

THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
Montana University System

CONFERENCE CALL MEETING  
MINUTES

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**DATE & TIME OF CALL:** OCTOBER 17, 1995 —2:00 P.M.

**LOCATION:** MONTANA HIGHER EDUCATION BUILDING  
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE  
2500 BROADWAY  
HELENA, MONTANA

**REGENTS PARTICIPATING:** JIM KAZE (CHAIRMAN), PAUL BO LAN, COLLEEN CONROY, PAT DAVISON, AND KERMIT SCHWANKE

**REGENTS NOT PARTICIPATING:** CORDELL JOHNSON AND MIKE GREEN (EXCUSED)

**PRESENT IN COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE:** JEFF BAKER, ROSE BOND

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS:** IN MISSOULA: BOB KINDRICK; IN BUTTE: TOM WARING

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Chairman Jim Kaze called the conference call meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call showed that a quorum was present.

a. ITEM 89-1501-C1095—Approval of Project 2000: A Plan to Enhance Teaching & Learning; Montana Tech of The University of Montana

Commissioner Baker said this item was the last of the six agreements for four-year institutions that began more than two years ago. He said they had put into place and addressed a number of issues that were not ready for the September 1995 Board meeting in Billings. He pointed out that the agreement under consideration was very much in the framework of the other agreements but was tailored to the special circumstances at Montana Tech.

Chairman Kaze asked whether the other plans were also individually tailored for the individual campuses. Commissioner Baker said they were.

Chairman Kaze asked whether there were substantial differences in Montana Tech's agreement. Commissioner Baker said one of the things that distinguished Montana Tech's plan was that it was geared more toward the retention of students who come to Montana Tech. This was a concern identified in the planning and, as a result, many of the agreement's goals and benchmarks were designed to improve the environment and measure progress toward retention. The other distinguishing feature was a fairly substantial increase in the overall graduation rates, again reflecting the emphasis on trying to retain and graduate

students. Commissioner Baker said the planning assumptions in terms of the finances were much the same as the other agreements. The assumptions also were the same in regard to general fund and millage, so it was tailored in the sense that it tried to address specific needs the campus identified as important.

Concerning the latest enrollment projections, Provost Bob Kindrick from The University of Montana—Missoula said that as with the other agreements he was familiar with at UM, the Montana Tech agreement did include the stipulation concerning what would happen if the enrollment projections were not met.

- ▶ **After further discussion, Regent Paul Boylan moved that the Board approve ITEM 89-1501-C1095. A roll call vote showed unanimous approval.**

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

*Mailed to the Board of Regents on*

November 3, 1995

*(Date)*

Rose M. Bond

*Rose M. Bond  
Secretary to the Board of Regents*

*Approved by the Board of Regents on*

November 17, 1995

*(Date)*

Jim Katz  
*Jim Katz, Chairman  
Board of Regents of Higher Education*