

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

December 15, 1975

The Board of Regents of Higher Education met at 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 15, 1975 in the conference room of the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena, Montana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted James. Present were: Mr. Lewy Evans, Mr. Ted Heberly, Mr. Jeff Morrison, Mrs. Mary Pace, Mr. Sid Thomas and Dr. Lawrence K. Pettit.

Commissioner Pettit called attention to a correction at the bottom of page four of the minutes of the November 7, 1975 meeting to change the word "predication" on the next to the last line to "prediction". The minutes were approved, as amended, on motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Ted Heberly, Chairman of the Budget Committee, reported that the Committee had discussed the possibility of committing the remaining \$1,362,266 in the Regents' discretionary fund, but recommended that the remaining funds not be committed at this time for the following reasons:

1. The impact of revised enrollment estimates affects the earmarked revenues and data are not currently available for fiscal year 1976-77.
2. The Regents' authority relating to budget amendments has not been clarified pending a decision by the State Supreme Court.
3. The committee wants more time to evaluate the funding needs of the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

He moved that this recommendation be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried.

Mr. Heberly also reported that the committee voted to

exclude the community colleges from participating in the distribution of funds for FY 1976-77 based upon legislative intent as defined by the Interim Finance Committee. He so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas. Dr. Donald Lindahl, President of Flathead Valley Community College, expressed the concern of the community colleges about this recommendation and urged that the Board postpone action until a legal opinion can be obtained as to whether the community colleges are a part of the university system. He said he would question the legality of action by the Board at this time. The motion carried.

Mr. Sid Thomas, Chairman of the Policy Committee, reported the committee had no recommendations at this time.

Mr. Lewy Evans, Chairman of the Capital Construction Committee, said the committee made a trip to Havre on November 3, 1975 to look at several houses to consider purchasing as a residence for the president at Northern Montana College. He reported that the committee found two homes that would make suitable quarters and appraisals were requested. He stated that after discussing the two possibilities at a meeting yesterday, the committee made the following recommendations:

1. That the existing residence at 916 Third Avenue be sold;
2. That the house located at 11 Park Road be purchased;
3. That the funds derived from the sale of the existing residence plus ~~money~~ ^{unallocated funds} available in the housing account and the non-resident building fee account be used to make the purchase;
4. That the Commissioner of Higher Education be authorized to execute the option and contract for the purchase of the residence located at 11 Park Road.

Mr. Evans moved that the recommendations be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried.

Mr. Barry Hjort reported that the Collective Bargaining Committee had met to discuss the proceedings to date, but no action was taken.

Mrs. Mary Pace, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, reported the committee's recommendation that Northern Montana College retain the word "Engineering" in the catalog description of its programs in Electronics Engineering Technology, Construction Engineering Technology and Mechanical Engineering Technology. She so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried.

Mrs. Pace stated the committee recommended that Item 9-807-R0775, Associate of Science Degree in Environmental Health, be deferred. She so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried.

Mrs. Pace reported that the committee recommended approval of Item 9-3002-R0775, Associate of Applied Sciences in Agricultural Sciences, Flathead Valley Community College. She so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried.

It was reported that the Joint Curriculum Committee had made some amendments to the Indian Culture Master Plan and approved it for submission to the State Board of Education.

It was noted that the Council of Presidents would not be meeting until the next day. Consequently, there were no recommendations.

Dr. Harold Holen, Chairman of the Faculty Council, indicated the Faculty Council had no recommendations at this time.

A representative of the Student Advisory Council asked that the Board clarify some of the aspects of the study on intercollegiate athletics which is currently underway. She said the students would prefer that the study be a broad one, not limited to football. Mr. Thomas said he felt the directive of the Board was not very specific as to exactly what phase of athletics

was to be studied. He said he felt Mr. Furlong also should have some guidelines to work with. He moved that the By-laws and Policy Committee meet with the Budget Committee to draw up a set of guidelines for Mr. Furlong. Dr. Pettit seconded the motion. After further discussion and a review of the Board minutes at the time the study was ordered, it was the consensus that Mr. Furlong's directive is to make a study to try to find a solution to some of the problems relating to intercollegiate athletics at this time. Dr. Pettit said he had not had a progress report yet but expected to have one early in January. The motion was withdrawn.

Dr. Pettit moved that Dr. Koehler Stout, of Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, and Dr. Carl Hoffman, of Montana State University, be appointed to the Community Service and Continuing Education Advisory Council for a term expiring December 15, 1977. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pace and carried.

Dr. Pettit moved that the appointment of Mr. Bruce Watters to the Local Executive Board at Western Montana College as a replacement for James Flynn, who has resigned, be confirmed. Mr. Heberly seconded the motion and it carried.

Dr. Pettit reviewed the pertinent facts relating to an appeal of Rolf Andersen, a student at Montana State University, as to his residency determination. Mr. Thomas moved that the Board affirm the classification as a non-resident for fee purposes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pace and carried.

Dr. Pettit also reviewed the facts relating to an appeal of Charles N. Gordon, a student at Montana State University, as to his residency determination. Mr. Thomas moved that the Board affirm the classification as a non-resident for fee purposes. The motion was

seconded by Mrs. Pace and carried.

Item 11-103-R1275, Resolution Regarding the Lease of Computing Equipment by the University of Montana AFIT Minuteman School, was adopted on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Item 11-002-R1275, Vacation Leave for Staff Members on Board of Regents Contract, Montana University System, was replaced with a substitute item under the same number. Dr. Pettit said there is some question as to whether this item should be referred to the Policy Committee before the Board takes final action on it, although he has had some concern about possible violations which have been pointed out in audit reports and feels that action should be taken as soon as possible. He moved that the item be referred to the Policy Committee for study. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion and it carried.

It was reported that the Policy Committee had recommended that Item 2-005-R0973, Policy Regarding Labor Negotiations, Montana University System, be amended as submitted. The amended item was approved on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Item 11-700-R1275, Staff, Eastern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Pace. President Heywood reported that Doris McGrady, who is listed as a resignation on this item, will be re-appointed, since a grant has been received to pay her salary.

Item 11-701-R1275, Amendment of Item 9-704-R0775 to Correct Skiing Fee for Winter 1976, was approved on motion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Dr. Pettit.

Item 11-500-R1275, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mrs. Pace

Item 11-501-R1275, Department Name Change, Montana College of Mineral Science & Technology, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Evans, Item 11-502-R1275, Purchase of Real Property, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was deferred until afternoon to allow the Capital Construction Committee time to review the proposal.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas, Item 11-503-R1275, Purchase of Real Property from the Anaconda Company, was approved.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly, Item 11-504-R1275, Increase in Student Activity Fees, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was approved.

President McIntosh distributed copies of an addendum to Item 11-200-R1275, Staff, Montana State University. The item, including the addendum, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Item 11-201-R1275, Elevator in Student Union Building, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Dr. Pettit.

Item 11-202-R1275, Mall Development on Garfield Street at Montana State University, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans.

On motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Dr. Pettit, Item 11-203-R1275, Remodeling of Lewis and Clark Dormitory Kitchen Area, Montana State University, was deferred until afternoon to allow time for the Capital Construction Committee to review it. It was suggested that in the future the Board agenda should be reviewed by the committees when they meet prior to the Regents' meeting.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mrs. Pace, Item 11-204-

R1275, Construction of Married Student Apartments, Montana State University, was deferred until afternoon to allow time for the Capital Construction Committee to review it.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mrs. Pace, Item 11-205-R1275, Retirement of Professor Don C. Quimby, Montana State University, was approved.

On motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Mr. Thomas, Item 11-206-R1275, Elimination of AWS Fees, Montana State University, was approved.

President McIntosh distributed a substitute for Item 11-207-R1275, Transcript Policy Change, Montana State University. The item was approved on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 11-300-R1275, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station, was approved on motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 11-400-R1275, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Item 11-800-R1275, Staff, Northern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

President Leach introduced Mr. Larry Clinton, the new Business Manager for Northern Montana College.

Item 11-801-R1275, Retirement of Lorraine B. Hockett, Treasurer, Associate Professor of Business & Secretarial Science, Northern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Item 11-100-R1275, Staff, University of Montana, was approved on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Item 11-101-R1275, Authority of Local Executive Board

to Execute Deeds, University of Montana, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Item 11-102-R1275, Resolution Concerning the Death of T. Preston Webster III, University of Montana, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

President Bowers distributed copies of Item 11-104-R1275, Purchase of Real Property, University of Montana. Dr. Pettit said this item should be reviewed by the Capital Construction Committee. Mr. Thomas so moved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pace and carried.

Item 11-901-R1275, Resolution Implementing Procedures for Compliance With the Citizen Participation Act (C 491, L. 1975), was adopted on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas, as amended to add "The Great Falls Tribune - Great Falls" to the list of newspapers.

The Board recessed at 11:30 a.m. for an executive session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:45 p.m. with the same members present.

Item 11-502-R1275, Purchase of Real Property, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was approved on motion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

Items 11-203-R1275, Remodeling of Lewis and Clark Dormitory Kitchen Area and 11-204-R1275, Construction of Married Student Apartments, Montana State University, were approved on motion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Add - Item 11-104-R1275
It was noted that the next statutory meeting date is April 12, 1976 but a meeting would probably need to be scheduled before that date.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.