

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

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The meeting of the Board of Regents of Higher Education was called to order by Chairman Jeff Morrison at 1:50 p.m. on Friday, July 30, 1982 in the conference room of the Montana University System, 33 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena, Montana. Regents present: Morrison, Pace, Knight, Redlin, Keck, Evans and Hurwitz. Regents absent: None. Also present was Commissioner of Higher Education Irving E. Dayton.

Commissioner Dayton requested the record reflect that the Board convened in open session at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday, July 29, 1982. All members of the Board were present. On motion of Regent Robert Knight, Regent Jeff Morrison was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board to fill the unexpired term of retired-Chairman Ted James.

Following that action on July 29, the Capital Construction and Budget Committees held the scheduled hearings on program improvement requests and the long range building program. The Board also met briefly in executive session to discuss litigation.

Commissioner Dayton introduced Regent Burt L. Hurwitz, White Sulphur Springs. Regent Hurwitz is appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ted James, and will serve for the period ending February 1, 1986.

Dr. Dayton next introduced Dr. Bruce H. Carpenter, who assumed the presidency of Eastern Montana College on July 19, 1982. President Bucklew introduced Dr. Michael Easton, Vice President for Student and Public Affairs, University of Montana. President Thomas introduced the new Academic Vice President at Western Montana College, Dr. Evelyn Hively. President Thomas also introduced Glenn Leavitt, who will assume the duties of Director of Fiscal Affairs at Western Montana College on August 1, 1982.

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Chairman Morrison asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. None were stated, and the minutes of the June 28, 1982 meeting were ordered approved.

Chairman Morrison stated that because of recent changes in the membership of the Board, the following new committee assignments are made:

Community College and Vocational Educational Committee

Elsie Redlin, Chairman  
Darla Keck  
Lewy Evans

Curriculum Committee

Mary Pace, Chairman  
Elsie Redlin  
Darla Keck

Budget Committee

Jeff Morrison, Chairman  
Lewy Evans  
Burt Hurwitz

Capital Construction Committee

Lewy Evans, Chairman  
Burt Hurwitz  
Robert Knight

Policy Committee

Darla Keck, Chairman  
Mary Pace  
Robert Knight

Collective Bargaining Committee

Robert Knight, Chairman  
Jeff Morrison  
Burt Hurwitz

Chairman Morrison reported the Budget Committee heard reports and held discussion on the following items. The committee recommends approval:

Item 36-201-R0782, Student Health Fee Increase,  
Montana State University

Item 36-702-R0782, Student Health Insurance Fee;  
Eastern Montana College

Item 36-202-R0782, Authority to charge a \$20.00 Student Fee to  
offset costs incurred in the Consumer Food  
Management Laboratory, a Home Economics Course,  
Montana State University

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Item 25-003-R0979, Returned Check Fee; Montana University System (REVISED)

Item 3-004-R1273, Student Fee Deferment Policy; Montana University System (REVISED)

Chairman Morrison moved the items be approved. The motion carried.

Chairman Morrison reported the following three items were submitted to the Budget Committee as additions to the agenda. The Committee recommended approval:

Item 36-2001-R0782, Operating Budget, 1982-83; Dawson Community College

Item 36-3001-R0782, Operating Budget, 1982-83; Flathead Valley Community College

Item 36-4001-R0782, Operating Budget, 1982-83, Miles Community College

Chairman Morrison moved the three items be approved. The motion carried.

Chairman Morrison reported the Budget Committee discussed the proposed revision of Item 18-006-R1077, Honor Scholarships, Montana University System. The proposed revision establishes a schedule which would increase the number of scholarships awarded each year, sets the end of the 7th semester of high school as the period for computation of grade point average and size of graduating class, and states the scholarships awarded shall specify the value of the award and which fees are covered. The principal discussion in the Budget Committee centered on the increased number of scholarships which would be awarded each year, the fiscal impact this would have on the System, and whether the increased number of awards would actually result in more of the top academic students attending units of the Montana University System. Various revisions to the proposed schedule were suggested.

Chairman Morrison stated the Budget Committee recommended the schedule be amended in a manner that would decrease the total number of new scholarships, and the item be approved as amended.

After discussion of that recommendation and comments from the Commissioner and various presidents it was agreed that the exact fiscal impact of the amendment could not be determined immediately, and that it is important to have a policy in place in order to give

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guidance to the high schools on the awards.

Chairman Morrison then moved that Item 18-006-R1077 be amended on page 1 under "Procedures; Section 1", Line 1, by re-inserting the deleted material following the word "Scholarship."; deleting the new paragraph and schedule pertaining to size of graduating class and number of scholarships, and the revised item be approved as amended. The motion carried.

Chairman Morrison reported the Budget Committee held hearings on the program improvement requests of the Montana University System and Community Colleges. The Budget Committee will schedule a meeting within the next week to prioritize those requests. A recommendation will be brought to the full Board for action at the September 13, 1982 meeting.

Chairman Jeff Morrison reported that Item 36-602-R0782, Approval of a Bond Issue to Build a Swim Center at Western Montana College with an Indenture to be Serviced by Income and Interest Funds, was discussed in a joint meeting of the Budget and Capital Construction Committees. The item would authorize Western Montana College to pursue a correction in the designation of the Income and Interest revenues consistent with the conditions of the 1967 Indenture. If the correction is obtained, future revenues would be designated to service a bond issue to erect a swim center at Western Montana College with the remainder of the price of the center raised through private and community efforts consistent with the proposed shared use of the facility by the public. The item is recommended for approval by the joint committee with the stipulation that the item be reviewed and approved by legal staff in the Commissioner's office, and the correction sought be coordinated and approved by the Commissioner's office. On motion of Chairman Morrison, Item 36-602-R0782 was approved with the foregoing stipulations.

Chairman Morrison reported the joint Budget/Capital Construction Committee received revisions of the following items and the attached agreements (on file):

Item 36-101-R0782, Lubrecht Forest Research Center Agreement, University of Montana

Item 36-102-R0782, Fine Arts/Radio-TV Facility Agreement; University of Montana

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The joint committee recommended approval. On motion of Chairman Morrison, revised Items 36-101-R0782 and 36-102-R0782 were approved.

Regent Lewy Evans, Chairman of the Capital Construction Committee, reported the committee discussed each of the following items and recommended they be approved. On motion of Regent Evans, the following items were approved:

- Item 36-603-R0782, Designation of the James F. Short Administrative Center, Western Montana College
- Item 36-501-R0782, Authorization for Remodeling of Bookstore and Game Room, Student Union Building, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 36-502-R0782, Authorization to Complete the Construction of the HPER Playing Field including adequate Sprinklers, Landscaping, Roadways, and Demolition of Structure at an Estimated Cost of \$250,000, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 36-601-R0782, Acceptance of a Gift of Land from John and Phyllis Erb, Dillon, Montana for the purpose of construction of a Swim Complex, Western Montana College
- Item 36-001-R0782, Reallocation of Appropriated Funds for Removal of Architectural Barriers to the Handicapped, Montana University System
- Item 36-701-R0782, Purchase of Real Property; Eastern Montana College

Regent Evans reported the Capital Construction Committee had held hearings on July 29 and the morning of July 30, 1982 on the System's long range building program. Regent Evans stated that Mr. Philip Hauck, Administrator, Architecture and Engineering, Department of Administration had spoken to the Capital Construction Committee on the Executive branch's philosophy concerning the long range building program. Mr. Hauck told the committee that all maintenance and up-keep items should be taken care of first in order to maintain what we have before adding new facilities. However, the responsibility of the Regents is to present to the legislature what the Board believes is necessary to maintain the University System. It is then up to the legislature to provide the money.

Regent Evans distributed copies of the long range building program requests divided into categories with the priority numbers assigned by

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the campuses. The task before the Board is to assign the Regents' priority to each item on the list. Regent Evans added that the roof repairs must be done this biennium, and should be placed as the number one general priority.

After brief discussion it was agreed to recess the meeting to allow the Capital Construction Committee, working with Mr. Hauck, William Lannan and Commissioner Dayton, to place the list in priority order. The meeting recessed at 2:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:55 p.m with the same members present. Regent Evans read the list with the recommended priority numbers assigned. Discussion was held on the priorities assigned, particularly to the request from Montana State University for the construction of a new Greenhouse/Headhouse facility. In response to a question of whether funding for that project could be requested in phases, President Tietz explained that the research conducted in the facility is absolutely essential to Montana State University's educational mission and contributes extensively to the economic development of Montana through service to the agricultural industry. The present building is not salvageable and must be replaced. Various Regents expressed their concern at the legislative trend in recent years which has been to provide only enough money in the long range building program to accommodate essential maintenance of present facilities. While fiscal constraints must be recognized, so must the responsibility of the Regents be recognized to request that which they consider essential to maintaining a quality System. The long range building program should be just that, not merely a maintenance program.

At the Regents' request, each president commented on the proposed priorities.

President Tietz, Montana State University, requested that certain projects be added to provide authority to construct without state long range building program funds. These included: Planning Life Science Complex (Phase II), complete Library basement, paving Hadleigh, Marsh and Ag. Complex, remodel Herrick Hall, Machine Shop and Storage Complex, Bozeman, ARC, and addition to Museum of the Rockies. Funding of these projects was discussed

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President DeMoney stated general agreement with the long range building program priorities, but objected to the priority assigned to the Engineering Laboratory/Classroom Building request. He spoke to the important role mineral production plays in the economy of the state of Montana, providing one-third of the tax revenue. Accommodations should be made to recognize the contributions made by Montana Tech students by providing the expertise that allows this to continue. President DeMoney spoke of the private fund raising efforts being conducted by Montana Tech to provide funds for the Engineering Laboratory/Classroom, and added it would help that cause to be able to say the Regents felt that project had a higher priority than that indicated by its present placement on the list.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Regent Evans moved the Board adopt the recommendations of the Capital Construction Committee for the long range building program as set out on the list attached to and made a part of these minutes. The authority for Montana State University to construct certain projects without state long range building funds is included, with the stipulation that each project be brought to the Board for approval before construction is begun. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dayton stated the next item of business is discussion of the response to Senator Matt Hims1, Chairman, Senate Finance and Claims Committee, regarding the Montana University System's long range planning for enrollment fluctuations. Dr. Dayton explained that the draft response presented to the Regents today has been reviewed by staff and the presidents and is an attempt to reflect accurately all the concerns raised by Senator Hims1. Particular attention is called to the section on long range planning. Commissioner Dayton stated that this section sets out particular actions to be taken by the Regents in the area of long range planning, and if approved as written, a policy will be brought to the Regents at the September meeting to implement the actions.

After brief discussion, Chairman Morrison instructed the Commissioner to send the letter to Senator Hims1, and bring the proposed policy to implement the long range planning actions to the next meeting of the Board.

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Commissioner Dayton presented a slate of locations and suggested dates for the Regents' workshop to be held in the fall. It was agreed that the workshop will be held on October 1-2, 1982 at the Yellow Bay Biological Station, Big Fork, Montana. Commissioner Dayton will send suggested topics for discussion to the Regents and presidents, which they should prioritize and return to the Commissioner's office. An agenda for the workshop will be distributed after the poll is completed.

Commissioner Dayton called the Regents' attention to the art display in the conference room, representing work from Eastern Montana College.

Next Commissioner Dayton reported on the procedure followed in developing the long range building program. All campuses of the University System were visited by a team consisting of the Commissioner, Mr. Phil Hauck of the Department of Administration, Tom Crosser of the Budget Office, and William Lannan of the Commissioner's staff. Regents participated in all campus visits. Having Regents participation in the site visits was extremely helpful in putting together the program, as was the participation of the executive branch representatives.

Chairman Morrison commented on the time constraints in developing the long range building program. He stated that in future preparations it would be helpful if testimony could be taken with time provided for staff and committee review before action is required. Chairman Morrison suggested it may be necessary to hold more frequent committee hearings between Board meetings.

Brad Diede, President, Associated Students of Montana State University, introduced Mark Palmer, recently hired manager of Montana State University's student-operated radio station, KGLT. Mr. Diede gave a brief overview of the station's operation.

LeRoy Schramm, Chief Counsel for the System, presented a reciprocal easement for approval, which was an addition to the agenda. (on file) Mr. Schramm explained the easement allows a road to be built across property belonging to Lindbergh Cattle Company and property belonging to Montana Forest Conservation and Experiment Station of the State of Montana



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(Lubrecht). Construction of the road is mutually beneficial to both parties. The document has been reviewed by University of Montana counsel and Dean Stout, for Lubrecht Forest. Regent Robert Knight stated he would abstain from consideration and from voting on the approval of the easement because as an attorney he represents Lindberg Cattle Company and assisted in preparing the document. Regent Pace moved the easement be approved. Regents Pace, Hurwitz, Redlin, Keck and Evans voted yes. Regent Knight abstained. The motion carried.

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

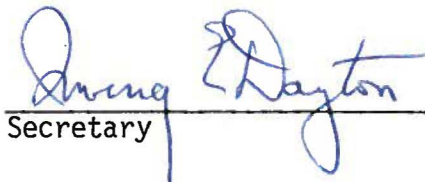
- Item 36-100-R0782, Staff, University of Montana
- Item 36-200-R0772, Staff, Montana State University with Addendum
- Item 36-210-R0782, Degree listing, 1982, Montana State University
- Item 36-300-R0782, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station
- Item 36-400-R0782, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 36-500-R0782, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 36-600-R0782, Staff, Western Montana College
- Item 36-700-R0782, Staff, Eastern Montana College
- Item 36-710-R0782, Degrees, Eastern Montana College
- Item 36-800-R0782, Staff, Northern Montana College AS AMENDED
- Item 36-810-R0782, Certificates and Degrees; Northern Montana College
- Item 36-900-R0782, Staff, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Regents is September 13, 1982 in Helena, Montana.

APPROVED:



Chairman, Board of Regents of Higher Education  
Montana University System

  
Secretary