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INFORMATION ITEM

Policy Revision 970.1 Financial Affairs – Biennial Allocation of State Funding to Montana University System Campuses

THAT

The Board of Regents revises Policy 970.1, Biennial Allocation of State Funding to Montana University Campuses, to amend procedures for allocating state funding to the campuses of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

This proposed revision seeks to return the responsibility for recommending the allocation of state appropriations to the Office of the Commissioner.

Current practice divides the funds between the two Presidents who then have the responsibility to divide the allocation to their affiliated campus. This change will result in the Commissioner recommending the allocations for all MUS campuses.

This is the first step in building a more comprehensive plan between state allocation, tuition and financial aid. The allocation methodology will still use resident student FTE as a primary driver in the distribution of funds. Other allocations drivers may include, but not limited to, the cost of education, student to faculty ratios, and tuition and state appropriations per student in relation to peers.

The policy revision does not change language regarding the distribution of special appropriation items and the possible use of performance measures in the allocation process.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 – Draft BOR Policy 970.1