

MINUTES OF BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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Helena, Montana

The Board of Regents of Higher Education convened at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 21, 1980, in the Conference Room of the office of Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena, Montana. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted James. Regents present: Lewy Evans, Jeff Morrison, Ted James, Shelley Hopkins, Jack Peterson, and Mary Pace. Regents absent: Lola Hansen. Also present was Commissioner of Higher Education John A. Richardson.

There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the March 10, 1980 meeting were approved as submitted.

Chairman James stated that he had received a letter from the Missoulian requesting that Mea Andrews, Missoulian education reporter, be allowed to sit in on the Board's discussion of Richard Bowers' performance as President of the University of Montana, and have access to a written assessment the Board will be considering.

Jack Peterson stated that all previous reviews of presidents have been in closed session because they involve discussion of personalities. Mr. Peterson moved that the Regents inform the Missoulian that the meeting to evaluate the presidents and the Commissioner will be in closed session in accordance with the open meeting law.

Ms. Andrews rose to state that Montana law provides the opportunity for President Bowers to say he would like the review to be public. Commissioner Richardson said it needs to be noted that if one president responds affirmatively and opens the evaluation process it brings pressure on the other presidents and the Commissioner to do the same, and his belief is we are within Montana law in dealing with personnel matters in the manner proposed by the motion. Commissioner Richardson recommended that the presidents not request the Board to hold the evaluations in open meetings. President Bowers stated he would not make such a request

of the Board, but would like the request from the Missoulian to be addressed to him in writing. Jack Peterson's motion to hold the evaluations in closed session carried.

Chairman James stated that the Curriculum Committee had been unable to complete its agenda in the morning session, and that without objection, that portion of the agenda would be acted on at this time by the full Board.

A lengthy discussion was held on Item 26-804-R0380, Authorization to Grant a Major in Business Leading to the Bachelor of Technology Degree and a Minor in Business for Students Pursuing other Majors, Northern Montana College. Several Havre area businessmen spoke in support of the proposal, as did local legislators. The primary concern expressed by the Regents was whether Northern could provide a quality business program that would best serve the needs of the students. The questions of duplication and impact on other units which already have approved business degrees were also discussed.

President Bowers stated that the University of Montana opposes the proposal on the basis that it is duplicative and not in the best interests of the University System. He pointed out that the role of the University of Montana as set out in the Role and Scope Statement is that of a major center of business and related instruction and research, and the University should coordinate proposals in this area. UM was not consulted in the development of this program, and their concern is that it will be developed without the coordination of the University, and that the Role and Scope Statement will become meaningless.

President Tietz opposed the proposal, stating Montana State University's concern is that of fragmentation and generic titles of degrees. He further stated his belief that a number of the requirements put forward could be worked out on a cooperative basis utilizing Eastern Montana College, the University of Montana, and Montana State University. President Tietz also spoke on the need to develop techniques to eliminate programs when the need no longer exists.

Jack Peterson moved to accept the Commissioner's recommendation to approve Item 26-804-R0380. Regents Hopkins and Morrison voted no; Regents Evans and Peterson voted yes. Mary Pace abstained. Chairman James broke the tie, voting yes. Motion carried.

Mary Pace requested that President Erickson return to the Regents

with a proposal to change the name of the Bachelor of Technology Degree to reflect more accurately the content of the degree. Jeff Morrison asked that a further report be made on Business Education at Northern.

Presentations were made by Havre area businessmen and local legislators in support of Item 26-803-R0380, Authorization to grant a major in Farm Mechanics leading to the Bachelor of Technology Degree, Northern Montana College. President Tietz stated that MSU has no objection to the proposal, but asked that the title be amended to read, "Authorization to grant a major in Applied Mechanics. . ." President Tietz addressed the problem of transferrability of credits, noting there is misunderstanding on the part of the students and problems arise, for instance, when students believe credits earned at Northern in a four-year program will transfer in their entirety to the graduate program in agriculture at MSU. This is not the case, and must be made absolutely clear to students.

President Erickson spoke in opposition to the change of name to "Applied" Mechanics; the program has to do with farm machines and mechanics. He stated that Northern does not have upper division courses in agriculture and has no intention of initiating any. Northern is working with their advisors to clear up confusion on transferrability of credits, and making changes in their catalog.

On motion of Jeff Morrison, Item 26-803-R0380 was approved.

Jack Peterson moved that Item 26-802-R0380, Authorization to grant the degree of Associate of Science in Computer Technology, Northern Montana College, be approved. Motion carried.

Testimony was given in support of Item 26-805-R0380, Authorization to grant the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Change and Values, Northern Montana College. Jeff Morrison objected to the title, questioning the clarity of a degree in "Change and Values." He requested that a new title be proposed. President Erickson replied he would return to the committee with the request for a more descriptive title.

On motion of Jack Peterson, Item 26-805-R0380 was approved.

Mary Pace moved the following items be approved as recommended by the Curriculum Committee:

- Item 26-202-R0380, Renaming of Department of Modern Languages, Montana State University
- Item 27-204-R0480, Renaming of the Department of Electrical Engineering and the Department of Industrial Engineering and Computer Science at Montana State University
- Item 27-701-R0480, Change of Name of Learning Resource Center to Instructional Development Center, Eastern Montana College
- Item 27-703-R0480, Name Change from Department of Languages to Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, Eastern Montana College

Motion carried.

Mary Pace reported the Curriculum Committee discussed at length the implications to the University System and to the Role and Scope Statement that might be contained in adoption of Item 18-602-R0977, Rural Education Center, Western Montana College. It was suggested that some of the questions could be discussed at a future Council of Presidents' meeting or at the Regents' workshop, addressing particularly whether the thrust is towards competition or cooperation within the parameters established by Role and Scope. Mary Pace moved the item be approved. Motion carried.

Mary Pace reported the Curriculum Committee heard testimony on the funding problems of the Social Work program at Montana State University from faculty, students and the administration. The Committee recommended to the Board that Item 27-205-R0480, Termination of the Social Work Option of the Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology, Montana State University be approved. She so moved.

Students in the audience addressed the Board, requesting that the program not be terminated until after the 1981 Legislative session to give the students an opportunity to generate funding for the program.

The Board voted unanimously to approve Item 27-205-R0480.

Mary Pace reported the Curriculum Committee recommended that Item 26-604-R0180, Library K-12 Minor, Western Montana College, be approved with the understanding that Western will renumber the graduate course required in the undergraduate program. She so moved. Motion carried.

Dr. Dayton presented a report on the television review at Montana State University and the University of Montana. It was the consensus of the Board that no action be taken at this time and that the subject be placed on the agenda at a subsequent meeting to give the Board an opportunity to study the material presented.

On motion of Mary Pace, the following items were accepted by the Board for consideration at a future meeting:

- Item 27-201-R0480, Authorization to grant the degrees of Master of Science in Environmental Engineering and Master of Science in Environmental Health Engineering, Montana State University
- Item 27-202-R0480, Authorization to grant the degrees of Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Biological Sciences, Montana State University
- Item 27-203-R0480, Authorization to terminate the degrees of Master of Science in Botany, Entomology, and Zoology and the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy in Botany, Entomology, Fish and Wildlife Management, Genetics, and Zoology, Montana State University
- Item 27-702-R0480, Authorization to grant a Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Aviation Operations Management, Eastern Montana College
- A Proposal for the Reinstatement of Graduate Study in Secondary Education at Eastern Montana College  
Leading to the Degree Master of Science in Education  
With  
Study Options in Selected Instructional Areas
- Item 27-704-R0480, The Master of Science Program in Secondary Education, Art K-12 Option Eastern Montana College
- Item 27-705-R0480, The Master of Science Program in Secondary Education, Business Education Option, Eastern Montana College
- Item 27-706-R0480, The Master of Science Program in Secondary Education, History Option Eastern Montana College
- Item 27-707-R0480, The Master of Science Program in Secondary Education, Mathematics, Grades 5-9 Option, Eastern Montana College

Item 27-708-R0480, The Master of Science Program in Secondary Education, Music K-12 Option, Eastern Montana College

Item 27-801-R0480, Renaming of the Associate of Science Degree in Environmental Health: Water and Wastewater Technology, Northern Montana College

Jeff Morrison reported the Budget Committee recommended the following items be approved:

Item 27-501-R0480, Student Activity Fee, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology

Item 27-005-R0480, Budget Amendments:  
University of Montana  
Montana State University  
Eastern Montana College  
Northern Montana College  
Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology  
Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology  
Agricultural Experiment Station  
Cooperative Extension Service  
Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

He so moved. Motion carried.

Jeff Morrison moved the following items, referred to the Board by the Budget Committee without recommendation, be approved:

Item 27-003-R0480, Approval of the Board of Regents/Lender Agreement under the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program

Item 27-004-R0480, Authorization for the Commissioner of Higher Education or his Designee to Execute an Agreement with Approved Lenders in Montana under the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program

The motion carried.

Jeff Morrison reported that Item 27-002-R0480, Authorization for the Commissioner of Higher Education to Execute a Contract with United Student Aid Funds, Incorporated, for the Operation of the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program was referred to the full Board without recommendation. He further reported that a revised contract attached to the Item as Exhibit "A" was submitted to the Budget Committee. Jeff Morrison moved that Item 27-002-R0480 be approved with the revised contract attached as Exhibit "A", and that the contract be amended as follows:



At the end of Section 7, following "hereof."

Add:

", except in the case of misconduct or negligence on the part of USA Funds in the performance of its duties hereunder. USA Funds undertakes (and such undertaking will survive a termination of this agreement) to indemnify and hold the Board harmless from and against all liability, obligation, loss, damage, penalty, claim, suit, cost, expense or disbursement (including legal fees and expenses) which may be imposed or incurred by the Board arising out of misconduct or negligence of USA Funds."

Add New Section 10:

10. This agreement will be interpreted according to Montana law. If any dispute arises concerning this agreement, the parties agree that jurisdiction shall be in Montana. USA Funds agrees to register with the Montana Secretary of State to do business in Montana.

The motion carried.

Jeff Morrison reported that a revised Item 27-102-R0480, Student Health Service Fee Increase, University of Montana, was presented to the Budget Committee. The revised item deletes all of the paragraph beginning with "SUMMER BLUE CROSS:" as shown in the original item. Jeff Morrison moved the revised item be approved. Motion carried.

Lewy Evans moved that Item 27-207-R0480, Resolution Authorizing the Exchange of Real Property with the Endowment and Research Foundation at Montana State University, be approved as recommended by the Capital Construction Committee. Motion carried.

Jack Peterson moved that the Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Montana University System and Montana District Council of Laborers, Locals No. 98 and 1334; United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters, Locals No. 30, 41 and 459; and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Locals No. 416, 532 and 768 be ratified. Motion carried.

Commissioner Richardson reported that the Joint By-Laws and Policy and Community College and Vocational Educational Committees recommended that the following items be approved:

- Item 4-004-R0474, Division of Governance Responsibilities  
Montana Community Colleges (REVISED)
- Item 4-010-R0474, Property and Construction  
Montana Community Colleges (REVISED)
- Item 4-008-R0474, Presidents, Faculty, and Personnel  
Montana Community Colleges (REVISED)

- Item 4-006-R0474, Degree and Certificate Offering  
Montana Community Colleges (REVISED)
- Item 4-005-R0474, Curriculum, Montana Community Colleges  
(REVISED)
- Item 4-007-R0474, Budgeting and Fiscal Matters  
Montana Community Colleges (REVISED)
- Item 27-601-R0480, Semester System, Western Montana College
- Item 10-501-R0975, Role of the Montana Bureau of Mines  
and Geology (REVISED)

Lewy Evans so moved. Motion carried.

Shelley Hopkins moved that Item 27-206-R0480, Educational Leave  
for Field Staff of the Agricultural Experiment Station and the  
Cooperative Extension Service, Montana State University be approved.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Richardson reported the Joint By-Laws and Policy and Community College and Vocational Educational Committees recommended that Item 27-001-R0480, Higher Education Centers, Montana University System, be approved, and that amendments presented to the committee at the meeting be referred to the Council of Presidents and the Commissioner's office for review and report back to the Board. Mary Pace so moved. Motion carried.

The Board asked if either Michael Dean Wilson or Michelle LaFranchise were present, or if someone was present to represent either of them concerning their residency appeals. There was no response, and on motion of Jeff Morrison, the two residency appeals were denied.

Jeff Morrison moved that the confirmation of the gubernatorial appointment of Margaret H. Moffatt, Chinook, to the Local Executive Board of Northern Montana College be approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Richardson reported that the Commissioner's office is monitoring the proposed cuts in federal funding which would adversely affect the Montana Learning Services and the 1203 planning funds allocated to the Commissioner's office. He distributed copies of the EIC/MLS Status Report and noted that a further report and a budget proposal will be brought to the Board at its June meeting.



Commissioner Richardson reported that the Search Committee has extended the deadline to May 15, 1980 for applications for the position of Chief Counsel in the Commissioner's office because the advertisement did not appear in certain publications.

The Commissioner reported that the Regents' workshop on presidential evaluation and other matters will be held on May 2, 3, and 4, 1980 at the Heritage Inn, Great Falls.

A special meeting of the Board of Regents has been scheduled on May 19, 1980. The agenda will be limited as much as possible to retrenchment at the University of Montana. Any other items submitted for consideration at that meeting should be urgent matters that require Regental action prior to the regularly scheduled June meeting. Mary Pace moved that the May 19 meeting be held in Helena. Motion carried.

Commissioner Richardson stated that conflicts have arisen which require that the June 16 meeting of the Board be rescheduled. Chairman James instructed the Commissioner to select a date and notify the Board.

Russ Crawford reported that the Student Advisory Council had discussed whether a Montana Student Lobbyist would be funded for the 1981 legislative session. A decision on that position will be brought to the Board in June. Mr. Crawford noted that the new student body president has been elected at Western Montana College.

Upon motion of Jeff Morrison, the following items were approved:

Item 27-100-R0480, Staff, University of Montana,  
with the following addendum:

New Positions and Replacements

<u>Name, Field Degree</u>	<u>To Replace</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<u>Nonacademic Administrators</u>			
Richard H. Hill, Ph.D. Director, Admissions	Parker	7/1/80	\$25,000 M12

Item 27-101-R0480, Resolution concerning the retirement of Professor Gerald Webber Prescott, Professor of Botany, Biological Station, University of Montana

Item 27-103-R0480, Resolution Concerning the Death of Dr. Harold Guy Merriam, University of Montana

Item 27-200-R0480, Staff, Montana State University

Item 27-300-R0480, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station  
corrected as follows:

Donald R. Graham, M.S.	Change:	FR: 22,200 (FY)
		TO: 24,000 (FY)
	To:	FR: 22,200 (M12)
		TO: 24,000 (M12)

Item 27-400-R0480, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service

Item 27-500-R0480, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology

Item 27-700-R0480, Staff, Eastern Montana College


Item 27-800-R0480, Staff, Northern Montana College


It was reported that four honorary degree candidates submitted by Montana State University, one honorary degree candidate submitted by the University of Montana, and three honorary degree candidates submitted by Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology were approved during the executive session of the Board.

Mea Andrews of the Missoulian was recognized by the Chairman, and requested clarification of the Board's earlier motion to hold the evaluations of the presidents and Commissioner in closed session. Ms. Andrews was informed by the Board that no information would be released at that meeting, but a statement of results would be made at a time to be established by the Board of Regents and the Commissioner.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
 Chairman, Regents of Higher Education  
 Montana University System

  
 Secretary