



Montana Board of Regents

Conference Call Meeting

July 10, 2015

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

Friday, July 10, 2015

The meeting convened at 1:00 PM

Roll call indicated a quorum present.

Regents Present: Paul Tuss, Chair; Fran Albrecht, Vice Chair; Bill Johnstone; Martha Sheehy; Asa Hohman and *Ex officio* member Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian, all by phone. *Ex officio* Governor Bullock and *Ex officio* Superintendent Juneau were excused.

Sites represented by phone were: Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE), MSU-Bozeman, MT-Tech, UM-Missoula, Great Falls College-MSU, MSU-Northern, Helena College-UM, UM-Western.

Approval of minutes

- May 18, 2015 Board Conference Call Meeting Minutes
- May 21-22, 2015 Board of Regents Meeting Minutes
- June 10, 2015 Board Conference Call Meeting Minutes
- June 29, 2015 Board Conference Call Meeting Minutes

Regent Johnstone motioned for approval of the four sets of minutes covering calls and meetings from May – June 2015; motion passed 5-0.

Campus Reports

Chair Tuss discussed the significant achievement at the University of Montana related to the internet on campus. President Engstrom detailed the changes related to internet services in Missoula.

CONSENT

- a. Expend Student Computer Fees; Great Falls College-MSU *ITEM 168-2901-C0715*
- b. Expend Student Equipment Fees; Great Falls College-MSU *ITEM 168-2902-C0715*
- c. Execute lease between MSU Billings Foundation and MSU Billings; MSU Billings *ITEM 168-2701-C0715*

Staff Items



- a. OCHE *ITEM 168-100-C0715*
- b. UM *ITEM 168-1000-C0715*
- c. UM-Western *ITEM 168-1600-C0715*
- d. MSU *ITEM 168-2000-C0715*
- e. MSU Policy 407 – Barbour; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 168-2001-C0715* | *Attachment #1*

Regent Albrecht motioned for approval of consent items a. – c. and staff consent items a. – e.; motion passed 5-0.

ACTION

- a. Purchase of James Reed Residence ; MT-TECH *ITEM 168-1501-C0715* | *Attachment #1* | *Attachment #2* | *Attachment #3* | *Attachment #4*

Chancellor Blackketter spoke to this request noting that this property has been on their radar since the 1950’s. He noted the poor current conditions of the home and plans to potentially demolish the property. Regent Johnstone discussed on the appraisals and asked if the intention is to get update appraisals and if current appraisals will support the current price tag for purchase. Chancellor Blackketter noted the tentative agreement on a selling price \$80,000. He clarified that the \$100,000 authority is to be able to demolish the property upon purchase. Chair Tuss asked about the current occupation of the house, Chancellor Blackketter confirmed that the residents have relocated. Commissioner Christian discussed the acquisition zones on each campus for potential property acquisitions, this property falls within this zone. He noted the time sensitivity of the item and noted the support for it from the Commissioner’s office.

Motion for approval of Item 168-1501-C0715 was made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm

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