

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

September 14, 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 3:55 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 1981 in the Conference Room of the office of Commissioner of Higher Education, 33 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena, Montana. Regents present: James, Hopkins, Pace, Morrison, Peterson, Evans, and Redlin. 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. It was noted those minutes should reflect that the minutes of the June 26, 1981 meeting were approved. With that correction, the minutes of the July 31, 1981 meeting were approved.

Acting Commissioner Irving Dayton introduced Dr. Neil S. Bucklew, President of the University of Montana, who was attending his first meeting of the Board since assuming that office. Dr. Dayton also introduced the newly-appointed President of Flathead Valley Community College, Dr. Donald A. Gatzke.

Regent Morrison reported the By-Laws and Policy Committee recommended Item 7-002-R0175, Authorization for Presidents to Appoint Security Personnel (REVISED) be approved. He so moved. The motion carried, with Regent Peterson voting "no."

Regent Morrison reported the By-Laws and Policy Committee discussed the various implications of shared tenure track positions being presented for approval by some of the campuses. The Committee recommended the staff item presently before the Board be amended to change the tenure designation to non-tenured and to delete references to shared tenure track positions, and further recommended the legal and policy ramifications of shared tenure track positions be researched and brought to the Board for discussion.

Regent Morrison reported that in conjunction with its review of Item 33-001-R0981, Inventory and Validation of Fees; Montana University System, the Budget Committee received a report from Jack Noble, Deputy Commissioner for Management and Fiscal Affairs, on the estimated annual cost of attending a campus of the Montana University System compared with the previous year. The average cost for the 1981-82 academic year, excluding books, transportation or added costs for special courses, is \$2,572.65, or a percentage increase over the prior year of 10.5%. The Committee recommended Item 33-001-R0981 be approved. Regent Morrison so moved. The motion carried.

Regent Morrison reported the Budget Committee reviewed the operating budgets for 1981-82, and received two letters from Eastern Montana College, one dated September 2, 1981 and the other September 11, 1981 (on file), which addressed the problem of budget allocations at Eastern Montana College. The Committee recommended the two letters be incorporated into Eastern Montana College's section of Item 31-005-R0681, Operating Budgets, 1981-82, Montana University System (REVISED), and the item be approved. He so moved. The motion carried.

Regent Morrison moved that Item 33-701-R0981, Student Health Insurance Fee; Eastern Montana College, an addition to the agenda, be approved as recommended by the Budget Committee. The motion carried.

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

Item 33-502-R0981, Authorization to Increase Project Cost for Remodeling of Student Union Building, Montana Tech (addition to agenda)

Item 33-205-R0981, Authority to Select an Engineer and Proceed with the Technical Assistance Program (as defined by the Department of Energy) for portions of On-Campus Living at Montana State University

He so moved. The motion carried.

Regent Lewy Evans reported the Capital Construction Committee received a corrected report on Considerations for Locating the State Residential Facility for Severely Emotionally Disturbed Youth on the Eastern Montana

College Campus. Carroll South, Director of the Department of Institutions spoke to the committee on the site selection for this facility, and requested that before the department proceeds further with that selection it would like to determine the Board's position as to whether the facility should be located on the Eastern Montana College campus. The Committee also heard a report from Lois Adams, President, Associated Students, Eastern Montana College, on student concerns with locating the facility on-campus. Two of the students' concerns are that land needed by the College for future expansion will be given away, and the residents' use of recreation facilities paid for by the students. The Committee also heard a presentation by Dr. Ronald Sexton, Director, Institute for Habilitative Services, Eastern Montana College.

Regent Evans reported the Capital Construction Committee recommended the residential facility for severely emotionally disturbed children not be located on the campus at Eastern Montana College, but that the Board of Regents give every possible assistance to the Department of Institutions and the Billings community in selecting an appropriate site and pledge every possible support for the total project. Regent Evans so moved. The motion carried.

Regent Jack Peterson reported the Collective Bargaining Committee recommended the following collective bargaining agreements be ratified:

1. Collective Bargaining Contract between the Missoula Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union, Local 242 for the period July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1983;
2. Collective Bargaining Contract between the Montana University System and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge #29, for the period July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1983;
3. Collective Bargaining Contract between the Montana University System and the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America for the period July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1981.

He so moved. The motion carried.

On motion of Mary Pace, the following items were approved as recommended by the Curriculum Committee:

- Item 32-105-R0781, Changing the designation of two divisions in the School of Education to two departments, University of Montana
- Item 32-801-R0781, Authorization to Establish an Academic Department of Mathematics, Electronics, and Computer Technology at Northern Montana College
- Item 32-802-R0781, Authorization to Establish a Department of Industrial Technology at Northern Montana College
- Item 32-803-R0781, Authorization to Establish a Department of Arts and Languages at Northern Montana College

On the recommendation of Acting Commissioner Dayton, the confirmation of the gubernatorial appointment of Jerry R. Gossel to the Local Executive Board of Montana State University was deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

Acting Commissioner Dayton reported on several matters, including the decision that the position of Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs in the office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, would not be filled on a full-time basis, but short-term assistance may be needed in the Commissioner's office to complete special projects that might develop, for instance, from the Regents' workshop scheduled in Havre, October 9-10, 1981. Acting Commissioner Dayton also asked that the Regents provide guidance as to what concerns they wish addressed at that workshop, and indicate the discussion format they prefer. Chairman James asked that each Regent write or phone the Commissioner with suggestions for discussion, and instructed the Commissioner to develop the agenda working from the presidents' work list developed over the past year, and the suggestions and concerns of the Regents to be passed to the Commissioner following this meeting.

Acting Commissioner Dayton introduced the Director of the Montana Learning Services, Ms. Sumyyah Bilāl. At the request of the Commissioner, Bill Lannan gave a status report on Montana Learning Services, noting

that the staffing is completed and Montana Learning Services has obtained office space in the Power Block, which they share with the State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee. The educational information and program offerings of postsecondary institutions in the state have been up-dated, and will be available to high schools and other agencies this year.

Acting Commissioner Dayton reported on the progress of the Chief Counsel search and on the progress of research on the status of student governments and other student organizations in the System. Dr. Lawrence K. Pettit has been retained as a consultant on this project, and a report will be brought to the Regents in the late fall or early winter which will state the problems and propose alternate solutions.

Acting Commissioner Dayton reported on changes in the Guaranteed Student Loan Program, including the 5 percent origination fee which became effective August 24, 1981, and the needs test for borrowers which will become effective October 1, 1981. Since the inception of the program in August, 1981, the Montana program has guaranteed over \$13 million in student loans. Regent Pace requested that Mr. Lannan investigate a reported problem with the program related to the students' inability to register early because funds are not available until September 22.

Acting Commissioner Dayton presented his recommendation for the membership of the search committee to select a president for Eastern Montana College. After discussion, Regent Jack Peterson moved that the search committee membership be as follows:

- Four faculty members
- One administrative staff member (Deans and Vice Presidents)
- One management staff member
- One support staff member
- Two students
- One representative of the alumni
- One representative of the EMC Foundation
- Three representatives from the community/state
- One member of the Local Executive Board
- Two Regents

The Commissioner of Higher Education will serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the committee. The motion carried.

At the request of Acting Commissioner Dayton, Paul Dunham gave a report on the status of the implementation in the System of the Washington Library Network, authorized by the 1981 Legislature. Mr. Dunham reported that the network should be operational in October, 1981.

On the recommendation of Acting Commissioner Dayton, the following calendar of meeting dates was approved by the Board:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
October 9-10, 1981	Friday & Saturday	Havre (Regents' Workshop)
October 30, 1981	Friday	Bozeman
December 11, 1981	Friday	Helena
January 22, 1981	Friday	Helena
March 5, 1982	Friday	Helena
April 12, 1982	Monday	Helena (State Board Meeting)
May 21, 1982	Friday	Miles City
June 25, 1982	Friday	Helena
July 30, 1982	Friday	Helena
September 13, 1982	Monday	Helena (State Board Meeting)

At the conclusion of the Commissioner's report, Acting Commissioner Dayton presented a Distinguished Service to Higher Education Certificate, awarded to the Board of Regents of the Montana University System by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

The Council of Presidents reported that Dr. Fred DeMoney had been unanimously selected to represent the presidents on the search committee to select the new Commissioner of Higher Education.

President Neil Bucklew reported that a preliminary meeting will be held at the University of Montana on September 26, 1981 to explore the feasibility of establishing the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center for Ethics in Public Affairs at the University. President Bucklew distributed a briefing paper on the proposal (on file), and will report developments to the Board as they occur.

Acting President William A. Johnstone, Eastern Montana College, distributed a memorandum dated September 10, 1981 (on file) which sets out the conflict between Item 31-004-R0681 which authorizes the swap of Veterans' Day for the day after Thanksgiving as a holiday, and the 1979-81 AAUP contract at Eastern Montana College, which will remain in effect until a new contract is negotiated. After discussion, and on the recommendation of Acting Chief Counsel LeRoy Schramm with the concurrence of Acting Commissioner of Higher Education Irving Dayton, Regent Jeff Morrison moved that Eastern Montana College be granted permission to waive the requirements of Board Item 31-004-R0681 for 1981 and possibly 1982 depending on how collective bargaining progresses; that Eastern Montana College rescind the directive to teach classes on November 11 and faculty and students would not be required to be on campus on November 11; staff and administrative personnel would work. The entire campus will be closed on the Friday following Thanksgiving (November 27). The motion carried.

The Faculty Association had no report.

Steve Spaulding reported that the Student Advisory Council will meet at Chico Hot Springs on November 13-15, 1981.

Acting President William Johnstone introduced Dr. Robert McRae, the Acting Academic Vice President at Eastern Montana College.

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

Item 33-100-R0981, Staff, University of Montana (with errata)

Item 33-101-R0981, Resolution Concerning the Death of Professor K. Ross Toole, University of Montana

Item 33-110-R0981, Degrees, University of Montana 1980-81

Item 33-200-R0981, Staff, Montana State University, amended on page 2 to change the designations of Kathryn O. Mientka and Timothy K. Mientka from "P" to "N-T," and to delete the following two sentences in their entirety:

"Shared tenure track position with Timothy Mientka"

"Shared tenure track position with Kathryn Mientka"

- Item 33-201-R0981, Retirement of Helmer J. Holje, Montana State University
- Item 33-202-R0981, Retirement of Rolf C. Johnson, Montana State University
- Item 33-203-R0981, Retirement of Mary C. Sanks, Montana State University
- Item 33-204-R0981, Retirement of Edward H. Ward, Montana State University
- Item 33-210-R0981, Montana State University Degree Lists; 1979; 1980; 1981
- Item 33-300-R0981, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station
- Item 33-400-R0981, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 33-500A-R0981, Staff, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
- Item 33-700-R0981, Staff, Eastern Montana College
- Item 33-901-R0981, Staff, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education (REVISED)


On motion of Regent Jeff Morrison, the following item was withdrawn:

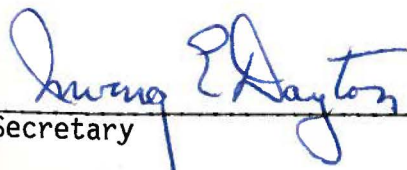
- Item 33-501-R0981, Walter L. Nelson, Member Emeritus, Local Executive Board, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology

Regent Jack Peterson moved that Item 33-500-R0981, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology be approved as presented, but stated the record should reflect his vote against the appointment of Gale E. Allen as Director of Auxiliary Enterprises.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on October 30, 1981 in Bozeman, Montana.

APPROVED:

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

  
Secretary