

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

DATE: April 11, 1983
TIME: 9:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Conference Room
Montana University System
33 South Last Chance Gulch
Helena, Montana
REGENTS PRESENT: Morrison, Pace, Keck, Hurwitz, McCarthy, Redlin
Commissioner of Higher Education Irving E. Dayton
REGENTS ABSENT: Knight
PRESIDENTS ATTENDING: Bucklew, Carpenter, DeMoney, Erickson, Tietz, Thomas
PRESIDENTS ABSENT: None
COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Budget Committee; Capital Construction Committee;
Curriculum Committee

The meeting of the Board of Regents of Higher Education was called to order by Chairman Jeff Morrison at 9:15 a.m. on Monday, April 11, 1983. Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Chairman Morrison reported that the Board had met in Executive Session from 8:35 a.m. to 9:05 a.m. on litigation and honorary degrees.

Chairman Morrison called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. None were stated, and the minutes of the March 4, 1983 meeting were ordered approved.

Chairman Morrison stated that in order to complete the Board's agenda in time for the State Board of Education meeting at 1:30, all committee items would be heard by the full Board and acted on at the time of hearing.

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At Chairman Morrison's request, Deputy Commissioner Jack Noble discussed the two items on the Budget Committee Agenda. Mr. Noble explained that in recent audits of the six campuses, the Legislative Auditor raised questions of liability arising from activities funded by activity fees. The recommendation was made that the Board of Regents resolve these liability questions regarding student organizations, and obtain insurance. Mr. Noble stated that meetings will be held with the State Insurance Division to address the questions raised. Mr. Noble explained this is particularly relevant to the discussion of Item 39-601-R0483, Student Fee for the Wescolite; Western Montana College before the Regents for action. Mr. Noble concluded that he believed the students should be on notice that they may have to pay insurance premiums on all activities sponsored by use of these funds and should budget for that.

Chairman Morrison asked what precedent would be set by approval of this funding method. Mr. Noble explained that in the past, student newspapers, among other student activities, were funded from the general activity fee. In this case a mandated fee would be earmarked for specific support of the Wescolite and removed from the discretion of the student activity fee. The fee would be assessed against both full-time and part-time students at Western Montana College. Other activity fees are assessed only against those students carrying over seven credit hours.

President Thomas spoke in support of the mandated fee and briefly addressed the similarity between this proposed fee and the fee collected at Western Montana College to support the Chinook, the Western Montana College yearbook.

Rick Miller, President, Associated Students, Western Montana College, distributed and reviewed a fee proposal (on file) which explained in detail ASWMC's proposal for funding the student newspaper.

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Laura Steffen, Student Senator at Western Montana College, spoke to the Student Senate's support of the proposal. Ms. Steffen reported that a referendum to determine support for the mandated fee was held and passed on a vote of 162 to 48.

In response to Regents' questions it was noted that the Wescolite had been unsuccessful in the past in trying to obtain liability insurance. The \$2 proposed fee would pay only publication costs and staff salaries. Student government support of the athletic program at Western Montana College was also explained.

On motion of Regent Darla Keck, Item 39-601-R0483 was approved.

Item 39-102-R0483, Authorization For an Increase in the Present Student Activity Fee from Eighteen Dollars (\$18) to Twenty Dollars (\$20); University of Montana was reviewed by David Bollinger, President, Associated Students, University of Montana, as set out in the justification attached to the item. Mr. Bollinger explained this proposal replaces the request made to the Regents at the last meeting which would have tied an increase in activity fee to increases in tuition. Central Board endorsed this proposal by a vote of 18 to 3. Mr. Bollinger also noted that ASUM maintains a reserve fund which should be adequate in the event questions of liability arise. On motion of Regent Keck, the item was approved.

At Chairman Morrison's request, Commissioner Dayton reported on the status of the budget in the legislative process. Commissioner Dayton noted that the Education Subcommittee was most receptive to the needs of the System and the presentations made by the presidents were very good. He summarized the changes to the budget which have occurred since the Subcommittee made its recommendations. Commissioner Dayton expressed his own, and the System's, deep appreciation for the amount of time spent by Chairman Morrison in assisting with the hearings and presentations before the legislature. The Chairman's presentation to the Senate Finance and Claims Committee last week was particularly helpful in putting the mass of numbers in perspective in terms of what they mean to the System.

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Bill Lannan, Director of Special Projects, presented the items on the Capital Construction Committee agenda.

Item 39-101-R0483, Authority to plan for replacement of chlorination system and the heating and ventilating system; and to implement replacement for the chlorination system for the Grizzly Pool; University of Montana, was reviewed by President Bucklew. He explained the pool was constructed with plant funds, not state general funds. Its maintenance and operation over the years has been funded from the plant fund account. The authorization requested is to engage the services of an engineer to plan necessary replacements and to use building fee revenue to accomplish this portion of the project at an estimated cost of \$50,000. The work proposed is the first phase of a four phase improvement program for the pool as set out in the item. The pool is 25 years old and certain systems have reached the end of their life expectancy. On motion of Regent Hurwitz, the item was approved.

Item 39-503-R0483, Authorization to Appoint an Architect/Engineer to Proceed with the Planning, Cost Estimates, and Preliminary Drawings for the First Phase of the Married Student Housing Project Landscaping, Paving, Curbing, and Sidewalks, at an Estimated Cost of \$97,000, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was discussed. In addition to the justification set out in the item, President DeMoney explained that such improvement of the appearance of the facility was one of the requests made by Anaconda Copper Company when they donated the building to the college. The building contains 60 apartments for married students, and is running at full capacity. On motion of Regent Hurwitz, the item was approved.

Item-504-R0483, Authorization to Appoint an Engineer to Plan and Design an Energy Retrofit and a Sewer Line Relocation Project in the Student Union Building, and to Proceed with the Project Completion, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology was reviewed by Mr. Lannan as set out

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in the item. President DeMoney, Montana Tech, elaborated on the need to accomplish both projects at the same time. In discussion, Commissioner Dayton suggested that the item be amended by adding a new sentence at the end of the first paragraph as follows: "Total project cost will not exceed \$48,000". On motion of Regent Hurwitz, the item was approved as amended.

President Erickson, Northern Montana College, presented Item 38-804-R0483, Authorization to increase spending authority--Donaldson Hall Remodeling, Northern Montana College (Ref. Item 34-802-R1281). He explained the hall could be brought back as a dormitory through remodeling. The problems are plumbing and electrical. Donaldson Hall is a beautiful old building which is structurally sound. When completed, it will house 160 to 180 students, and the space is needed. On motion of Regent Hurwitz, the item was approved.

William Lannan gave a status report on the Long Range Building Program. He reported that the bonding portion of the program is through the Long Range Building Committee and House Appropriations, and the System received favorable consideration on most items recommended by the Executive branch, and some that were recommended by the Regents, but not the Executive branch. Hearings are scheduled on the cash portion of the program which includes the System's maintenance and repair requests. Mr. Lannan further reported that the legislation introduced to fund Flathead Valley Community College's new classroom facility was defeated on a tie vote in the Senate Finance and Claims Committee.

The Curriculum Committee received the following items for consideration at a future meeting:

Item 39-201-R0483, Authorization for the School of Business to change the name of the Department of Business, Office and Distributive Education to the Department of Business Education and Office Systems; Montana State University

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- Item 39-501-R0483, Changing the Name of the Department of Business to the Department of Business and Economics, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 39-502-R0483, B.S. Degree Proposal, Employee Health, Recreation, and Fitness, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 39-103-R0483, Approval of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana; University of Montana

At Deputy Commissioner Carrol Krause's request, the order of the agenda of the Curriculum Committee was reversed, and the status of the System's Role and Scope update was discussed first. Dr. Krause distributed copies of a document listing those programs approved or terminated from July 1979 through December 1982. The document provided a summary of actions taken in the curriculum area since the Role and Scope statement was approved in 1979.

Dr. Krause next distributed copies of a draft revision of the System's Role and Scope statement which has been updated to include program changes through December 1, 1982 as requested at the last Regents' workshop. No philosophical changes or modifications of the role and scope at any institution were made in the revision except on the basis of programs approved. The question now before the Board is what further action it wishes to take on role and scope, and how it wishes to proceed with those actions. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Regents that the Commissioner's staff and the presidents should discuss how best to proceed and return recommendations to the Board.

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Item 38-802-R0383, Changing the Degree Title from B.A./B.S. in Change and Values to B.A./B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies; Northern Montana College (Ref. Item 26-805-R0380) was considered next. The explanation set out on the item was reviewed. The former ambiguous title has presented problems for students and staff. It is believed the new title is more descriptive and reflective of the nature of the program. After brief discussion of the nature of the degree, the item was approved on motion of Regent Darla Keck.

Item 38-202-R1282, Authority to Establish the 49th Parallel Institute; Montana State University was presented by Dr. Carrol Krause. Dr. Krause explained that the item was originally received on the submission agenda at the December 1982 meeting. A number of questions were raised concerning the initial proposal, including control of the Institute, funding, and involvement of other institutions. The proposal has been redrafted to address those concerns as explained in Dr. Krause's memorandum to the Commissioner dated March 30, 1983 (on file) and distributed to the Regents with the agenda. Both Dr. Krause and the Commissioner recommend approval of the item.

President Tietz, Vice President Jutila, and Professor Lauren McKinsey of Montana State University spoke in support of the proposal. Presidents of the other units involved with institutional plans and activities in the area of Canadian Studies were also heard. The breadth of membership on the Advisory Council which would be established by the Institute was presented as providing good possibilities for coordination of research activities. Future program development in Canadian Studies at any of the System's institutions would be brought forward through the usual curriculum process. Approval of the Institute, with System-wide membership on its advisory council, should provide the opportunity to develop the cooperative thrust to allow System-wide development in the area of Canadian Studies.

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On motion of Regent Pace, Item 38-202-R1282 was approved contingent on a plan being brought to the Board which would provide for participation in the development of areas of Canadian Studies by all units of the System.

Chairman Morrison and Regent Mary Pace, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, stated they would like to defer action on Item 38-601-R0183, Review of Role and Scope; Western Montana College, until the May meeting. Regent Pace explained that Regent Hurwitz has recently returned from an extended absence from the state, Regent Knight was not able to be present at this meeting, and this is the first meeting held since Regent McCarthy's appointment. She believed the additional time was necessary for proper review and discussion of such an important action as modification of an institution's role and scope. Regent Pace added she would like Dr. Krause to review past actions and discussion, and she would be most interested to hear those present who wished to speak, but if the Board concurred, no action would be taken at this meeting.

At Regent Pace's request, Dr. Krause reviewed the discussion held on the item at the January, 1983 meeting. The seven areas of emphases for Western Montana College's revised role and scope were identified in the report presented at that meeting and placed on the agenda of the Curriculum Committee at this meeting for action. Dr. Krause explained that no approval of specific programs was requested at this time. Program proposals resulting from approval of the seven areas of emphases would need specific authorization following the normal curriculum process. Dr. Krause explained that what Western needs now is approval of a direction to assure its future. It is more important that the Board approve a thrust for the institution. Specific proposals will emanate from that thrust.

President Thomas spoke in support of Dr. Krause's recommendation, stating that Western wished to withdraw the authorization for four

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specific programs outlined in the original item, and request instead approval of the seven areas of emphases. This would underline the Board's stated commitment to the future of Western Montana College, and provide the necessary direction to assure Western's continued stability and growth.

Dr. Evelyn Hively, Academic Vice President at Western Montana College, distributed copies of the College's response to the recommended areas of emphases (on file). The report stated Western's agreement with Dr. Krause's recommendations, explained faculty involvement, and briefly outlined the plans for development of the seven areas of emphases in the recommended modification of Western Montana College's role and scope.

Some dissatisfaction with the process leading to the role and scope modifications was expressed by Presidents Tietz and Bucklew. It was suggested that the Council of Presidents should perhaps play a larger role in the development of such changes. Dr. Krause expressed disagreement with the idea of curriculum matters going through the Council of Presidents.

Regent Pace stated she would also like a discussion of the graduate program at Western included at the May meeting.

Chairman Morrison summarized the Board's discussion, emphasizing particularly the need to act on this no later than at the May meeting, if it is the pleasure of the Board to defer action to that time. He asked if anyone wished to make a motion on the item. Hearing none, he stated the seven areas of emphases and discussion of the graduate program at Western Montana College would be on the action agenda of the May meeting. Any concerns or responses should be sent to the Commissioner's office within the time frames necessary to assure adequate dissemination prior to the May meeting. Commissioner's staff was instructed to schedule time for complete review and discussion of these two matters at that meeting.

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In response to a question from President Thomas, Chairman Morrison stated that Western would be permitted to submit curriculum proposals on the submission agenda of the May meeting. If Western's role and scope is modified, review and approval or disapproval of these proposals needs to be completed in order to assure proper staffing for the coming year.

President Don Kettner reported on the student center and library expansion at Dawson Community College, and assured the Board that Dawson has raised the necessary funds to complete the facility.

No items were scheduled for action before the By-Laws and Policy Committee or the Collective Bargaining Committee.

Chairman Morrison stated that the next item for consideration was the residency appeal of Darlene Buckley. The Board was informed that the appellant was notified of the date and time of the hearing by certified mail. The return receipt was received with the proper signature. It was the consensus of the Board that the appeal be heard.

Chairman Morrison asked if Ms. Buckley or her representative was present, and received no response. Chief Counsel LeRoy Schramm reviewed the documentation on the appeal as set out in the memorandum and supporting material sent to the Regents with the agenda. He recommended the Board uphold the Commissioner's denial of in-state classification for fee purposes. On motion of Regent Hurwitz, the Commissioner's decision was upheld, and the appeal denied.

Chairman Morrison next introduced newly-appointed Regent Beatrice McCarthy from Anaconda, Montana, and welcomed her to the Board

Chairman Morrison explained that when new members are appointed to the Board it is necessary to revise the Board's committee assignments, and those assignments will now be as follows:

Budget Committee

Jeff Morrison, Chairman
Mary Pace
Burt Hurwitz

Capital Construction Committee

Burt Hurwitz, Chairman
Robert Knight
Elsie Redlin

Collective Bargaining Committee

Robert Knight, Chairman
Jeff Morrison
Beatrice McCarthy

Curriculum Committee

Mary Pace, Chairman
Elsie Redlin
Darla Keck

Policy Committee

Darla Keck, Chairman
Robert Knight
Beatrice McCarthy

Community College Liaison

Elsie Redlin, Liaison -- Miles Community College/Dawson Community
College
Beatrice McCarthy, Liaison -- Flathead Valley Community College

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At Commissioner Dayton's request, William Lannan reported on the recent bond sale which will allow establishment of the secondary market for the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program. Bonds in the amount of \$33,565,000 were sold at a coupon rate of seven percent. Mr. Lannan also reported that a search is being conducted to hire a Director of the Montana Higher Education Student Assistance Corporation, and that position should be filled within the next month.

Commissioner Dayton reported that the Board of Public Education now provides a time on its agenda for the Commissioner of Higher Education to make reports or presentations. Commissioner Dayton stated he would propose that the Regents extend the same courtesy to the Board of Public Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Regents agreed this would be an excellent method to expand communication among the Boards and the Superintendent, and instructed the Commissioner to make the additions to the regular agenda.

The Commissioner reported briefly on his planned participation in the trade mission to Taiwan and Japan during the first two weeks of May. A briefing session on campus activities in the areas of student and faculty exchanges and language exchanges will be held in the System's Conference room at 4:00 p.m. Representatives from the state's tourism office will also participate in the briefing. The Commissioner invited anyone interested to attend that session.

Commissioner Dayton next discussed with the Board the need to revise the calendar of future meeting dates. It was agreed that the May 26-27 meeting would be cancelled, and rescheduled on June 13-14, 1983 in Dillon, Montana. The July 13-14 meeting was also cancelled, and rescheduled on July 28-29, 1983 in Helena. The Commissioner will mail out a calendar with the proposed meeting dates for the remainder of the calendar year.

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Commissioner Dayton concluded his report by briefly reviewing the agenda of the State Board of Education. That Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Governor's Conference Room in the State Capitol.

Under the report of the Council of Presidents, President Bucklew, University of Montana, reported on the Mellon Foundation's new scholarship program for continuing study in the humanities. One hundred scholarships were awarded nationally to seniors or recent graduates in the field of humanities who plan to do graduate work in that field. The scholarship guarantees the recipient \$7,000 plus tuition and fees for the year of study. Two of the first year's recipients are graduates of the University of Montana, which places the University in a group of twelve schools nationally whose graduates received two or more scholarships. Other universities in that category include Stanford and Harvard. The Mellon Fellows from the University of Montana are Mr. Herbert Luthin and Mr. Vernon LaPlante. President Bucklew stated that in addition to the high honor accorded these two fine men, these awards are also a source of great pride to the University of Montana.

Dr. Donald Beuerman, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, reported on behalf of the Faculty Association on the Association's continuing concerns in the areas of communication with the Board, tenure questions, and problems with faculty handbooks as discussed with the Board at its December 1982 meeting. Dr. Beuerman reviewed the Association's correspondence with the Commissioner and the Commissioner's response which included a request for specific proposals on issues of concern prior to discussion between the Association and Commissioner's staff. Dr. Beuerman indicated that the Association could probably bring in a formal proposal at the June meeting, but would like a liaison person appointed in the Commissioner's office with whom they could discuss form prior to presenting the proposals.

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Commissioner Dayton objected, reiterating his belief that written proposals setting out what the Association would like to achieve should be the next step. Appropriate staff could then be designated when the areas of discussion have been identified. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that a meeting between the Association and Commissioner's staff should be held prior to submission of the Association's proposals. Dr. Carol Krause was designated as staff liaison for that meeting.

Gale Hart made a brief report on the status of the work study legislation, and on the meeting held earlier of the Student Advisory Council. Ms. Hart introduced two newly elected student body presidents, Darrel Bauer, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, and Les Morse, Northern Montana College. Ms. Hart noted this was her last meeting as President of SAC, and expressed her appreciation to the Regents for their cooperation which helped to make the past year such a successful one.

Brad Diede, retiring president, Associated Students, Montana State University also thanked the Board for the many considerations it has shown to the students in the past year and during the legislative session. He also stated ASUM's appreciation to the entire student lobby group for their dedicated effort for the University System as a whole.

Commissioner Dayton added his thanks to the student lobbyists. He said they have been very helpful and cooperative both to him personally, and to all others in the System who have asked for their assistance during the session. Their informed comments before committees have been very helpful, and the image they projected was one of which the System can be proud.

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

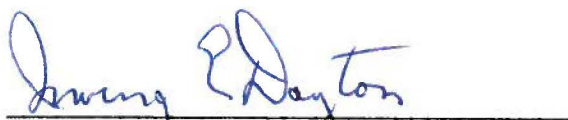
- Item 39-100-R0483, Staff, University of Montana
- Item 39-200-R0483, Staff, Montana State University
- Item 39-300-R0483, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station
- Item 39-400-R0483, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 39-700-R0483, Staff, Eastern Montana College
- Item 39-800-R0483, Staff, Northern Montana College
- Item 39-900-R0483, Staff, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be on June 13-14, 1983 in Dillon, Montana.

The Board of Regents and the Board of Public Education convened as the State Board of Education at 1:30 p.m. in the Governor's Conference Room, State Capitol, Helena, Montana.

APPROVED:


Chairman, Regents of Higher Education
Montana University System


Secretary