



**MINUTES**  
**Montana Board of Regents**  
**MSU-Bozeman**  
**November 16-17, 2017**

**Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting convened at 8:16am

Roll call indicated a quorum present. Regents Present: Fran Albrecht, Chair; Bob Nystuen, Vice Chair; Paul Tuss; Martha Sheehy; Casey Lozar; and Chase Greenfield were present. Regent Bill Johnstone was excused. Ex officio members included: Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian; Ex officio Governor Bullock was represented by Ms. Siri Smillie, and Ex officio Superintendent Arntzen was represented by Mr. Tim Tharp.

Comments by Chair Fran Albrecht

Chair Albrecht welcomed all attendees and extended thanks to President Cruzado for hosting the meeting. She provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda for the next two days.

Welcome by President Cruzado

President Cruzado welcomed all attendees and provided a presentation about recent activities taking place at MSU. She provided a brief history about MSU's establishment as a Land Grant University and the progression over the last 125 years. She discussed the increase in enrollment and the high quality of students at MSU. She noted the number of recipients of academic successes including Rhoades Scholars, Gates Cambridge Scholarship recipient, Schwartzman Scholarship recipient, Newman Civic Fellow, Udall Scholar, and Goldwater Scholarship recipients. She reiterated the mission of MSU, to educate the sons and daughters of Montana. She noted successes associated with the Maurice Hilleman Scholars Program, Countdown to Graduation Initiative, Freshmen 15 Initiative, and more. She discussed a new program called the Bobcat Angel Grant, a program that allots small grant amounts to student in need, and the Bobcat Bridge, a short-term emergency loan system that students can utilize. She discussed the new format for Summer school, coming soon in 2018. She reiterated the importance of research and discovery to the institution, noting the great success they have enjoyed in research expenditures and grants. She acknowledged the importance of MSU-Extension and their successful rollout of incredible programs in areas like mental health and the information sharing to farmers across the state. She highlighted the many areas around the world that MSU extends including the Mifune Dinosaur Museum located in Kumamoto, Japan. She mentioned the recent accreditation visit by NWCCU and the positive feedback they received. She shared several accolades that

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the campus recently received including: being named one of the best graduate nursing schools, one of the best colleges for veterans, and received recognition by the Military Order of the Purple Heart. She proudly noted the recently completed parking structure on campus and spoke with anticipation about the upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for MSU taking place in February 16-17 of 2018.

## Approval of Minutes

- September 13-14, 2017 BOR Meeting Minutes
- October 2, 2017 Conference Call Minutes

A motion for approval of the September 13-14, 2017 and October 2, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Regent Nystuen; motion passed 5-0 (Regent Sheehy and Regent Johnstone were excused).

## Commissioner's and System Report

Commissioner Christian extended thanks to Governor Bullock for his continued support of higher education in the special session. He also thanked the Legislative body for their work during this challenging time and for their support of higher education throughout this process. He welcomed President Yarlott, who is present and representing Tribal Colleges and communities in Montana.

- Update from Joe Thiel on MUS Structure Study | Memo

Mr. Joseph Thiel provided an update on his work to date on a study of the MUS Structure. He reminded attendees that this is not a new discussion and briefly reviewed the 1994 Restructure Report. He discussed the current structure and corresponding management requirement as well as his review of accreditation reports, meeting minutes, internal memoranda; conducted interviews with a variety of individuals in different positions, reviewed research literature and developed contextual data based on existing reports and new analysis. He mentioned his intention to give an update at the January Board meeting and noted that restructuring has accomplished many of its goals including: OCHE has assumed more central roles in legislative advocacy and in leveraging system data, cooperation on statewide goals and reforms, and shared services and expertise within affiliations. He noted that his remaining work will focus on improving and deepening academic collaborations, sharing "across the divide", and providing consistent communications. He briefly outlined three potential options including: deepening affiliations, developing a "flat" university system, and working within our current structure. Discussion followed; no action taken.

- Legislative Update

Commissioner Christian discussed the recent special legislative session; he noted that the Governor's proposed cuts were ratified in the session. It's been made clear that the

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Governor values and is choosing to prioritize education in Montana. Commissioner Christian briefly mentioned the furlough bill, that was introduced and discussed its potential affect for OCHE. He summarized that he appreciated the way the Montana University System came out of special session and noted that additional changes to the budget will be addressed in the coming months. Chair Albrecht extended gratitude to Commissioner Christian for his leadership efforts. Discussion followed; no action taken.

- Fall Enrollment Report

Deputy Commissioner Tyler Trevor provided an update on the Fall 2017 census enrollment. He discussed the long scope vision over the last 10 years; showing about a 13% increase from 2007 to 2017, with a 6% reduction in Student FTE from 2012 to 2017. He compared student enrollment by residency and level, noting increases at the resident graduate, non-resident graduate, and non-resident undergraduate levels and discussing the comparison over the last ten years. He discussed enrollment by institution and the associated changes compared to 2016; he noted the growth over the past ten years by institutional type. Enrollment by campus was reviewed, overall enrollment increased by .8% since Fall 2016. Other data related to enrollment was discussed, including headcount by student age and the decline in production of high school graduates. First-time freshmen data for enrollment and retention was reviewed. Discussion followed; no action taken.

- Title IX Update

Ms. Helen Thigpen, OCHE Associate Legal Counsel, provided an update on Title IX and recent activity from the US Department of Education. She noted that late this September, a 2011 “Dear Colleague Letter”, and a 2014 Q&A document on sexual misconduct were withdrawn and replaced with new guidance documents. These new documents have been reviewed by legal counsel and will not substantially change how the MUS campuses will assess Title IX complaints. The new guidance provides that campuses may continue to use the preponderance of evidence standard, often referred to as the “more likely than not standard”, for assessing Title IX complaints. The new guidance documents emphasize that institutions must provide basic due process guarantees to both the complainant and the accused as well as provide a prompt and equitable investigation of the complaint. Lastly, there have been indications that formal rulemaking procedures would be taken at the Federal level, but it’s unclear when this process will occur. No action was taken.

- Campus Reports (Linked to agenda)
- Other

Commissioner Christian extended thanks to the Dennis and Phyllis Washington for their continued partnership with OCHE and OPI in their support of the iGraduate program, an extension to the successful Graduate Montana project.

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Regent Nystuen provided a brief update regarding Six Mill Levy; he reiterated that the Six Mill Levy helps address the costs of education and accounts for about 10% of the total funding. In 1948, the Legislature decided that every ten years, Montana voters would have an opportunity to revisit this levy. He noted the disastrous effects that could transpire should the Levy not pass. He described the team assembled from the private sector who are focused on furthering the efforts of Six Mill, in conjunction with Strategies 360 to conduct a successful campaign. Discussion followed, no action taken.

Deputy Commissioner Trevor provided an update to the Board regarding the process of OCHE relocating its offices to 560 N. Park in Downtown Helena. This change aligns well with the recent office downsizing, is cost-effective and will meet the needs of the office.

Commissioner Christian reminded all attendees of the changes to the schedule for future May Board meetings. Going forward, May BOR meetings will occur on the Wednesday – Thursday, the week before Memorial Day weekend rather than Thursday – Friday. Commissioner Christian announced the hiring of the OCHE Communications Director, Ms. Blair Fjeseth and welcomed her to the system.

### Remarks by Governor Bullock (or Designee)

Ms. Siri Smillie, provided an update on behalf of Governor Bullock. She reiterated the success of House Bill 639 which created a pilot public preschool program called STARS. We now have the first-ever state investment in publicly funded preschool, meaning that Montana families will have greater access to quality early childhood education programs within their communities. The purpose is to demonstrate effectiveness of preschool in multiple settings and communities both rural and urban. Ultimately, this opportunity focused on our youngest Montanans gives all families and their children the building blocks they need to succeed, prosper, and contribute to the state's economy. She discussed Tribal College Apprenticeships and work to date with the Department of Labor, tribal college presidents, and several of the tribal colleges to integrate apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships with their academic programs. Through DLI's ApprenticeshipUSA federal grant funding, we are expanding those apprenticeships to two additional colleges – Fort Peck Community College and Little Big Horn College, with apprenticeships in occupations as diverse as Licensed Addiction Counseling to CDL. She expressed her enthusiasm for the movement and energy and a lot of opportunities for synergies across secondary, post-secondary and the private sector. She noted the many opportunities available to integrate this work with Montana Pathways and dual enrollment.

### Remarks by Superintendent Arntzen

Mr. Tim Tharp provided an update on behalf of Superintendent Arntzen. He discussed how the agency budget that was submitted absorbs cuts within the agency for Program 6; avoids additional cuts to schools in Program 9, and maintains full funding of the

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Montana Digital Academy. He discussed the recent Special Session and continued concerts related to avoiding additional tax shifts from state support to local taxpayers, ensuring that schools and students are treated equitably, and where education budgets will begin at the start of the next biennium. He discussed the successes of partnerships with OCHE including Gear Up, Pathways, iGraduate, and K-12 Partnerships.

Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee

### **ACTION**

- a. Regents' Professor Nomination; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM #177-2011-R1117 | Attachment*

President Cruzado presented this request for authorization for the appointment of Regents Professor for Professor Dr. Mark Jutila of MSU.

Chair Albrecht noted that the Board will act as a committee of the whole and vote on this particular item. A motion for the approval of action item a. Item 177-2011-R1117 was made by Regent Tuss. The motion passed 5-0 (Regent Johnstone and Regent Sheehy excused).

- b. Regents' Professor Nomination; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM #177-2010-R1117 | Attachment*

President Cruzado presented this request for authorization for the appointment of Regents Professor for Professor Dr. Patrik Callis of MSU.

Chair Albrecht noted that the Board will act as a committee of the whole and vote on this particular item. A motion for the approval of action item a. Item 177-2010-R1117 was made by Regent Tuss. The motion passed 5-0 (Regent Johnstone and Regent Sheehy excused).

- c. Level II Campus Proposals RE Program/Center/Institutes *Executive Summary; Supporting Documentation*

Deputy Commissioner Cech spoke to the process related to these submissions. Each campus spoke to their respective requests which include: Updated vision and core themes, UM-Missoula; Establish a Center for Translational Medicine, UM-Missoula; Retitle the School of Business Administration to the College of Business, UM-Missoula. Discussion followed.

### **INFORMATION**

- a. Montana State University Dyslexia Pilot

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Professor Dr. Jeffrey Conger, provided a presentation on Dyslexic advantages, specifically understanding the advantages of the dyslexic mind as well as discussing the efforts to raise awareness of dyslexia across campuses and exploring best practices to launch a pilot project next year. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

### b. Program Prioritization Update for the System

Dr. Bob Mokwa, Provost for MSU, presented an update on the MSU academic and administrative prioritization efforts. He noted the areas currently being addressed are: communications; data analysis and reporting; finance; human resources; information technology; doctoral prioritization and advising and discussed details of each. Dr. Beverly Edmond, Provost for UM, provided an update on Academic Program and Administration Services Prioritization (APASP) at UM. She noted that the APASP Task Force reviewed more than 400 academic program and administrative services reports and prioritized them into one of the following categories: Priorities for development and growth; consider the development and/or modification; priority for substantial modification; and insufficient evidence. She noted that next steps include: allowing some time for Deans and Sector heads to respond to initial prioritization recommendations; the APASP task force will consider the feedback they receive; and allowing authors an opportunity to respond. She noted that the timeline for the APASP process is available online. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

### c. Seamless MSU Initiative

Provost Dr. Bob Mokwa, MSU Bozeman, provided an update on the Seamless OneMSU initiative. He explained that this system will help students stay on track for their degree program by streamlining institutional processes. This vision includes collaboration within the following areas: academic; administration and finance; admissions; financial aid and office of the registrars. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

### d. AIMA Recommendations Update

Ms. Angela McLean, Director of American Indian/Minority Achievement and K-12 Partnerships, shared the updated recommendations from the AIMA council and noted that campus plans will be submitted to the Board at the upcoming March BOR meeting. Dr. Florence Garcia extended her appreciation of being included on this council and extended thanks to the Board for actively addressing this important issue. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

### e. Level I Memorandums RE OCHE and Campus Approvals (August and September)

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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.

- f. Notice of Campus Intent to Plan Proposals RE  
Program/Center/Institutes (August and September)

Deputy Commissioner Cech noted the programs listed below are under development and have completed the necessary intent to plan documentation. Discussion followed.

### **Programs Under Development** (Completed Intent to Plans)

*Submitted September 2017 – Expiration – May 2019*

#### **Montana Tech**

Major in Mathematical Sciences, option in Applied Mathematics

#### **University of Montana**

5-Year Dual B.S./M.S. in Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience

*Submitted August 2017 – Expiration – April 2019*

#### **Flathead Valley Community College**

AAS in Firearms Technology

#### **Montana State University**

Regional Initiative for Dental Education (RIDE) Dental School

- g. Academic Program Review; Process and Context

Deputy Commissioner Cech led a panel discussion with Dr. Heidi Pasek, Dr. Bob Hoar, Dr. Bob Mokwa, and Dr. Doug Abbott about the academic program review process as stated in Board Policy 303.3. Provost Abbott discussed the historical significance and perspective for the process. Provost Mokwa provided an overview of the MSU process and shared a few examples. Provost Hoar described the future process that MSU-Billings has been using for the review and elimination of tracks. Dr. Heidi Pasek discussed the changes at her campus post academic prioritization process and its impacts. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

- h. Academic Program Reviews
  - MSU Bozeman

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- MSU Billings
- MSU Northern
- Great Falls College MSU
- MT Tech of UM
- UM Western
- Helena College

Regent Lozar noted the number of programs that were recently reviewed across campuses in the system. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

Budget, Administration, and Finance Committee

**CONSENT**

- a. Policy Revision 940.25, Rural Physician Incentive Program; OCHE *ITEM 177-101-R1117 | Attachment #1*
- b. Proposed Policy Revision 940.24 – Contract requirements for University of Washington Cooperative Medical Education Program (WWAMI); OCHE *ITEM 177-102-R1117 | Attachment #1*
- c. Request for authorization for renewal of Operating Agreement between Montana State University and Montana State University Foundation, Inc.; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 177-2007-R1117 | Attachment #1*
- d. Request for authorization to grant a right-of-way to the City of Billings, Montana State University Billings; MSU-Billings *ITEM 177-2701-R1115 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3 | Attachment #4 | Attachment #5*
- e. Request for authorization of amendment to move metal building to MT Tech and construct an underground mine education center; MT Tech *ITEM 177-1501-R1117*
- f. Request for authorization to enter into off-campus lease for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics (Tennis); UM-Missoula *ITEM 177-1007-R1117 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2*
- g. Request for authorization to appoint members to the Fire Services Training Advisory Council; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 177-2004-R1117 | Attachment #1*
- h. Summer Boiler Project; UM-Western *ITEM 177-1601-R1117 | Attachment #1*

**Staff Items**

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- i. Staff Item; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 177-2000-R1117*
- j. Staff Item; MSU-Northern *ITEM 177-2800-R111*

***Emeriti Faculty***

- k. Robinson-Cox MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 177-2001-R1117*
- l. Johnson; MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 177-2002-R1117*
- m. Leonard; UM-Missoula *ITEM 177-1004-R1117*
- n. Stanford; UM-Missoula *ITEM 177-1005-R1117*
- o. Van den Pol; UM-Missoula *ITEM 177-1006-R1117*
- p. Garthwait; UM-Missoula *ITEM 177-1008-R1117*
- q. Running; UM-Missoula *ITEM 177-1009-R1117*

**ACTION**

***Facilities***

- a. Request for authorization to name the College of Engineering; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 177-2003-R1117 | Attachment #1*

Dean of the College of Engineering at MSU, Brett Gunnik, presented this request to the Board of Regents of the Montana University System for authorization for Montana State University to name the College of Engineering the Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering, in honor of Norm Asbjornson. Discussion followed.

- b. Request for authorization to construct a residence hall and proceed with the issuance of facilities revenue bonds; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 177-2005-R1117 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3*

Mr. Ron Muffick, Director of Operations and Administration at OCHE, and Vice President Terry Leist of MSU, presented the request for authorization to construct a residence hall and proceed with the issuance of facilities revenue bonds. This request is for authorization from the Board of Regents of the Montana University System for Montana State University to construct a new residence hall at a cost not to exceed \$50 million; and Consistent with MCA-20-25-402, for the Board of Regents of the Montana University System to authorize the adoption of a Resolution to issue Series E 2018 Facilities Improvement Revenue Bonds for Montana State University and authorizes Montana State University and the Commissioner of Higher Education to proceed with the issuance of these bonds in an amount up to \$58 million par value. Discussion followed.

- c. Request for authorization to construct and improve Dobbie Lambert Field Sports Facility; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 177-2009-R1117 | Attachment #1*

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Mr. Ron Muffick, Director of Operations and Administration at OCHE, and Mr. Kylar Clifton, ASMSU President, presented this request for authorization to construct and improve Dobbie Lambert Field Sports Facility. This request is consistent with the provision of MCA 18-2-102(2)(b), for the Board of Regents of Higher Education to authorize MSU to improve Dobbie Lambert Intramural Fields at MSU-Bozeman. This authorization provides authority for a total of \$4,500,000 and authorizes MSU to borrow up to \$4.5 million from the State of Montana Intercomp Loan Program to fund the project.

**Staff**

- d. Delegation of authority to approve employment contracts (BOR Personnel Policies 711.1 and 711.2); OCHE *ITEM 177-103-R1117 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2*

Deputy Commissioner McRae presented the request before the Board of Regents of Higher Education to delegate to the Commissioner of Higher Education further authority to approve employment contracts in the Montana University System, except for the contracts of chief executive officers of the statutory educational units of the MUS, deputy commissioners and the commissioner, whose contracts shall remain subject to BOR action. Discussion followed.

- e. Hire of President, UM Missoula; OCHE *ITEM 177-100-R1117*

Regent Lozar presented the staff item for finalist Seth Bodnar as the incoming President of the University of Montana. Discussion followed.

Chair Albrecht noted that the Board will act as a committee of the whole and vote on this particular item. A motion to approve action item e. Item 177-100-R1117 was made by Regent Greenfield; discussion followed. Motion passed 6-0 (Regent Johnstone was excused).

**INFORMATION**

- a. Budget Reduction Update

Deputy Commissioner Trevor discussed the mechanics related to budget reductions and moving forward. He noted immediately following this meeting, OCHE will start working with campuses directly on addressing the totality of the cuts. We will use the methodology of appropriating state allocations and will bring those alterations to FY18 and FY19 at January's Board meeting. The FY18 budgets on campuses will be adjusted to employ expenditure reductions and then start on the FY19 structure. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

- b. Dawson Community College, Enrollment Update & Plan

Deputy Commissioner Trevor reminded attendees that HB 647 from the 2017 Legislative session, requires that the Board of Regents monitor all community college enrollment and in the event of a decline in enrollment present a management plan

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before the Board. President Mickelsen of Dawson Community College provided an update to the Board. He attributed growth at DCC to development and implementation of a clear action plan. Key factors of this plan included: a clear vision; empowerment; meeting student needs; expanding programs and partnerships; hiring highly-qualified faculty and staff; increase student life initiatives; perfecting the recruitment funnel; focus on Montana students; and expand athletics. Future expectations based on these efforts include: an increase in FTE growth; reaching out to interested students to help get them to DCC; expanding stackable credentials; expand housing; develop strategies to work with high school graduates that do not attend college; increased focus on rural high schools and much more. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

c. Audit Reports

- MSU Foundation-June 30, 2017-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- MSU-Billings Foundation-June 30, 2017-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- MSU-Northern Foundation-June 30, 2017-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- UM Foundation-June 30, 2017-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- Montana Tech Foundation-June 30, 2017-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- UM-Western Foundation-June 30, 2017-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- MUS Self-Funded Workers' Compensation Program (Clean) Opinion

Regent Lozar noted that all audit reports listed show unmodified, clean opinions.

Two-Year and Community College Committee

**INFORMATION**

a. Roll Out of Statewide Pathways – OCHE/OPI Joint Presentation

Ms. Amy Williams, Dual Enrollment and Big Sky Pathways Program Manager, and Mr. TJ Eyer of the Office of Public Instruction, presented an update on Montana Career Pathways; a vital education and workforce strategy. Ms. Williams discussed the joint development of a new public-facing pathways website with information targeted at students, parents, educators and the public. Mr. Eyer discussed the internal workings of pathways. Discussion followed, no action taken.

b. iGraduate Montana Initiative

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Deputy Commissioner Cech described this initiative between the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) and the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation in partnership with the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) and the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (MTDLI). The Foundation has awarded a \$650,000 grant over four years to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. This four-year initiative will build on the work of Graduation Matters Montana, which resulted in the state's highest high school graduation rate. iGraduate Montana will continue a focus on raising graduation rates from 80% in 2010 to 86% in 2017. This initiative has three areas of focus: high school graduation; linking students with high demand career pathways in Montana; and connecting students with post-high school education opportunities at Montana's colleges or apprenticeship programs. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

### c. Complete College Montana Update

Vice President Bruce Vandall of Complete College America spoke in support of the work and partnerships with Montana to date. He spoke to the important work that has been done in laying a foundation to address certain challenges including the workforce and age of the population. He discussed the MathPathways initiative and noted that Montana has become a leader in the country in determining what math course is needed as well as ensuring such courses are available. He discussed the work Montana has done regarding corequisite remediation and detailed the success associated with both initiatives. Mr. Erik Rose, Dr. David Single, and Dr. Nathan Lindsey discussed the advancing of Full-Time 15, Pathways to Success, and Math Pathways, as well as, aligning UM student success efforts with CCA's game changers through structured scheduled, co-requisite support, and other efforts. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

### Public Comment

Mr. Tim Adams, a local Bozeman resident, spoke in concern about the new dormitory at MSU, specifically concerns about the entire costs associated with this project. He encouraged the Board to reconsider this item before voting and perhaps allow additional time to evaluate the costs.

Mr. Garret Egnaw, a MSU Bozeman student, shared his concerns about the Center of Regulation and Applied Economic Analysis provided for the Grant agreement from the Charles Koch Foundation. He spoke in support of developing new policies and approaches to assist in these kinds of situations.

Ms. Claire Lewinski, a student at MSU and member of SPAM, shared her concerns about the renaming of the College of Engineering and the lack of student involvement in the process. She asked for increased efforts to ensure communications from administration on renaming items to ensure student engagement.

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Mr. Andrew Driscoll, a student at MSU, spoke in concern about the communications associated with the BOR Policy and process for renaming. He encouraged the BOR to review this policy to ensure more communications with students.

Mr. Karl Swenson, a student at MSU and ASMSU Senator, spoke to the generous contributions of Mr. Norm Asbjornson and extended his appreciation and gratitude for his gifts and spoke in support of the renaming.

Mr. Taylor Blossom, a student at MSU, representing as ASMSU senator and Engineers without Borders, spoke in concern with the proposed renaming of the College of Engineering and the lack of internal communication and potential long-term impacts.

Mr. Bill Sanderson, a MSU Alumni, spoke in support of the renaming of the College of Engineering after Mr. Norm Asbjornson.

Mr. Dan McCullough, a MSU Alumni, spoke in support of the renaming of the College of Engineering after Mr. Norm Asbjornson.

Ms. Elisebury Lee, Dean of Honors College at MSU, spoke in support of the renaming of the College of Engineering after Mr. Norm Asbjornson.

Meeting Recessed at 5:36pm

**Friday, November 17th**

Board Reconvened at 8:38am

#### Committee Reports & Action

- Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee

#### **ACTION**

- a. Regents' Professor Nomination; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM #177-2011-R1117 | Attachment*

On Thursday, November 16, 2017, the Board acted as a committee of the whole and voted on this particular item. A motion for the approval of action item a. Item 177-2011-R1117 was made by Regent Tuss. The motion passed 5-0 (Regent Johnstone and Regent Sheehy excused).

- b. Regents' Professor Nomination; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM #177-2010-R1117 | Attachment*

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- c. Level II Campus Proposals RE Program/Center/Institutes *Executive Summary; Supporting Documentation*

A motion was made for approval of action item c. Level II campuses, updated core themes was made by Regent Greenfield. The motion passed 6-0 (Regent Johnstone was excused).

- Budget, Administration & Finance Committee

### CONSENT

- a. Policy Revision 940.25, Rural Physician Incentive Program; OCHE *ITEM 177-101-R1117 | Attachment #1*
- b. Proposed Policy Revision 940.24 – Contract requirements for University of Washington Cooperative Medical Education Program (WWAMI); OCHE *ITEM 177-102-R1117 | Attachment #1*
- c. Request for authorization for renewal of Operating Agreement between Montana State University and Montana State University Foundation, Inc.; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 177-2007-R1117 | Attachment #1*
- d. Request for authorization to grant a right-of-way to the City of Billings, Montana State University Billings; MSU-Billings *ITEM 177-2701-R1115 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3 | Attachment #4 | Attachment #5*
- e. Request for authorization of amendment to move metal building to MT Tech and construct an underground mine education center; MT Tech *ITEM 177-1501-R1117*
- f. Request for authorization to enter into off-campus lease for the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics (Tennis); UM-Missoula *ITEM 177-1007-R1117 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2*
- g. Request for authorization to appoint members to the Fire Services Training Advisory Council; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 177-2004-R1117 | Attachment #1*
- h. Summer Boiler Project; UM-Western *ITEM 177-1601-R1117 | Attachment #1*

### Staff Items

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- i. Staff Item; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 177-2000-R1117*
- j. Staff Item; MSU-Northern *ITEM 177-2800-R111*

### ***Emeriti Faculty***

- k. Robinson-Cox MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 177-2001-R1117*
- l. Johnson; MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 177-2002-R1117*
- m. Leonard; UM-Missoula *ITEM 177-1004-R1117*
- n. Stanford; UM-Missoula *ITEM 177-1005-R1117*
- o. Van den Pol; UM-Missoula *ITEM 177-1006-R1117*
- p. Garthwait; UM-Missoula *ITEM 177-1008-R1117*
- q. Running; UM-Missoula *ITEM 177-1009-R1117*

A motion for approval of consent agenda items a. – q. was made by Regent Tuss. The motion passed 6-0 (Regent Johnstone was excused).

### **ACTION**

#### ***Facilities***

- a. Request for authorization to name the College of Engineering; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 177-2003-R1117 | Attachment #1*

A motion for approval of action item a. Item 177-2003- was made by Regent Nystuen; discussion followed. The motion passed 6-0 (Regent Johnstone excused).

- b. Request for authorization to construct a residence hall and proceed with the issuance of facilities revenue bonds; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 177-2005-R1117 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3*

A motion for approval of action item b. Item 177-2005-R1117 was made by Regent Lozar. Discussion followed, the motion passed 5-0 (Regent Johnstone was excused and Regent Nystuen recused himself).

- c. Request for authorization to construct and improve Dobbie Lambert Field Sports Facility; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 177-2009-R1117 | Attachment #1*

A motion for approval of action item c. 177-2009-R1117 was made by Regent Greenfield; the motion passed 6-0 (Regent Johnstone excused).

#### ***Staff***

- d. Delegation of authority to approve employment contracts (BOR Personnel Policies 711.1 and 711.2); OCHE *ITEM 177-103-R1117 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2*

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A motion for approval of action item d. item 177-103-R1117 was made by Regent Lozar; the motion passed 6-0 (Johnstone was excused).

e. Hire of President, UM Missoula; OCHE ITEM 177-100-R1117

On Thursday, November 16, 2017, the Board acted as a committee of the whole and voted on this particular item. A motion to approve action item e. Item 177-100-R1117 was made by Regent Greenfield; discussion followed. Motion passed 6-0 (Regent Johnstone was excused).

Student Appeals

- Student Appeal #1

Regent Sheehy made a motion to hear the appeal; motion failed 4-2 (Regent Johnstone was excused). The Commissioner’s decision is upheld.

Public Comment

Mr. Jeff Krauss, former Board member and Bozeman Citizen spoke in support of two year education specifically in support of growth for Gallatin College.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:25am

Approved by the Board of Regents on

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

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Fran Albrecht  
Chair, Board of Regents

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