

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

DATE: March 4, 1983  
TIME: 10:50 a.m.  
LOCATION: Conference Room  
Montana University System  
33 South Last Chance Gulch  
Helena, Montana  
REGENTS PRESENT: Morrison, Pace, Keck, Knight  
Commissioner of Higher Education Irving E. Dayton  
REGENTS ABSENT: Hurwitz, Redlin  
PRESIDENTS ATTENDING: Bucklew, Carpenter, Erickson, DeMoney, Tietz, Thomas  
PRESIDENTS ABSENT: None  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD: Budget Committee; Capital Construction Committee; By-Laws and Policy Committee; Curriculum Committee

The meeting of the Board of Regents of Higher Education was called to order by Chairman Jeff Morrison at 10:50 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 1983. Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

It was noted for the record that the Board meeting did not begin at the time stated because of legislative hearings which were scheduled after the agenda was mailed. Regents, Presidents, the Commissioner and staff attended hearings of the Education Subcommittee and the Long Range Building Committee at the Capitol until approximately 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Morrison noted that the items on the agenda for the Budget Committee and the Capital Construction Committee were heard yesterday, March 3, beginning at 1:40 p.m. The Board also met in Executive Session on March 3 to discuss collective bargaining, litigation, and honorary degrees.

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Chairman Morrison called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. None were stated, and the minutes of the January 21, 1983 meeting were ordered approved.

Chairman Morrison stated that because of the excused absences of Regents Hurwitz and Redlin, and the vacancy on the Board, the committee items on the agenda would be heard by the Regents present sitting as the By-Laws and Policy Committee and the Curriculum Committee. The same format was followed in the meetings yesterday of the Budget and Capital Construction Committees.

Regent Darla Keck, Chairman of the By-Laws and Policy Committee, explained that Item 38-1000-R0183, Community College Education Centers, was received at the January meeting for consideration at a future meeting. This policy governs offerings of instructional programs by community colleges in geographical areas outside the community college districts and parallels the Higher Education Center Policy for the units of the University System. Regent Keck recommended the item be approved. The motion carried.

Regent Knight reported the Budget Committee discussed the following items, and recommended they be approved.

Item 38-501-R0383, Magma Yearbook Fee Increase;  
Montana College of Mineral  
Science and Technology

Item 38-2001-R0383, Tuition Increase; Dawson Community  
College

Item 38-3001-R0383, Increase in Student Activity Fee;  
Flathead Valley Community College

Item 38-4001-R0383, Tuition and Fee Change;  
Miles Community College

He so moved. The motion carried.

Regent Knight reported that the Budget Committee received a report from Jack Noble, Deputy Commissioner for Management and Fiscal Affairs, on the current status of the budget in the legislative process.

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At Chairman Morrison's request, Mr. Noble also reported to the Budget Committee on the System's computer program modification requests.

Regent Knight reported that the Capital Construction Committee discussed the following items yesterday, and recommended they be approved:

Item 38-701-R0383, Purchase of Real Property;  
Eastern Montana College

Item 38-702-R0383, Establishing the "Helene B. Northcutt  
Gallery"; Eastern Montana College

Item 38-2002-R0383, Construction of a Student Center Addition  
to the Present Academic Building and  
Expansion of Present Library;  
Dawson Community College

He so moved. The motion carried.

Regent Knight reported the Capital Construction Committee recommended Item 38-803-R0383, Farm Mechanics Building Agreement; Northern Montana College, be approved and that the Commissioner be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Regents. He so moved. The motion carried.

Regent Knight reported the Capital Construction Committee discussed Item 38-502-R0383, Authorization to Increase State Support Funding of New Engineering Laboratory-Classroom Building (A/E #79-06-02) from \$2,750,000 to \$4,500,000 Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology at length. Various concerns were expressed, particularly with regard to what approval of the item would do to the long range building priorities previously submitted by the Regents. Montana Tech was commended by the Regents for the amount of contributions and pledges they were successful in obtaining from private sources for the building project. The problem was identified to be where to place the request for additional state funding on the list of Regents' priorities at this stage of the legislative process. The item was deferred for discussion to allow Commissioner's staff to prepare an analysis of the long range building requests and place this request in priority order.

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Regent Knight reported that after receiving the analysis requested, it was the recommendation of the committee that the item be approved. The request for additional state funds for the engineering lab/classroom would be placed after number 14 (Planning Business Administration-UM) on the Regents' priority list. Regents' priority request number 11, Land Acquisition, Montana Tech, would be deleted. Regent Knight moved that Item 38-502-R0383 be approved as stipulated above. The motion carried.

Chairman Morrison noted that in yesterday's discussion of Item 38-502-R0383, it became apparent that the System's Capital Construction policy should be revised to provide guidance on construction of state buildings with private funds. The policy should provide that the funds are in-hand before the project is approved. Commissioner's staff was instructed to develop such a policy and bring it to the Regents for consideration at a future meeting.

Regent Knight reported that the Capital Construction committee received an addition to the agenda, Item 38-101-R0383, Resolution on Repair of Electrical System, University of Montana. President Bucklew explained that a main power cable was cut at a construction site on campus resulting in a serious power outage at a number of buildings and causing damage throughout the south loop of the electrical system. With the consent of the Commissioner, Drapes Engineering of Great Falls was asked to evaluate the situation. Their report (on file) described a critical situation and recommended immediate improvements. This matter has been reviewed with Commissioner Dayton and Phil Hauck, Administrator of the state's Architecture and Engineering Division. The resolution before the Board would authorize the University of Montana to seek funding from the Long Range Building Program to correct this electrical problem. The project can be done in phases, though if the money were available it would be less costly and less disruptive to the campus to complete it as a single project. President Bucklew noted that the amount

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recommended by the Regents for electrical distribution in the major maintenance portion of the Long Range Building Program would be applied to this project, if funded. He also distributed copies of a revision of Exhibit A, an attachment to the item, which resulted from discussions with Phil Hauck and included costs the consulting firm was not aware of when the original was prepared. The revision adds \$150,000 to the total to provide contingency money, inflationary money and engineers' fees. President Bucklew also requested that the resolution be amended in the last paragraph, line two, to strike the words "an emergency."

Regent Knight moved that Item 38-101-R0383 be approved as amended, and that the request be added to the Regents' long range building requests without priority. The motion carried.

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

The meeting of the Curriculum Committee was called to order by Chairman Mary Pace. In response to Regent Pace's question, Dr. Carrol Krause reported on the status of Item 38-202-R1282, Authority to Establish the 49th Parallel Institute, Montana State University. Dr. Krause reported that additional information on the proposal had been requested and is now circulating among the institutions. The item will be on the agenda of the April meeting for action.

Regent Pace stated that Item 38-802-R0383, Changing the Degree Title from B.A./B.S. in Change and Values to B.A./B.S. in Inter-disciplinary Studies, Northern Montana College was received for consideration at a future meeting.

At Regent Pace's request, Dr. Krause reviewed Item 37-701-R0183, Early Childhood Studies Minor-Eastern Montana College. Dr. Krause concluded his review by stating that both he and the Commissioner recommend the proposal for approval with the stipulation that students must be made aware that the minor does not qualify them for any kind of certification

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for teaching in Montana or any other state. This fact must be clearly stated in the institution's catalog and in any other promotional material. On motion of Regent Pace, the item was approved as stipulated.

The next item on the Curriculum Committee's agenda was Item 38-601-R0183, Review of Role and Scope, Western Montana College. Dr. Carrol Krause discussed his review of the programs at Western Montana College. Dr. Krause identified four areas of concern which he recommended that Western review and provide justification to the Board if they are to be continued. They were: 1) graduate program; 2) music major; 3) the current procedure for developing and approving continuing education courses; and 4) rural education based on federal money.

Dr. Evelyn Hively, Academic Vice President, Western Montana College, spoke in support of the review and the recommendations. She noted that Western has begun the suggested reviews to strengthen programs, or abandon them if they are not capable of being strengthened. President Thomas expressed the campus's enthusiasm and support.

Next Dr. Krause summarized seven areas of emphasis recommended in the report. He noted that the review had not been distributed for comment as much in advance of this meeting as he would have liked, and other institutions in the System had not had an opportunity to make responses. At Dr. Krause's request, presidents of the other units commented briefly on their initial reaction to the recommendations. All units were supportive of the direction taken in the review to strengthen and maintain Western's viability and original mission as a teacher training institution.

Dr. Donald Habbe, Academic Vice President, University of Montana, noted there were mixed reactions at the University of Montana to some of the recommendations. He stated University of Montana was supportive of the attempt to broaden Western's base and develop the role and scope to supply the critical mass to allow the institution to function and be a dynamic part of the University System. University of Montana would like to play a positive role in that effort.

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Reacting to the four specific proposals made by Dr. Krause, Dr. Habbe stated University of Montana is supportive in one instance, ambiguous about another, and opposed to two. Dr. Habbe stated the dilemma is at what point do the Regents expand the role and scope and diversify Western Montana College's role, and at what point does damage occur to the other institutions? From the University's point of view, concerns about duplication in the areas of liberal arts and business would have to be mentioned. The University of Montana is on record as opposing proliferation of business courses in the System. The Regents have taken a different course. Dr. Habbe noted that the University would probably have the same concerns with new programs in the liberal arts, but would have to wait and see. The University wishes to be constructive and supportive, but believed there might be invitations for duplication in this proposal that could affect the operation of the University of Montana, and those need to be brought to the attention of the Regents.

Commissioner Dayton asked if Dr. Habbe, from his position at the University of Montana, could identify areas where the University could encourage Western to look, given the concern of making Western a viable, on-going institution. Insights from the University's point of view would be very helpful. Dr. Habbe responded that it may be possible to develop a business program that is targeted in a sufficiently different manner that it is legitimate duplication. There is a tremendous temptation to develop business as broadly as possible. He said he would need to see specific proposals before responding.

Dr. Krause stated he shared Dr. Habbe's concerns, but unless there is a lot of money available, an institution can do little but build on the base it has. Looking at teacher education, there are not many areas on which to build. Dr. Krause expanded his reasons for certain recommendations, concluding that the effort has been to try to prevent duplication in the System, without saying that Western can not develop any additional programs that are attractive to students.

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At the conclusion of the discussion, it was the consensus that the seven areas of emphasis in the report should be placed on the agenda of the Curriculum Committee for action at the April meeting. If approved, these areas of emphasis will form the basis of a new role and scope statement for Western Montana College. Individual curriculum recommendations will be acted on separately after the role and scope is defined. Regent Knight so moved. The motion carried.

The Student Advisory Council reported that student government elections are being held on the campuses. New officers should be in place by May, 1983. It was also reported that discussions have been held to change the timing of student elections. Under the current schedule, student governments change in the middle of each legislative session. It has been suggested that setting the elections at a later date might be beneficial. Students would appreciate knowing the Regents' reaction to such a change.

Marquette McRae-Zook, President, Associated Students of the University of Montana, presented ASUM's 1983-84 budget (on file). Ms. Zook noted that a change has been made in ASUM's by-laws to move the budgeting process to winter quarter so the outgoing officers complete the budget before leaving office. Ms. Zook also reported that ASUM has made the decision as part of its community outreach to allow the Missoula Vo-Tech Center students to pay a reduced fee and participate in the campus recreation program. Certain campus programs are excluded, such as legal services and day-care, but the hope is this will prevent duplication of some services.

Ms. Zook also presented a resolution on behalf of the Central Board acting as the official representatives of the students at the University of Montana to request the Regents' endorsement to establish a floating activity fee based on a formula which sets the fee at a 7% fixed rate of full-time, in-state tuition. Ms. Zook explained the additional services this would provide and stated there is student support for the proposal.



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Chairman Morrison objected to the proposal, stating this would appear to be transferring the responsibility of raising the student fee from ASUM to the Regents. He strongly preferred that increases be brought in each year for consideration, and that such increases not be tied automatically to Regents' increases in tuition. No action was taken on the resolution.

Brad Diede, President, Associated Students, Montana State University, reported that an increase in the activity fee is being considered at Montana State University also, and the feed-back on this proposal from the Regents is helpful. ASMSU will probably take no action on such a fee increase for a couple of months.

Ms. Zook introduced David Bollinger, the newly-elected President of ASUM, and Peter Keenan, the newly elected Business Manager. Ms. Zook concluded her report by expressing her pleasure in working with the Board the past year as student body president of the University of Montana. Chairman Morrison congratulated Ms. Zook on the outstanding leadership she had shown during her year in office, and stated the Regents' appreciation of the manner in which she had kept them informed and worked with them.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:25 p.m. with the same members present.

Professor Archie Alexander, Chairman, Faculty Association, Montana State University, reported for the Faculty Association. He stated a letter had been sent to the Commissioner specifying the areas of concern discussed with the Board on December 9, 1982 and indicating directions the Association would like to see the Board move in response to those concerns. Regents were sent a copy of that letter. Commissioner Dayton will reply, and send a copy of his response to the Regents.

Under New Business, Commissioner Dayton presented the revised WAMI contract between the Board of Regents and the University of Washington.

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Dr. Dayton outlined the changes in the revised contract from the original signed in 1976, and explained that the revisions were submitted in amendment form by the University of Washington, and have been incorporated into a single revised document. A number of other issues have been identified which were not dealt with in the original contract and discussions have been held with administrators at the University of Washington. Those issues and the solutions agreed on are set out in the memorandum from Dr. Dayton to the Regents dated February 23, 1983 (on file). These changes were incorporated into the revised contract along with revisions submitted in amendment form by the University of Washington. On motion of Regent Knight, the contract was approved and the Commissioner was authorized to sign on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Dayton stated that President Erickson, Northern Montana College, wished to make a presentation to the Board on behalf of Northern Montana College's Development Foundation.

President Erickson stated he would like first to recognize the presence of distinguished visitors in the audience from the Havre area. He introduced Montana State Senate President Stan Stephens, Senate President Pro Tempore, Allen Kolstad, and Representative Bob Bachini. President Erickson explained that Mr. Vern Sedlacek, President of Northern's Foundation, and Mr. Tom Reynolds had intended to be present today but their flight was cancelled due to inclement weather. On behalf of the Northern Montana College Foundation, President Erickson presented to the Board the funding plan for the new Farm Mechanics Building (on file), together with the appropriate guarantees based on the full faith and credit of the Foundation, and its total assets. President Erickson noted that while the funding campaign is continuing, the successful completion of this project is assured as set out in Mr. Sedlacek's letter (on file). President Erickson concluded the presentation with Mr. Sedlacek's

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words: "It is a pleasure and an honor for me to present the funding for this building through you to the people of Montana."

Comments by Senators Stephens and Kolstad, Representative Bachini, and ASNMC President Laurie Banderof on the enthusiastic support of people in the Havre area for Northern Montana College and higher education in general followed.

Chairman Morrison expressed the Board's appreciation to all those involved in the successful completion of this project. Commissioner Dayton commented on the impressive support evidenced by the community of Havre and the surrounding region for Northern Montana College, noting the support is obviously more than vocal when money is put on the line as it has been to fund the Farm Mechanics Building.

Commissioner Dayton reported that the Council of Presidents has met frequently on legislative matters, and that Regents have been involved in those meetings. Beyond legislative activities, the Council had no report.

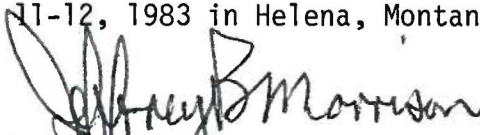
On motion of Regent Darla Keck, the following items were approved:

- Item 38-200-R0383, Staff, Montana State University
- Item 38-201-R0383, Retirement of Professor Robert E. Leo; Montana State University
- Item 38-300-R0383, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station
- Item 38-400-R0383, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 38-401-R0383, Retirement of Allen Nelson; Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 38-500-R0383, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 38-600-R0383, Staff, Western Montana College
- Item 38-700-R0383, Staff, Eastern Montana College with Addendum
- Item 38-800-R0383, Staff, Northern Montana College
- Item 38-900-R0383, Staff, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is April 11-12, 1983 in Helena, Montana.

APPROVED:

  
Secretary

  
Chairman, Board of Regents of Higher Education  
Montana University System