



Montana Board of Regents

Conference Call Meeting

January 19, 2016

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

The meeting convened at 10:00 AM

Roll call indicated a quorum present.

Regents Present: Paul Tuss, Chair; Fran Albrecht, Vice Chair; Bill Johnstone; Martha Sheehy; Bob Nystuen; Casey Lozar; Asa Hohman and *Ex officio* member Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian, all by phone. *Ex officio* Governor Bullock was represented by Ms. Siri Smillie and *Ex officio* Superintendent Juneau was excused.

Sites represented by phone were: Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE), MSU-Bozeman, MSU-Northern, Great Falls College – MSU, Governor's Office, UM-Missoula, Miles Community College, UM-Western, Helena College –UM, City College.

Approval of Minutes

- November 19-20, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- December 14, 2015 Special Conference Call Minutes

Regent Albrecht motioned for approval of the two sets of minutes covering calls and meetings from November – December 2015; motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Report

- Campus Reports

Commissioner Christian noted the campus reports listed by all campuses for review.

CONSENT

Staff Items

- a. OCHE; *ITEM 170-100-R0116*
- b. MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 170-2000-R0116*
- c. MSU-Billings; *ITEM 170-2700-R0116*
- d. MSU-Northern; *ITEM 170-2800-R0116*
- e. Great Falls College-MSU; *ITEM 170-2900-R0116*
- f. UM-Missoula; *ITEM 170-1000-R0116*
- g. MT Tech-UM; *ITEM 170-1500-R0116*
- h. UM-Western; *ITEM 170-1600-R0116*



MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Labor Agreements

- i. MUS and University Faculty Association (UM); OCHE *ITEM 170-101-R0116* | *Attachment #1*
- j. MUS and Missoula College Faculty Association; OCHE *ITEM 170-102-R0116* | *Attachment #1*
- k. MUS and Laborers International Union; OCHE *ITEM 170-103-R0116* | *Attachment #1*

Emeriti Faculty

- l. Zajdel, MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 170-2001-R0116*

Regent Sheehy asked to pull Consent Staff items a.-h. from the consent agenda and add them to Action.

Regent Nystuen motioned for approval of the Labor Agreements listed in the Consent agenda, items i., j. k. and l. Regent Johnstone recused himself from voting. Motion passed 6-0.

ACTION

- a. Request for Authorization to Purchase Two Electric Transit Buses and Associated Equipment; UM-Missoula *ITEM 170-1002-R0116* | *Attachment #1* | *Attachment #2* | *Attachment #3* | *Attachment #4* | *Attachment #5*

UM Vice President of Administration and Finance Mike Reid presented the item request before the Board. Discussion followed.

Regent Sheehy made a motion to approve item 170-1002-R0116. Regent Nystuen recused himself. Motion passed 6-0.

- b. Request for Authorization of Sale of Fort Missoula Property; UM-Missoula *ITEM 170-1001-R0116* | *Attachment #1* | *Attachment #2*

UM Vice President of Administration and Finance Mike Reid presented the item request before the Board. Discussion followed.

Regent Johnstone motioned for approval of item 170-1001-R0115; motion passed 7-0.

- c. Request for Authorization to Proceed to Design Development Phase of a Living Learning Center; Montana Tech – UM *ITEM 170-1501-R0116* | *Attachment #1*

Chancellor Blacketter presented the item request before the Board. Discussion followed.

Regent Albrecht motioned for approval of item 170-1501-R0116; motion passed 7-0.

Staff Items



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- d. OCHE; *ITEM 170-100-R0116*
- e. MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 170-2000-R0116*
- f. MSU-Billings; *ITEM 170-2700-R0116*
- g. MSU-Northern; *ITEM 170-2800-R0116*
- h. Great Falls College-MSU; *ITEM 170-2900-R0116*
- i. UM-Missoula; *ITEM 170-1000-R0116*
- j. MT Tech-UM; *ITEM 170-1500-R0116*
- k. UM-Western; *ITEM 170-1600-R0116*

Regent Sheehy expressed concerns about implementing salary increases for administrators in times of unusual enrollment decline and adverse fiscal impacts on some campuses. She discussed alternatives to the proposed staff items. At regent request, Deputy Commissioner McRae explained the process by which the proposed staff items were formulated, including consistency with implementation dates in the state employee pay plan, and the same percentage amount as negotiated in faculty bargaining agreements. Discussion followed.

Regent Nystuen motioned for approval of Staff Items d – k (previously consent items a.-h.). Motion passed 6-1 (Regent Sheehy).

Public Comment

The Board went into Executive Session. The Chair determined that the expectation of privacy at this point in the process exceed the merits of public disclosure.

Executive Session

- Honorary Doctorate Nomination – MSU
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- Honorary Doctorate Nomination – UM
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Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15pm

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