



MINUTES
Montana Board of Regents
Montana Tech - UM
September 16-17, 2015
Location: Copper Lounge – Student Union Building

Wednesday, September 16th

Meeting Convened at 8:25am

Roll Call indicated a quorum present. Regents present: Chair Paul Tuss, Regents Fran Albrecht, Martha Sheehy, Bill Johnstone, Bob Nystuen and Student Regent Asa Hohman. Ex Officio members present: Commissioner of Higher Education, Clayton Christian and Governor Steve Bullock. Superintendent Denise Juneau was excused.

Chair Tuss welcomed all attendees and thanked MT Tech for hosting. He provided a brief overview of the next day and a half and discussed the agenda and items for discussion.

Chancellor Blackketter welcomed all attendees to MT Tech. He provided highlights of MT Tech's history, recapped the mission of MT Tech and updated the Board on recent events and accomplishments to date.

Approval of Minutes

- July 10, 2015 Conference Call Minutes

Motion for approval of July 10, 2015 Conference Call Minutes was made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed; 6-0.

Research Announcement

Commissioner Christian recapped the research funding that was allotted by the \$15-million state investment through Legislature last session. The common goal here is to solve Montana problems and grow Montana jobs by converting university-based research into private-sector growth and scientific solutions. Commissioner Christian recapped for the Board that the initiative started with a call for proposals; these came forward to the research advisory panel which looked at how we could create a positive return on the investment to the state. Many of these projects will yield well over the 3:1 ratio. Funding has been announced for 8 projects to date. Noted that during the 2017 session these projects will be reported back to the legislature to showcase their success. He extended thanks to the Governor and Legislature for their support of education and research. Governor Bullock introduced the newest research awards and noted the increased collaboration between the state, higher education and the private sector. He reiterated the idea behind furthering the Montana economy, meeting the need to innovate and job creation along with scientific breakthroughs. He discussed the five different grants being announced today: Recovery of Metal Contaminants from Industrial Wastewaters, MT Tech; One Medicine, MSU; Diagnosis & Treatment of



Mental Illness, MSU; Enhancing Montana’s Energy Resources, MSU; and Translational Science at the Neural Injury Center, UM. Each Project Leader gave a brief project overview to the Board. Discussion followed.

Commissioners and System Report

- Commissioner’s Report

Commissioner Christian informed the board the he will be forming an enterprise risk taskforce at OCHE. He discussed the importance related to enterprise risk and the need to focus on them at a higher level.

Commissioner Christian reviewed the Long Range Building Process (LRBP). He recapped the 9 steps related to this process. This process starts at the campus level to develop project lists; MSU/UM develop campus project priority lists. In the early spring OCHE, MSU and UM will meet to develop a proposed MUS consolidated LRBP project priority list. This list is submitted in March and approved by the Board in May. Ultimately the list will go to the Governor’s budget office for final review and eventual presentation to the legislature.

He recapped and briefly discussed current projects underway, from previous sessions:

Recent LRBP State Funded Projects:

Missoula College Building	\$29.0 Million
Main Hall - UM Western (Phases 1 – 3)	14.5 Million
Natural Resources Research Center Addition - Mt Tech	5.0 Million
Science Building – MSU-Billings	10.0 Million
Automotive Technology Building – MSU-Northern	5.9 Million
Great Falls College Roof Replacement	1.0 Million
Great Falls College Land Acquisition	1.5 million
Significant Deferred Maintenance Funding thru A&E	4.5 million plus

100% Authority Only Projects (O&M requests):

Jabs Building – MSU Bozeman	\$20.0 Million
Student Athletic Academic Center – UM-Missoula	2.5 Million
Gilkey Building – UM-Missoula	9.5 Million
Mansfield Library Student Success – UM-Missoula	3.2 Million
Engineering Building - MSU-Bozeman	60.0 Million

Deputy Commissioner Cech provided a brief update on the interstate passport: a national effort that focuses on transferability outside of the Montana system. The new framework focuses on lower-division general education, the common denominator among institutions – concentrating on it as a whole, not on an individual courses and allows for a cross-border “match” of outcomes-integrated general education for block transfer. Dr. Cech noted that Montana is working with WICHE on this initiative. Montana has submitted a grant requesting to be part of this initiative.

Ron Muffick, Director of Student Services, provided a brief update on the National Summit on Collegiate Financial Wellness. This was one of the board’s



recommendations, to develop a collaborative, coordinated approach to financial literacy. Mr. Muffick noted that OCHE presented the Montana model and best practices at the national summit. The Montana financial literacy program is now being recognized as a leader at the national level. We remain the only state system with a system-wide program for financial literacy.

Commissioner Christian reiterated the importance for campuses across the system to take a customer-service center approach to addressing student needs to better serve students overall. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Muffick for his continued work on financial literacy and his great efforts on a state and national level.

- Campus Reports (Linked to agenda)
- Other

Two-Year and Community College Committee

INFORMATION

a. Math Pathways Taskforce – Report on September Summit *Attachment #1*

Deputy Commissioner Cech, Dr. Mokwa and Dr. Lund shared an update on the Math Pathways Taskforce. Dr. Cech noted the overarching goal of Math Pathways is to remove the stumbling blocks, better articulate math requirements, and contextualize learning to develop an alternative math pathway to better increase college completion. Taskforce recommendations which include:

1. Provide clear options for non-STEM students in developmental math courses
2. Develop alternative non-STEM pathways for college-level, quantitative reasoning core math courses
3. Strengthen advising processes for math
4. Re-assess math requirements for non-STEM Majors

Discussion followed.

b. Montana Department of Labor and Montana University System Partnership to Foster New Workforce Development and Apprenticeship Opportunities *Attachment #1*

Dr. Kirk Lacy, Director of Industry Driven Workforce Development Partnership, presented on the recent partnership with the Department of Labor and Industry to foster new workforce development and apprenticeship opportunities. He detailed the alignment and partnerships goals. The initial areas of focus were discussed and include:

1. Using MUS/DLI Data to Develop College Level “Talent Development Pipeline & Gap Analysis”
2. Integrating Apprenticeships & Work-Based Learning Opportunities into College Programs



3. Joint MUS/DLI Outreach for Assessing & Serving Employer's Post-Employment Training Needs
4. Evaluation of Employer / Union Training Programs for College Credit
5. Cultivating WIOA Partner "Priority Pilot Projects" for New Community & Sector Strategy Partnerships

Discussion followed.

c. HealthCARE Montana Grant – Progress Report *Attachment #1 | Attachment #2*

Dr. Shannon O'Brien, Dean of Missoula College, provided a progress report on HealthCARE Montana, a homegrown solution for Montana's Healthcare Workforce. The mission is to transform localized college healthcare education into a statewide workforce system. To create access to the rural needs in eastern Montana. Primary objectives and strategies were discussed and include: Employer Engagement, Workforce Needs Assessment, Rapid Response Team, Healthcare Apprenticeship Program, Curriculum Redesign, Separate Practical Nurse Certificate, Stand-alone Associate of Science Nursing (AS-RN), Articulation from AS-RN to BSN, Core Curriculum Common among Allied Health Programs across campuses, Student Success, Career Coaches, On-line Tutoring, EdReady, Prior Learning Assessment. These efforts represent ground breaking work related to healthcare education in Montana.

d. RevUp Montana Grant – Progress Report *Attachment #1 | Attachment #2*

Mr. Matt Springer provided a progress update on the RevUp Montana Grant. He provided a brief overview of the grant; this is a \$25 million workforce development initiative with ties to 13 colleges and the MT Department of Labor. There are 9 areas of occupational focus including: welding, fabrication, diesel technology, energy technology, machining, industrial electronics, industrial maintenance, commercial driving (CDL), entrepreneurship, and - Developmental math, coaching, sector partnerships, etc. He discussed the program shifts related to the grant, including partitioned CAS/AAS programs into semester length "tiers"; aligning learning outcomes across colleges, embedding industry-recognized credentials into 40 programs. He discussed workforce navigators noting they are each in place at various institutions involved in the grant. They assist with case management, recruiting, retaining and placing students in the RevUp programs as well as spend time at local job service. He discussed the alignment of the program with the Department of Labor and Industry noting the efficient use of available resources, potential institutionalization of KIN and sector partnerships. He noted economic shifts related to post employment system. He noted that in the next 3-5 years 25% of existing workforce will retire and there are not enough young people to fill the void as well as the skills gap that will impact business productivity. This lead to a shift in strategy; focusing more on gaps analysis of current and anticipated short-term training needs. Discussion followed.

Executive Session

- Regents Professor Nomination - MSU



The Board convened for executive session at 11:45am to discuss a Regents Professor nomination submitted by MSU.

Administrative, Budget, & Audit Oversight Committee

CONSENT

- a. Distribution of Timber Sales Revenue; OCHE *ITEM 168-102-R0915 | Attachment #1*
- b. Revision to BOR Policy 920.1 – Information Technology and Telecommunications Equipment and Contracts; Purchase or Procurement; OCHE *ITEM 168-105-R0915 | Attachment #1*
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- e. Request for Authorization to Acquire Real Property – 2722 Normal Avenue, Billings; MSU-Billings *ITEM 168-2703-R0915 | Attachment #1*

INFORMATION

- a. Upgrade Building Automation Controls – Lommasson Center; UM-Missoula | *Attachment #1*

Vice President of Finance - UM, Mike Reid presented on this item. He noted that in accordance with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, UM is presenting this informational item and will be seeking approval at a later date. Existing building commissioning services were performed on the Lommasson Center and it was determined that an upgrade to the building controls would provide energy savings and improved occupant comfort. Total project costs: \$1.2 million.

- b. Status Update on Residence Hall Construction, Dining Facilities Renovations, and Residence Hall Improvements; MSU-Bozeman

Vice President of Finance – MSU, Terry Leist presented this item to the board on projects approved in 2013 related to residence halls and dining facilities at MSU. The campus has experienced continued growth in residence halls. He noted the resident hall is moving forward and is in budget. The Dining Hall Renovation component has focused



on renovation of Miller Dining Hall with preliminary planning for Harrison and Hannon Halls

ACTION

Budget Presentation & Discussion – Trevor/Robinson/Christian

Deputy Commissioner Trevor presented the FY 2015 budget overview. He briefly recapped the strategic plan, primary goals and the 20 year timeline showing the history of initiatives. System initiatives include the Tuition Freeze, Complete College Montana, the Research Initiative and Student Success Initiatives. Summary points include:

- Current Unrestricted funds for Ed Units comprise 34% of the total budget.
 - Two funding eras: 1) flat/declining era; 2) tuition freeze era.
 - Flat/declining era marked by increased tuition revenue
 - Tuition revenue due to increased enrollment and non-resident tuition still increased by 40% in tuition freeze era
 - Non-resident tuition, as a % of total tuition revenue, increased from 41% in 2005 to 51% in 2014 (budgeted for 56% in 2016)
 - State % share has dropped from 76% in 1992 to 40% in 2016
 - When taking into consideration: inflation, as well as resident and non-resident tuition and enrollment, the tuition freeze era recorded the highest level of educational revenue
 - Enrollment: budgeting for a decline in resident students and growth in non-residents
- a. FY 2016 Operating Budgets; OCHE *ITEM 168-103-0915*
- All Funds Summary
 - MUS Operating Budgets – System Summary Information and Campus Specific Information

Deputy Commissioner Robinson discussed the operating budgets of all fund groups for the institutions and agencies of the Montana University System for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, as submitted by each of the units, recommended by the Commissioner of Higher Education, and summarized in the system and campus budget schedules, are hereby authorized. In order to allow flexibility as authorized by the Legislature in HB 2, the Board of Regents authorizes the Commissioner of Higher Education or his designee to approve transfers between programs from the approved operating budgets. He noted the total increase of 8% overall. The Commissioner of Higher Education or his designee shall be authorized to approve budget amendments. Discussion followed.



- b. Request for Authorization to Appoint Members to the Fire Services Training Advisory Council; MSU-Cooperative Extension Service ITEM 168-2401-R0915

Deputy Commissioner Mick Robinson presented to the Board the request to appointment members to the Fire Services Training Advisory Council. Due to vacancies of permanent Directors in both the FSTS and MSU Extension in 2013, appointments were not made at that time. This request is for the appointment of Robert Brunelle and Jason Revisky to a four year term beginning September 15, 2015 and ending September 14, 2019, on the Fire Services Training Advisory Council. Also requested is the reappointment of the current FSTS Advisory Council members (Stephen Hester, Gary Mahugh, Williams Perrin and Keith Johnson) to fulfill their current terms which end in September 2017 and that Chris Hindoiien and Dan Clark, whose terms expire in 2015, be reappointed to serve another term.

- c. Request for Authorization to Purchase Property – 2155 Analysis Drive, Bozeman MT; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 168-2013-R0915 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3 | Attachment #4 | Attachment #5*

Vice President of Finance – MSU, Terry Leist presented this item to the Board, Consistent with the provisions of MCA-18-2-102 (2) (c), Montana State University seeks authorization to purchase real property including land and building at 2155 Analysis Drive, Bozeman, Montana. He noted this was a time sensitive issue.

- d. Request for Authorization to Execute Financing for the Construction of Parking Facility and Purchase of Lab/Office Facilities; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 168-2015-R0915 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3*

Associate Vice President of Finance – MSU, Laura Humberger presented this item to Board; noting the request to adopt Resolutions for the issuance of Facilities Revenue Bonds for Montana State University (MSU) and authorize MSU and the Commissioner of Higher Education of the Montana University System to proceed with the issuance of debt in an amount up to \$11.5 million. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

Mr. Marco Ferro – Director of Public Policy MEA-MFT; expressed his deep concerns with DCC's budget and encouraged the board not to approve it.

Ms. Elizabeth Engebreston – UM Junior; spoke in support of the PLA initiative relative to the Veteran community. She spoke to the current process, joint transcript and current portfolio system. She noted the current burden it has on veteran students.

Meeting Recessed at 4:15pm

Thursday, September 17th

Board Reconvened at 8:28am; Regent Sheehy was excused.



Board Education Topic – DNRC: Management of Trust Lands

Mr. Shawn Thomas presented to the Board on DNRC management of trust lands. He noted the University Trust beneficiaries which include MSU-Bozeman, UM-Missoula, MSU-Billings, UM-Western and MT Tech. He discussed the acreage of each trust land and noted that there are 11 different trusts that DNRC manages and public education is by far the largest. He discussed the breakdown further between different entities. He noted that the total acreage for all trusts has fluctuated through the years due to land sales, etc. Mineral acreage exceeds surface acreage because mineral estate has been retained when lands were sold. He discussed the FY 2015 net distributable revenues and where they went across the state in relation to the permanent fund balances. He noted that agriculture and grazing management is one of the larger areas of focus. In 2011 the land board changed the calculation fee for grazing rates. He discussed the timber management of revenue and the options to either save or designate the revenue. He discussed minerals management; noting that it is strongly declining as much of the land doesn't contain mineral materials. In addition the real estate management bureau, which does a lot of exciting things for the university system related to buying and selling of land to ultimately generate more revenue including management of residential leases and licensing. He discussed the trust and legacy interest as well as the gross revenue generate by program related to agriculture and grazing, forest, minerals and real estate. Discussion followed.

Staff and Compensation Committee

CONSENT

Staff Items

- a. OCHE *ITEM 168-100-R0915*
- b. UM *ITEM 168-1000-R0915*
- c. MT Tech *ITEM 168-1500-R0915*
- d. UM Western *ITEM 168-1600-R0915*
- e. MSU *ITEM 168-2000-R0915*
- f. MSU Billings *ITEM 168-2700-R0915*
- g. MSU Northern *ITEM 168-2800-R0915*
- h. MSU Great Falls *ITEM 168-2900-R0915*
- i. MSU Extension *ITEM 168-2400-R0915*
- j. Policy 407 Employee Equity Interest – June; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 168-2017-R0915 | Attachment #1*
- k. Policy 407 Employee Equity Interest – Dickensheets; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 168-2018-R0915 | Attachment #1*
- l. Policy 407 Employee Equity Interest – Babbitt; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 168-2019-R0915 | Attachment #1*
- m. Policy 407 Employee Equity Interest – Jutila; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 168-2020-R0915 | Attachment #1*

Labor Agreements

- a. MUS and AFSCME at MSU-Northern; OCHE *ITEM 168-108-R0915 | Attachment #1*



- b. MUS and AFSCME at MSU Miles City research lab; OCHE ITEM 168-109-R0915 | Attachment #1
- c. MUS and Teamsters at MSU; OCHE ITEM 168-110-R0915 | Attachment #1
- d. MUS and IBEW; OCHE ITEM 168-111-R0915 | Attachment #1
- e. MUS and Maintenance Painters; OCHE ITEM 168-112-R0915 | Attachment #1
- f. MUS and Carpenters; OCHE ITEM 168-113-R0915 | Attachment #1
- g. MUS and MT Two-Year College Faculty Assoc.; OCHE ITEM 168-114-R0915 | Attachment #1
- h. MUS and MT Tech Faculty Assoc.; OCHE ITEM 168-115-R0915 | Attachment #1

Emeriti Faculty

- a. Bergman, UM-Missoula; ITEM 168-1006-R0915
- b. Borgmann, UM-Missoula; ITEM 168-1007-R0915
- c. Bradstock, UM-Missoula; ITEM 168-1008-R0915
- d. Bruce, UM-Missoula; ITEM 168-1009-R0915
- e. Dial, UM-Missoula; ITEM 168-1010-R0915
- f. Ford, UM-Missoula; ITEM 168-1011-R0915
- g. Gillison, UM-Missoula; ITEM 168-1012-R0915
- h. Hirstein, UM-Missoula; ITEM 168-1013-R0915
- i. Ikeda, UM-Missoula; ITEM 168-1014-R0915
- j. McRae, UM-Missoula; ITEM 168-1015-R0915
- k. Rabinovitch, UM-Missoula; ITEM 168-1016-R0915
- l. Smith, UM-Missoula; ITEM 168-1017-R0915
- m. Weidner, UM-Missoula; ITEM 168-1018-R0915
- n. James, Montana Tech; ITEM 168-1501-R0915
- o. Eckhoff, MSU-Bozeman; ITEM 168-2001-R0915
- p. Cunningham, MSU-Bozeman; ITEM 168-2002-R0915
- q. Watts, MSU-Bozeman; ITEM 168-2003-R0915
- r. Jenkins, MSU-Bozeman; ITEM 168-2004-R0915
- s. Wood, MSU-Bozeman; ITEM 168-2005-R0915
- t. Ward, MSU-Bozeman; ITEM 168-2006-R0915
- u. Benham, MSU-Bozeman; ITEM 168-2007-R0915
- v. Streeter, MSU-Billings; ITEM 168-2701-R0915
- w. Barfield, MSU-Billings; ITEM 168-2702-R0915

Deputy Commissioner McRae provided a brief overview of consent item. A. – I. focus on reappointment of personnel and awards of faculty tenure. Items j,k,l, and m are classic policy 407 items. He discussed the labor agreements listed, he noted that four items have not been ratified yet and suggested items d, e, f, and g from the labor agreement section should be brought back for final approval. Discussion followed.

INFORMATION

- a. Collective bargaining and compensation update

Deputy Commissioner McRae provided an overview of the three sections of the consent agenda. The staff items consist largely of reappointments of administrators whose contracts require board approval for the 2015-16 Academic Year. The reappointments are at current salary levels, although the board may choose to revisit the subject of an



annual pay raises for system employees later in the year. The labor agreements include union-ratified agreements for faculty and staff that are subject to board approval. The staff agreements provide for wage increases of 50 cents per hour effective in January 2016 and January 2017. The faculty agreements provide for a general salary increase of 2% in January 2016 and January 2017. The board's collective bargaining teams are still bargaining with the majority of faculty and staff unions, with a goal of bringing more contract settlements to the board for approval in November and January. The professor emeriti section of the agenda places several nominations of faculty recognition before the board for regent approval. Generally, when faculty members retire, their peers and campus leaders review their service to students and the university and may recommend them for the distinguished title of professor emeriti.

Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee

CONSENT

- a. Level II Memorandum (from May submission)
- b. MRPIP Candidates; OCHE *ITEM 168-104-R0915*
- c. Honorary Doctorate; MSU Bozeman

ACTION

- a. PLA Policy; OCHE *ITEM 168-106-R0915 Attachment #1 | Attachment #2*

Ms. Sue Jones Director of Two-Year Mission Integration, Stephen Lodmell and Chancellor Nook presented, for approval, the new Policy 301.19 to implement and administer Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). This policy establishes the criteria for institutional oversight and implementation of PLA, outlines principles and assessment standards, and summarizes procedures. Additionally, the policy establishes procedures to evaluate PLA in the Montana University System. The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education is charged with administration of the policy and development of procedures to administer PLA in accordance with Board policy. Discussion followed.

- b. Revision to Policy 401.1-Consulting Services-Faculty; OCHE *ITEM 168-107-R0915 Attachment #1*

Deputy Commissioner Cech presented this item to the Board; he noted that policy 401.1 – Consulting Services-Faculty currently requires all MUS campuses to prepare and submit an inventory of faculty consulting activities to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education by October 1 of each year. Changing the submission date for this annual report to December 31 will better align with campus reporting periods as these can run from September until mid-October. The later submission date will not affect any internal OCHE processes or procedures.

- c. Mission Statement and Vision Statement Revision; Great Falls College MSU *ITEM 168-2901-R0915*

Dean Wolff presented this item before the board, seeking approval of new vision and mission statements for Great Falls College Montana State University. Great Falls



College MSU's current Vision Statement is: In the next decade, Great Falls College MSU will play a leading role in transforming the lives of our students, their communities, and the economic prosperity of Montana by responding to learner and community needs through the use of partnerships, innovation, outreach, and technology. Great Falls College MSU's current Mission Statement is: Our Mission is to foster the success of our students and their communities through innovative, flexible learning opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds, and aspirations resulting in self-fulfillment and competitiveness in an increasingly global society.

INFORMATION

a. SLOAN Presentation

Dr. Aaron Thomas (Associate Professor of Chemistry and Director of Indigenous Research and STEM Education, UM) and Grad Students: Ranalda Tsoosie (UM); Shanara Spang-Gion (Montana Tech); Lisa Lone Fight (MSU) presented on SLOAN scholars; Sloan indigenous graduate partnership. This program assists American Indian and Alaska Native students to succeed in graduate study in the sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. The Sloan Foundation funds Master's and Doctoral degree scholarships for American Indian and Alaska Native students. The goal of the program is: to strengthen and expand successful initiatives to recruit, train, and graduate American Indian and Alaska Native students in STEM disciplines. They discussed the history of this program noting it was established in 1934 by Alfred Pritchard Sloan Jr. The Foundation makes grants in support of original research and education in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and economic performance. They discussed the SLOAN project in relation to Montana; noting that it began in 2005 with UM and Tech with MSU joining in 2011. Graduates of the program include: 20 students at UM, 7 at Tech, and 3 at MSU. There are also 6 Ph.D. graduates at UM. There are 26 students currently in the Sloan Program in the MUS with 5 new students this year. Students spoke of their own experiences and noted their appreciation of the SLOAN project.

b. EverFi Update

- Substance Abuse Prevention Report; MSU *Attachment #1*

Mr. Ron Muffick, Director of Student Services provided an update to the Board on Ever-Fi. He reminded them Ever-fi is a collection of online tutorials which address the issues of: Alcohol/Drug use – AlcoholEdu; Sexual Assault Awareness – Haven/PETSA at UM. He noted the purposes is to better educate students in the areas of: increased awareness, behavior changes, communication and consent, consequences of alcohol/drug use, risk awareness, bystander intervention, campus policies and available support resources, assist with compliance with Title IX and Clery Act requirements, financial management, budgeting and student debt. He noted that 10,959 students participated in AY 14-15. Next steps include: an analysis of data, climate surveys and best practices.

Dr. Chris Kearns and Dr. Matt Caires of MSU presented on the President's Commission on Substance Abuse Prevention. They noted this initiative began as an opportunity to



update and redesign our approach to a perennial campus problem and to be proactive rather than reactive as well as leverage new data, processes, and partnerships. Next steps were discussed and include: gaining input from the campus, community, and stakeholders; finalize draft recommendations for consideration and to develop a work plan for select recommendations. Discussion followed. Commissioner Christian spoke in support of this initiative and encouraged it to be elevated to a system-wide approach.

c. Online Learning Report

Deputy Commissioner Cech noted this update comes in each September as an update on the number of online programs across Montana.

d. Accreditation Report

Deputy Commissioner Cech noted this report shows that all campuses are on schedule with their NWCCU review schedules. Currently all campuses are accredited by NWCCU and moved to the revised standards.

e. Level II Memorandum (for action in November)

Deputy Commissioner Cech discussed the process behind these approvals; noting these items are being presented now as information and will be listed on the upcoming November agenda for final action by the board.

f. Notifications & Level I Approvals

Deputy Commissioner Cech discussed the process behind these approvals; noting that they include minor changes and are approved at the Commissioner's Office via direction of the board.

ARSA committee concluded at: 11:40am

Committee Reports & Action

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Motion for approval of consent items a.-e. was made by Regent Johnstone; motion passed 5-0 (Regent Sheehy was excused).

ACTION

- a. FY 2016 Operating Budgets; OCHE *ITEM 168-103-0915*
 - All Funds Summary
 - MUS Operating Budgets – System Summary Information and Campus Specific Information

Motion for approval of Action item a. Item 168-103-0915 was made by Regent Johnstone; motion passed 5-0 (Regent Sheehy was excused). Discussion followed about Dawson Community College's budget; OCHE agreed to report back on this at the November meeting.

- b. Request for Authorization to Appoint Members to the Fire Services Training Advisory Council; MSU-Cooperative Extension Service *ITEM 168-2401-R0915*

Motion for approval of Action item b. Item 168-2401-R0915 was made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed 5-0 (Regent Sheehy was excused).

- c. Request for Authorization to Purchase Property – 2155 Analysis Drive, Bozeman MT; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 168-2013-R0915 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3 | Attachment #4 | Attachment #5*

Motion for approval of Action item c. Item 168-2013-R0915 was made by Regent Johnstone; Discussion followed. Motion passed 5-0 (Regent Sheehy was excused).

- d. Request for Authorization to Execute Financing for the Construction of Parking Facility and Purchase of Lab/Office Facilities; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 168-2015-R0915 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3*

Motion for approval of Action item d. Item 168-2015-R0915 was made by Regent Johnstone; motion passed 4-0 (Regent Nystuen abstained).

Staff and Compensation Committee



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- b. Borgmann, UM-Missoula; *ITEM 168-1007-R0915*
- c. Bradstock, UM-Missoula; *ITEM 168-1008-R0915*
- d. Bruce, UM-Missoula; *ITEM 168-1009-R0915*
- e. Dial, UM-Missoula; *ITEM 168-1010-R0915*
- f. Ford, UM-Missoula; *ITEM 168-1011-R0915*
- g. Gillison, UM-Missoula; *ITEM 168-1012-R0915*
- h. Hirstein, UM-Missoula; *ITEM 168-1013-R0915*
- i. Ikeda, UM-Missoula; *ITEM 168-1014-R0915*
- j. McRae, UM-Missoula; *ITEM 168-1015-R0915*
- k. Rabinovitch, UM-Missoula; *ITEM 168-1016-R0915*
- l. Smith, UM-Missoula; *ITEM 168-1017-R0915*
- m. Weidner, UM-Missoula; *ITEM 168-1018-R0915*
- n. James, Montana Tech; *ITEM 168-1501-R0915*



- o. Eckhoff, MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 168-2001-R0915*
- p. Cunningham, MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 168-2002-R0915*
- q. Watts, MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 168-2003-R0915*
- r. Jenkins, MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 168-2004-R0915*
- s. Wood, MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 168-2005-R0915*
- t. Ward, MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 168-2006-R0915*
- u. Benham, MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 168-2007-R0915*
- v. Streeter, MSU-Billings; *ITEM 168-2701-R0915*
- w. Barfield, MSU-Billings; *ITEM 168-2702-R0915*

Motion for approval was made by Regent Johnstone for the consent agenda with the exception of items d. – Item 168-111-R0915; item e – Item 168-112-R0915; item f – Item 168-113-R0915, and item g. – Item 168-114-R0915 of the labor agreement section. Motion passed 5-0 (Regent Sheehy was excused).

Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee

CONSENT

- a. Level II Memorandum (from May submission)
- b. MRPIP Candidates; OCHE *ITEM 168-104-R0915*
- c. Honorary Doctorate; MSU Bozeman

Motion for approval of the consent agenda was made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed 5-0 (Regent Sheehy was excused).

ACTION

- a. PLA Policy; OCHE *ITEM 168-106-R0915 Attachment #1 | Attachment #2*

Motion for approval of Action item a. – Item 168-106-R0915 was made by Regent Hohman; motion passed 5-0 (Regent Sheehy was excused).

- b. Revision to Policy 401.1-Consulting Services-Faculty; OCHE *ITEM 168-107-R0915 Attachment #1*

Motion for approval of Action item b. – Item 168-107-R0915 was by Regent Nystuen; motion passed 5-0 (Regent Sheehy was excused).

- c. Mission Statement and Vision Statement Revision; Great Falls College MSU *ITEM 168-2901-R0915*

Motion for approval of Action item c. – Item 168-2901-R0915 was made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed 5-0 (Regent Sheehy was excused).

Appeals

- Student Appeal #1- Residency Status

No motion was made; therefore, the student appeal was denied and the



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Commissioner's decision was upheld.

- Student Appeal #2

No motion was made; therefore, the student appeal was denied and the Commissioner's decision was upheld.

- Faculty Appeal #1 – MSU

No motion was made; therefore, the faculty appeal was denied and the Commissioner Christian's decision was upheld.

Public Comment

Mr. Cody Meixner, ASUM President spoke in support of a recent resolution related to solar energy.

President Cruzado expressed thanks to MT Tech for hosting the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:10pm.

Approved by the Board of Regents on

Date

Date

Clayton T. Christian
Commissioner of Higher Education
and Secretary to the Board of Regents

Paul Tuss
Chair, Board of Regents