



MINUTES
Montana Board of Regents Conference Call Meeting

January 16, 2008

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

The meeting convened at 2:00 PM.

Roll Call indicated a quorum present.

Regents Present: Lynn Hamilton chair, Todd Buchanan, Clayton Christian, Janine Pease, Kerra Melvin, all by phone, and Sheila Stearns *ex officio* in person.

Policy Advisor for Education Jan Lombardi represented Governor Schweitzer *ex officio* by phone.

Regents Absent: Steve Barrett vice chair, Lila Taylor, Superintendent Linda McCulloch *ex officio*, and Governor Schweitzer *ex officio*, all excused.

Others Present by phone: President Dennison, Bob Durringer, and Teresa Branch all of UM, Stacey Klippenstein and Ms. Cheri Johannes, both of MSU-Billings, and Dena Wagner-Fossen, Great Falls College of Technology. Present at the Commissioner's Office was Chief Legal Counsel Cathy Swift, Laurie Tobol, and Sherry Rosette, all of OCHE, and Matt Gouras, AP reporter.

Provisional Revision to Residency Policy 940.1. ITEM 138-101-C0108

Chief Legal Counsel Swift explained this narrow change to the regents' residency policy, which will affect former residents serving in the military. It is known that there is one student applying for the WICHE/WWAMI programs who will be affected by this change, but the exception will apply to any student who meets the requirements. To meet the terms of this exception, the student: (1) must be a former Montana resident; (2) must be actively serving elsewhere in the military; (3) must have relinquished Montana residency; and (4) must do what all other non-residents must do to gain in-state status for a period of 12 months, with the exception of 12 months physical residency. The commissioner's office recommended board approval with the following change in the item: the second sentence of the new policy language should read, "*The student must demonstrate re-establishment of Montana residency in all other ways required of the policy for a period of 12 months prior to the application for residency*" instead of "*must demonstrate **the intent to establish** . . .*"

Regent Pease moved approval of the Item.

There was no discussion on the item.

Motion approved unanimously 5-0.

The policy change will be brought back to the Board at the March 2008 Board meeting for final approval, giving the campuses time to review the changes and provide feedback.

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

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Approved by the Board of Regents on

January 31, 2008

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Sherry Rosette
Board Secretary

Lynn Morrison-Hamilton
Board Chair

The next Board meeting will take place on March 5-6, 2008 in Dillon.