falls, Montana
Mr. Garth Jacobson	Associated Students of Montana, University of Montana	Missoula, Montana

For a term ending June 30, 1984:

Mr. Dale Anderson	President Northwestern Bank	Great Falls, Montana
Mr. Don Killin	Director of Admissions and Financial Aid Rocky Mountain College	Billings

Lewy Evans so moved. The motion carried.

Commissioner Richardson explained that Dr. Howard Reinhardt, outgoing President of the University Teacher's Union, University of Montana, had requested permission to address the Board. The Chairman called on Dr. Reinhardt, who spoke on faculty-administration relations under the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Commissioner Richardson reported that Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology has been awarded the G. Theodore Mitau Award by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities for having one of the top eleven innovative programs in state colleges and universities, the Society and Technology BA/BS program.

Paul Neiman, Chairman of the Student Advisory Council, read a resolution which was adopted by the Council concerning lobbying in the System. No action was taken by the Regents on the resolution.

The Council of Presidents and the Faculty Association had no report. Mary Pace asked that the Commissioner's staff bring the Regents up-to-date on the activities of the Council of Presidents, asking specifically that minutes of the Council be sent to the Regents. Chairman James stated he would like to receive more detailed Commissioner's reports, and concurred with Ms. Pace's request that the Regents be kept fully apprised of issues discussed by the Council of Presidents.

Jack Peterson stated he would like to have the justification for the salary increment granted to Michael J. Montgomery, in Item 31-100-R0481, Staff, University of Montana. President Bowers replied that Mr. Montgomery has been coaching at the University for three years, and the increase is proposed based on the recommendation of the Director of Athletics in recognition of Mr. Montgomery's outstanding performance.

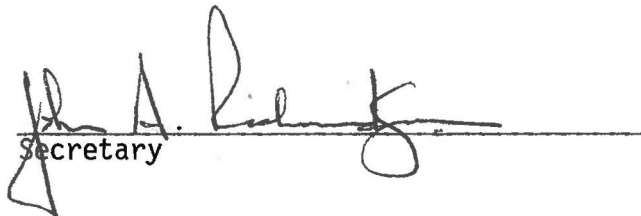
On motion of Jack Peterson, the following items were approved:

- Item 31-100-R0481, Staff, University of Montana
 Item 31-101-R0481, Resolution concerning the retirement of Raymond L. Gold, Professor of Sociology, University of Montana
 Item 31-200-R0481, Staff, Montana State University
 Item 31-201-R0481, Retirement of Harold C. Rose', Montana State University
 Item 31-202-R0481, Retirement of Dr. John C. Wright, Montana State University
 Item 31-300-R0481, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station
 Item 31-400-R0481, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
 Item 31-500-R0481, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
 Item 31-500A-R0481, Staff, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
 Item 31-700-R0481, Staff, Eastern Montana College
 Item 31-800-R0481, Staff, Northern Montana College
 Item 31-901-R0481, Staff, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is May 22, 1981.

APPROVED:


 Chairman, Regents of Higher Education
 Montana University System


 Secretary