

March 4-5, 2010

ITEM 146-1501-R0310 **Revised Operating Budgets – FY 2010: Montana Tech of The University of Montana**

THAT: The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes the amended fiscal year 2010 operating budget for Montana Tech of The University of Montana as submitted on the attached documentation.

EXPLANATION: As previously noted during the September 2009 Board of Regents meeting and budget presentation, Montana Tech has exceeded the enrollment projections used in developing the FY10 Budget. The enrollment projections were based on the original budget model and Montana Tech was within nine FTE of the target in FY09. Enrollment is expected to surpass the projection by over 250 FTE and will generate additional tuition revenue. The Board was informed of this possibility during Montana Tech's budget presentation at the September Board of Regents meeting.

The additional revenue in excess of the approved budget is estimated at \$1,925,000. Of this amount, Montana Tech proposes to deposit \$800,000 into the Reserve Revolving Account as allowable under Board Policy 901.15. The remaining amount of \$1,125,000 will fund one-time expenditures for instructional program equipment and support, deferred maintenance, and marketing.

The approving authority for the university system is defined by 17-7-102(3)(f) M.C.A. to be the Board of Regents of Higher Education or its designated representative. Further, in accordance with 17-7-402(1)(a)(ii), the Board of Regents or its designated representative is the authority responsible for approving budget amendments for spending additional tuition collected.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Revised Summary of Current Unrestricted Revenues
2. Fifteenth Day Enrollment Stats for FY2010