

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

October 31, 1980  
Missoula, Montana

The meeting of the Board of Regents of Higher Education was called to order by Chairman James in Room 361 of the University Center, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana at 10:25 a.m. on Friday, October 31, 1980. Regents present: Ted James, Mary Pace, Shelley Hopkins, Jeff Morrison, and Jack Peterson. Regents absent: Lewy Evans and Lola Hansen. Also present was Commissioner of Higher Education John A. Richardson.

Chairman James called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 8, 1980 meeting, and to the minutes of the October 2, 1980 Conference Call meeting. None were stated to the minutes of September 8, 1980, and those minutes were ordered approved as mailed.

Regent Peterson noted that Item 29-701-R1080, Purchase of Real Property, Eastern Montana College, was approved in the Conference Call meeting subject to the condition that it be in conformance with state law. A legal opinion stating that condition has been met has been received, and Regent Peterson requested this be reflected in the minutes. Chairman James instructed that the legal opinion be attached to the minutes of the October 2, 1980 Conference Call meeting, and those minutes be approved with that addition.

On motion of Jeff Morrison, the following items were approved as recommended by the By-Laws and Policy Committee:

- Item 26-021-R0380, Faculty Receiving Board of Regents' Contracts Probation and Tenure, Montana University System (REVISED)
- Item 29-001-R1080, Lease of Campus Property; Montana University System
- Item 29-002-R1080, Use of Campus Facilities; Montana University System

Jeff Morrison moved that Item 29-004-R1080, Budget Amendments; Montana University System, be approved, as recommended by the Budget Committee. The motion carried.

Jeff Morrison reported that the Budget Committee had received a report on the proposed tuition increases for the Montana University System, but that no action would be taken on the proposal until the December meeting to allow affected persons time to respond to the proposed increases.

Mr. Morrison further reported that Professor William Derrick, representing the University Teachers' Union, made a presentation to the Budget Committee on salaries at the University of Montana. Professor Derrick illustrated through graphs that the real value of faculty salaries at the UM has failed to keep up with inflation in almost every year of the past decade.

The Capital Construction Committee, Collective Bargaining Committee, and Community College and Vocational Educational Committee had no report.

The following items were received by the Curriculum Committee for consideration at a future meeting:

- Item 29-101-R1080, Approval of Master of Social Work Program, University of Montana
- Item 29-003-R1080, Establishment of a Montana University System Center at Helena for the purpose of administering the off-campus Master of Public Administration program offered jointly by the Departments of Political Science at Montana State University and the University of Montana, Montana University System
- Item 29-203-R1080, Authorization to establish a Center for Research on Rural Education in the College of Education at Montana State University
- Item 29-501-R1080, Approval of the B.S. in Computer Science, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology

Dr. Dayton explained that at its meeting on June 23, 1980 the Board approved the salary portion of several contracts and referred the rank and tenure status questions to the Council of Presidents. The Council recommended a revision to existing policy, resulting in approval this date of Item 26-021-R0380, Faculty Receiving Board of Regents' Contracts Probation and Tenure, Montana University System, (REVISED). The following academic rank and tenure status of those contracts referred to the Council

of Presidents are now recommended for approval:

Roy H. Turley, MCMST Professor of Chemistry Non-tenurable	Original Item 27-500-R0680, <u>Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology</u> June 23, 1980
Larry W. Jones, EMC Professor of Education Non-tenurable	Original Item 27-700-R0680, <u>Staff, Eastern Montana College</u> June 23, 1980
James H. M. Erickson Professor of Education Non-tenurable	Original Item 27-800-R0680, <u>Staff, Northern Montana College</u> June 23, 1980
Stanley Burnham Professor of Health & P.E. Non-tenurable	Original Item 27-800-R0680, <u>Staff, Northern Montana College</u> June 23, 1980
Robert H. Thomas Professor of Education Non-tenurable	Original Item 27-600-R0680, <u>Staff, Western Montana College</u> June 23, 1980
*Kenneth A. Corey Assistant Professor of Education Non-tenurable	Original Item 27-600-R0680, <u>Staff, Western Montana College</u> June 23, 1980
*Thomas E. Mortier Assistant Professor of Education Non-tenurable	Original Item 27-600-R0680, <u>Staff, Western Montana College</u> June 23, 1980

Jack Peterson so moved. The motion carried.

On motion of Jeff Morrison, Dr. Robert Newlon of the Department of Education was approved as the Regents' appointee to the Faculty Service Committee, Western Montana College.

The Commissioner, Council of Presidents and Faculty Association had no report.

The Student Advisory Council reported on its meeting with Commissioner Richardson to receive the proposed tuition increase. In response to a request by the students that a Regent visit each campus prior to the December meeting to further discuss the proposed tuition increase,

\*Exception to Board policy

Commissioner Richardson explained that because the proposed increase is a recommendation of the Commissioner, it would be more appropriate that he meet with students on campus. The Commissioner stated he would be visiting most of the campuses within the next few weeks and would schedule meetings with interested students at those times.

Jeff Morrison moved the following items be approved:

- Item 29-100-R1080, Staff, University of Montana
- Item 29-200-R1080, Staff, Montana State University
- Item 29-201-R1080, Retirement of Henry Gerry, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Montana State University
- Item 29-202-R1080, Retirement of Dr. William G. Walter, Montana State University
- Item 29-300-R1080, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station
- Item 29-400-R1080, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 29-401-R1080, Retirement of Pauline B. Deem, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 29-402-R1080, Retirement of Eugene R. Hoff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 29-403-R1080, Retirement of Earl J. Peace, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 29-404-R1080, Retirement of Arthur F. Shaw Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 29-405-R1080, Retirement of Mr. Thaddeus Z. Wojciechowski Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 29-500-R1080, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 29-500A-R1080, Staff, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
- Item 29-700-R1080, Staff, Eastern Montana College
- Item 29-800-R1080, Staff, Northern Montana College
- Item 29-901-R1080, Staff, Commissioner of Higher Education  
(Addition to Agenda)

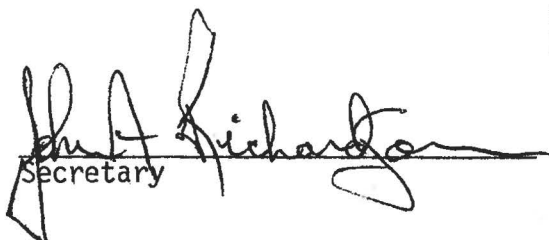
Brief discussion was held on rescheduling the Regents' workshop. The Commissioner was requested to select a date for the workshop in December and notify the Regents.


Jeff Morrison moved that the Regents' convene in executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion carried, with Regent Peterson and the Chair voting no. Mea Andrews of the Missoulian rose in objection, stating that discussion of personnel matters is not sufficient reason under the Open Meeting Law to hold an executive session. Ms. Andrews requested clarification of the motion. The Board recessed for five minutes to consult with legal counsel.

The Board reconvened with the same members present. Jeff Morrison stated the reason for the executive session is that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. Ms. Andrews stated she assumed the Board would be discussing a person, and under the Open Meeting Law, that person has the right to waive their privacy interest. She asked that the person be identified. Mr. Morrison responded that the Board wished to meet with President Bowers. Ms. Andrews asked President Bowers if he would choose to waive his privacy interest. President Bowers replied he would not.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

APPROVED:

  
Secretary

  
Chairman, Regents of Higher Education  
Montana University System