

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

DATE: July 20, 1984
LOCATION: Conference Room
Montana University System
33 South Last Chance Gulch
Helena, Montana
REGENTS PRESENT: Morrison, Pace, Keck, McCarthy, Hurwitz, Redlin
Commissioner of Higher Education Irving E. Dayton
REGENTS ABSENT: Lind
PRESIDENTS ATTENDING: Bucklew, Carpenter, DeMoney, Erickson, Tietz, Thomas
PRESIDENTS ABSENT: None

The Board of Regents of Higher Education met in executive session on Friday, July 20, 1984 from 9:40 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. on matters of collective bargaining and litigation.

Chairman Morrison called the regular meeting of the Board of Regents to order at 10:30 a.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Chairman Morrison called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. None were stated, and the minutes of the June 11-12, 1984 meeting were ordered approved.

Chairman Morrison stated that without objection committee meetings would not be held. All matters on the committee agenda would be heard by the full Board.

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By-Laws and Policy Committee

Regent Keck, Chairman of the Policy Committee, stated that all items on that committee's agenda are on the submission agenda. No action is required on the items at this time. On motion of Regent Keck, the following items were received for consideration at a future meeting:

- Item 35-007-R0682, By-Laws; Board of Regents (REVISED)
- Item 44-003-R0784, Indemnification, Montana University System (REVISED)
- Item 44-002-R0784, Removal, Demolition or Substantial Alteration of University System Buildings; Montana University System
- Item 7-002-R0175, Security Operations; Montana University System (REVISED)

Budget Committee

Jack Noble, Deputy Commissioner for Management and Fiscal Affairs, presented Item 44-101-R0784, Student Supplemental Blue Cross Plan; University of Montana. He reviewed the reason for the fee increase as set out in the explanation on the item. The item authorizes a \$2.00 increase of the quarterly fee for the Student Health Service Supplemental Blue Cross plan for both the regular and summer session effective fall quarter 1984. The increase is recommended by the Student Health Service Committee and Central Board of ASUM. On motion of Regent McCarthy, the item was approved.

Item 44-001-R0784, Inventory and Validation of Fees; Montana University System, was reviewed by Mr. Noble. He explained that the inventory and validation of fees is presented in booklet form to provide the Regents and others a quick reference of fees and assessments which students in the System are required to pay, and provides the accounting disposition of the revenue obtained from the fees. Mr. Noble also reviewed the memorandum dated July 20, 1984 (on file) accompanying the fee booklet which provided

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the annual update of student cost of attending the Montana University System. Using the assumptions set out in the memorandum, the cost per student to attend Montana State University in the coming year will be \$3,182.25, compared to \$3,026.25 last year, for a percentage increase of 5.1%. The estimated costs do not include books, transportation or added costs for special courses. Based on the projections presented, the estimated cost for fees, room and board for the four years of college from 1984 - 1988 is \$13, 921.11. On motion of Regent Hurwitz, Item 44-001-R0784 was approved.

Chairman Morrison stated that before the Budget Committee's recommended program modification requests for the 1987 biennium were reviewed he wished to clarify the first two recommendations. He explained that while the Regents have consistently requested that the formula budget be funded at the 100 percent level, this has not been submitted as a program modification in the past. It is recommended for submission in that manner at this time because that is the way the Governor's Budget Office structured the requests. The same is true of the second recommendation. Any projected enrollment over (or under) the 1985 appropriated enrollment levels are to be submitted as a modification request to the current level budget.

At the Chairman's request, Mr. Noble reviewed the remainder of the recommended program modification requests and explained the rationale for changes from the original submissions. The Budget Committee recommendations reduced the campus requests by approximately \$9.4 million.

At the conclusion of the review of the Budget Committee program modification recommendations, Regent Pace filed a minority report asking that discussion be held on adding two additional requests to the recommendation. These were: (1) The Montana Educational Data Network requested by the office of Commissioner of Higher Education, and (2) the System request for the Writing-Across-the-Curriculum proposal. Regent Pace stated that both requests relate directly to instruction in the System and would be helpful to students and faculty.

Commissioner Dayton spoke to the need for the Montana Educational Data Network, explaining that the Computer Services Division of the Department

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of Administration has a statewide data network to service some data communications, addressing the needs of users that perform processing on the IBM mainframe in Helena. This request would establish the linking mechanisms among the System's computing facilities and between them and the CSD facilities. The goal is an integrated state data network where terminals could have access to any authorized host computer system. Commissioner Dayton stated it was his understanding that it is CSD's intent to request \$75,000 in its budget to proceed with this. If the Regents reinstate the request into their program modification requests in the amount of \$150,000, the basic hardware can be obtained to participate in the network.

Chairman Morrison explained that it was the remainder of the Budget Committee's view that this request would jeopardize the number one priority of the Commissioner's office, the position of facilities planner, because of the amount of money involved. The Committee felt the request had merit, but the need for the facilities planner is urgent.

Regent Pace then moved that the Montana Educational Data Network program modification request be reinstated to the Budget Committee recommendations. Regents Keck, Pace and Redlin voted yes. Regents Hurwitz, McCarthy and Morrison voted no. The motion failed on a tie vote.

Discussion was held on the System request for the Writing-Across-the-Curriculum Project. Regents McCarthy and Redlin supported the importance of the project, but questioned why it was so expensive. Commissioner Dayton responded to Regents questions. Chairman Morrison explained that while the Budget Committee felt it was an extremely worthwhile project, they felt that the proposal had been presented to the last legislature and failed to receive funding, and that it could be handled individually by the campuses. Chairman Morrison also expressed dissatisfaction with the name of the proposal. He suggested that if the proposal is reinstated it should be renamed to more accurately reflect the intent of the program.

Regent Pace then moved that the recommended program modification requests be amended to include the Writing-Across-the-Curriculum proposal at the full requested funding of \$315,859 for the biennium. Regents Hurwitz and Morrison voted no. Regents Pace, McCarthy, Keck and Redlin voted yes. The motion to amend carried. Commissioner's staff was instructed to retitle the proposal before submitting it to the legislature.

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Chairman Morrison asked if the Regents had any other additions or comments to the program modification recommendations. None were made. On motion of Regent McCarthy, the program modification requests attached to and made a part of these minutes were approved. Chairman Morrison instructed Mr. Noble to footnote the indirect cost request to reflect the reduction in other research requests that would occur if that modification is funded, prior to submitting the requests to the Governor's Budget Office.

Capital Construction Committee

President Buckew, University of Montana, briefly reviewed each of the following items and responded to Regents questions:

Item 44-103-R0784, Remodel of Field House Seating;
University of Montana

Item 44-104-R0784, Expansion of Parking Lot "W";
University of Montana

Item 44-105-R0784, Development of Recreational Fields
on River Front Parcels "A" and "B"
University of Montana

Item 44-106-R0784, Renovation of Swimming Pool;
University of Montana

It was noted in the discussion that if approved, Items 44-104-R0784 and 44-105-R0784 will require legislative approval to construct. The approval sought at this time on those two items will allow the University to accomplish what is necessary prior to seeking that approval.

On motion of Regent Hurwitz, Items 44-103-R0784, 44-104-R0784, 44-105-R0784, and 44-106-R0784 were approved.

Item 44-107-R0784, Naming of the Building Currently Housing the
Departments of Home Economics, Physical Therapy and Dance; University of
Montana, and Item 44-108-R0784, Naming of the Performing Arts and Radio/
Television Center; University of Montana were reviewed. On motion of Regent McCarthy, both items were approved.

President Tietz, Montana State University, briefly reviewed the following three items as set out in the explanation on the items:

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Item 44-301-R0784, Mining Claim Trade; Montana Agricultural Experiment Station

Item 44-302-R0784, Land Purchase from the Bureau of Land Management; Montana Agricultural Experiment Station

Item 44-303-R0784, Land Trade; Montana Agricultural Experiment Station

On motion of Regent Pace, all three items were approved.

Item 44-501-R0784, Authorization to Proceed with the First Phase of the Married Student Housing Landscaping Project Including Paving, Curbing, Sidewalks, at an Estimated Cost of \$185,000; Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was discussed at length. A preliminary estimate of the cost of the project was made following a review by the State Architecture and Engineering Division. When an architect was appointed (under Board Item 39-503-R0483) and actual drawings and specifications were prepared the estimated cost was increased from \$97,000 to \$185,000 due in part to the extensive curbing and paving needed to control run-off erosion. Regents discussed whether it would be wise to rebid the project. It was pointed out that if this was done the project would not be started until next summer and would be even more expensive. The original estimate prepared by A & E was a tentative estimate and proved to be unfortunately low when compared to the actual plans prepared by the experts who would do the work. The project can be done in phases, with as much accomplished in each phase as there is money available. On motion of Regent Hurwitz, Item 44-501-R0784 was approved.

Item 44-502-R0784, Authorization to Increase the Estimated Cost of the Energy Retrofit Project in the Student Union Building; Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, an addition to the agenda, was reviewed. The Board had previously authorized this project at a cost of \$48,000. The item before the Board increased the previously authorized funds to \$76,000. The increase is necessary due to the engineers underestimation of the cost of the project, particularly in the area of mechanical system controls. The Regents again expressed their disapproval of estimates that fall far below the actual cost of a project, and encouraged units in the System to work with companies with a record of accuracy in preparing such estimates. On motion of Regent Hurwitz, the item was approved.

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Commissioner Dayton reviewed the status of major maintenance projects authorized by the 1983 Legislature under HB 833 as set out in the memorandum to the Commissioner from William J. Lannan dated July 20, 1984 (on file). The legislature appropriated \$100,000 less than the cost of the projects authorized in HB 833, and the University of Montana reduced their original list by \$50,000 by Regental action with the understanding that when all projects were bid, any excess funds would revert to the University. Commissioner Dayton noted that while the memorandum reflected a current \$74,701.12 contingency amount, some projects are not yet bid, and \$50,000+ of that amount is from a project at Western Montana College that has change orders whose total costs are not known at this time, but may be expensive. The extremely slow state bidding process was also discussed. The memorandum reflects that four projects authorized by the 1983 legislature are still not bid. President Thomas commented on the bid process, noting that the steam and electrical distribution project at Western Montana College was anticipated to have been completed in May. It will instead be started the week school opens in the fall and Western will be six weeks without heat and hot water in the dormitories. The timing of the project is disruptive to the school and expensive. Commissioner Dayton concluded the report stating that the Board will be kept informed of any amounts that could revert to the University as the rest of the projects are bid.

Commissioner Dayton also reported briefly on the status of the brick repair projects at Montana State University.

Collective Bargaining Committee

The Collective Bargaining Committee had no report.

Curriculum Committee

Submission Agenda

Regent Pace, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the following items were received for consideration at a future meeting:

Item 44-701-R0784, Changing the Name of the Center for Organizational Development to the Center for Business Enterprise; Eastern Montana College

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Item 44-102-R0784, Approval of a New Minor in Studies in Human Development; University of Montana

Action Agenda

Dr. Carrol Krause, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, explained that Item 42-002-R1283, College Preparatory Program, Montana University System (REVISED) was presented to make the two changes discussed at the June meeting. Section 6 under Board Policy was amended to make the foreign language requirement optional, and the effective date for adoption of the procedures was changed from 1987 to 1988. On motion of Regent Pace, the item was approved as amended.

Dr. Krause reviewed Item 43-102-R0684, Approval of a Master of Accountancy Degree; University of Montana. He explained that the proposal responds to a national trend which supports legislation requiring post-baccalaureate education for the CPA profession, and is within the role and scope authorization of the University. Only two additional courses will need to be added and will be taught with existing staff. Some reallocation of resources will be made. He recommended approval. On motion of Regent McCarthy, the item was approved

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Dayton reported that the Salish-Kootenai Community College has been granted accreditation at the associate degree level. Salish-Kootenai is the first of the tribally-controlled community colleges to achieve full accreditation.

The Commissioner also reported that Little Big Horn Community College has been awarded candidate status, and is the third of the tribally-controlled community colleges to be granted candidate status.

President Erickson announced that for the second time a student at Northern Montana College has won a gold medal at the VICA National Skill Olympics. Mr. Tim Cowan, a senior in Diesel Technology at Northern Montana College, won the gold medal in the competition, which had 2,500 participants

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in attendance. President Erickson asked that the Board join him in congratulating Tim Cowan on this signal honor, adding that he was proud of both Tim and the program in which he is enrolled.

Copies of a report to the Board of Regents on the Kumamoto-Montana University Exchanges were distributed to the Regents and reviewed by Commissioner Dayton (on file). The Commissioner explained that twenty-four Kumamoto University of Commerce students and three faculty members were in Helena today completing the first week of their exchange. The Commissioner reviewed the history of the exchange, noting that in the summer of 1983 nineteen students, including University of Montana and Montana Tech students spent a month in Japan. The current exchange group is the second effort. Details of the exchange and a full itinerary were attached to the report. The Commissioner stated that the first group of students to exchange uniformly described the program as the most powerful and important educational experience of their college careers. Other measures of success are the demand for the 1985 program, and the successful launching of a faculty exchange. President Tietz, Montana State University, and President DeMoney, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, spoke to the success of the program from the individual campus's viewpoint.

Commissioner Dayton next reported that there were scheduling problems with the dates proposed for the Regents' fall workshop which had been tentatively scheduled just prior to the November meeting of the Board. After discussion, the workshop was rescheduled on November 4-5, 1984. Topics for discussion were identified. A detailed agenda will be distributed by the Commissioner before the November meeting.

The Council of Presidents, Board of Public Education, Faculty Association, Board of Public Education, and Montana Associated Students had no report.

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

Item 44-100-R0784, Staff; University of Montana
(including 3 post-retirement contracts)

Item 44-200-R0784, Staff; Montana State University
Item 44-201-R0784, Retirement of Robert F. Durnford;
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- Item 44-202-R0784, Retirement of Milton J. (Jim) Edie;
Montana State University
- Item 44-203-R0784, Retirement of Kenneth E. Marcotte;
Montana State University
- Item 44-204-R0784, Retirement of Elnora A. Old Coyote;
Montana State University
- Item 44-205-R0784, Retirement of Minnie Paugh;
Montana State University
- Item 44-206-R0784, Retirement of Alice M. Ridenour;
Montana State University
- Item 44-207-R0784, Retirement of Norman A. Shyne;
Montana State University
- Item 44-208-R0784, Retirement of William J. Swartz;
Montana State University
- Item 44-209-R0784, Retirement of Paul E. Uhlrich;
Montana State University
- Item 44-210-R0784, Retirement of J. Eldon Whitesitt;
Montana State University
- Item 44-211-R0784, Post-Retirement Contract;
Montana State University
- Item 44-212-R0784, Retirement of Lucille Thompson;
Montana State University

- Item 44-300-R0784, Staff; Agricultural Experiment Station
- Item 44-400-R0784, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 44-500-R0784, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science
and Technology

- Item 44-500A-R0784, Staff; Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
- Item 44-600-R0784, Staff; Western Montana College
- Item 44-700-R0784, Staff; Eastern Montana College
- Item 44-710-R0784, Degrees; Eastern Montana College
- Item 44-800-R0784, Staff; Northern Montana College
- Item 44-810-R0784, Certificates and Degrees;
Northern Montana College


- Item 44-900-R0784, Staff; Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on September 13-14, 1984 in Helena, Montana.

APPROVED:


Secretary


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