

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

January 9, 1981

The meeting of the Board of Regents of Higher Education was called to order by Chairman James at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 1981 in the conference room in the office of Commissioner of Higher Education, 33 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena, Montana. Regents present: Ted James, Mary Pace, Shelley Hopkins, Jeff Morrison and Jack Peterson. Regents absent: Lola Hansen and Lewy Evans. Commissioner of Higher Education John A. Richardson was also present.

Chairman James called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 8, 1980 meeting. None were stated, and the minutes were ordered approved as mailed.

Chairman James stated that order of the agenda would be changed, and that committee discussion would be held in conjunction with the full Board meeting.

On motion of Jack Peterson, Item 30-501-R0181, Acceptance of the Apartment Complex in Butte as a gift from the Anaconda Copper Company, Butte, Montana was deferred.

The By-Laws and Policy Committee, Collective Bargaining Committee, and Community College and Vocational Educational Committee had no report.

Item 30-601-R0181, Guidance and Counseling K-12 Minor, Western Montana College, was received for action at a future meeting.

Dr. Dayton explained that the Commissioner's recommendation not to approve Item 28-103-R0780, Authorization for Minors and Emphases within Academic Majors, University of Montana is based on the opinion that the requested authorization is not necessary. Regents' Policy 303.1, Cur-

riculum Proposals was cited as authority that Board approval is not required for a minor if the institution already has an approved major or degree in the same field. Mary Pace moved that the item not be approved. Motion carried.

On motion of Mary Pace, 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, was approved.

Dr. Dayton presented Item 29-101-R1080, Approval of Master of Social Work Program, University of Montana, stating the proposal is exceedingly well-documented and was preceded by a feasibility study by an outside consultant. Dr. Dayton explained that the Commissioner's recommendation would not allow the program to be initiated until the four necessary faculty positions are funded with hard money, but does not designate the mechanism for obtaining the funding as did the original item. Dr. Dayton also noted that Montana State University has raised the objection that the proposed program represents a duplication of some portions of their graduate program in Home Economics. Dr. Dayton stated he does not concur with that objection, but that there are people present from both Montana State University and University of Montana who would like to speak to the Board on that concern.

Regents Peterson and Morrison objected to approving the program without the funds in place, and suggested the program be tabled until the source of funding is identified. Dr. Dayton responded that the proposed action provides an institution the opportunity to accomplish sound academic

planning by obtaining the authorization for needed programs, and places the responsibility to allocate or move funds as they are received with the administration. Regents Hopkins and Pace endorsed the concept of advanced academic planning, and agreed that administrators should have some autonomy in allocating resources subject to review by the Board.

Faculty members from Montana State University and University of Montana addressed the Board on the question of duplication between Montana State University's Home Economics degree and the proposed program in the area of marriage and family counseling. At the conclusion of the presentations, Commissioner Richardson suggested the following motion: That Item 29-101-R1080, Approval of Master of Social Work Program, University of Montana, be approved, subject to review in conjunction with the Board of Regents' review of the University of Montana's proposed 1982 fiscal year budget. Jeff Morrison so moved. The motion carried.

Mary Pace moved that Item 27-703-R0680, Authorization to Grant a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services, Eastern Montana College be deferred. Motion carried.

After discussion was held on the explanation of each section of the item, Jeff Morrison moved that Item 30-004-R0181, Budget Amendments, Montana State University, Agricultural Experiment Station be approved. Motion carried.

Jeff Morrison reported on hearings held by the Education Subcommittee on the supplementals requested for millage, utilities and enrollments. Mr. Morrison reported there is agreement with the Executive Budget office on the millage amount; a pool of money is being considered to pay the utilities deficit of all state agencies; and the Governor's office is recommending approval of about half of the requested enrollment supplemental.

Jack Noble explained Item 30-003-R0181, 1983 Biennium Board of Regents' Budget Request. The item consists of previously adopted Regent recommendations and revised modified level budget requests for each campus which have been approved by the Regents. The Commissioner's "Forward" sets out the assumptions adopted by the Legislative Finance Committee when it unanimously approved the Analyst's final report. The Regents' request adopted nearly all components of the formula revisions. Mr. Noble stated that the Legislative Fiscal Analyst report will be released later in the week and there may be some differences in figures because the Legislative Fiscal Analyst will be using different inflationary factors. A comparative analysis will be sent to the Regents as soon as it is compiled.

President Tietz stated Montana State University's concern with the enrollment estimates. These are accepted by Montana State University, he said, based on the guideline expressed by the Legislative Finance Committee and confirmed by the Legislative Fiscal Analyst that there will be a contingency fund available to cover the difference between what is appropriated and the enrollments that actually occur at Montana State University. President Bowers concurred with that understanding, and noted that the recommendation for maintenance at the University of Montana has been reduced considerably below what was considered to be absolutely necessary.

President DeMoney asked that the record reflect his concern with the enrollment projections as they affect Montana Tech. He noted particularly the disparity in instructional support between Montana Tech and Montana State University generated by the formula, and further that in the area of student support under the formula Montana Tech receives an increase of approximately 5% while the average for the System is an increase of 14%.

President Thomas spoke on Western's belief that the enrollment projections understate Western's enrollments, and requested his colleagues' and the Regents' support to assure that the contingency fund is provided.

Sid Groff, Director of the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, was recognized by the Board. Mr. Groff explained that the Bureau requests authority from the Regents to seek an additional \$28,000 from the legislature to meet matching fund requirements so that federal monies can be obtained to upgrade the proposed study of the Stillwater Complex. Mr. Groff presented materials to the Board which explained the project and set out the time constraints on obtaining the matching funds. Jack Peterson moved that authority be granted the Bureau of Mines to seek a separate appropriation in the amount of \$28,000 to be used as matching funds for the Stillwater Complex, and that the Bureau be granted access to the funds prior to June 30, 1981. The motion carried.

Commissioner Richardson reported on proposed legislation presented for Regents' approval which would amend Section 20-25-324, MCA. The amended language adds certain training requirements for security guards on campus, sets specific hours when security guards can be armed, and adds the provision that security guards may carry firearms when responding to emergencies where potential harm to individuals exists. The Commissioner explained that the proposed legislation is recommended by the Council of Presidents. David Curtis, President, ASUM, stated there is no real opposition from students to the proposed changes. After discussion, Jeff Morrison moved that the legislation be approved with the restriction that if it is enacted by the legislature the Board of Regents set up guidelines for implementation. The motion carried with Regents Hopkins, Morrison and Pace voting yes; Regent Peterson voting no.

Commissioner Richardson reported that in discussion of legislative affairs with the Council of Presidents, Regents' Policy 204.3, which provides that the Commissioner will act as the official representative of the



Board of Regents to the legislature, was reaffirmed. It is the view of the Commissioner and the presidents that that provides sufficient guidance as to the intent of the Board in its relations with the legislature.

The Commissioner reported on the meeting of the Council of Presidents with the student lobbyists. He stated it was recognized that the students are not entirely responsible to either the Commissioner or the presidents, but the student lobbyists expressed the intent to coordinate their efforts through the office of Commissioner of Higher Education.

Commissioner Richardson reported his position on lobbyist registration.

Chairman James asked for clarification of the differences between the office of Commissioner of Higher Education and the student lobbyists regarding lobbying. Commissioner Richardson explained that there are three student lobbying groups and it is difficult for them to come to agreement on a united lobbying approach. However, they have agreed to meet periodically with the presidents and the Commissioner's office on subjects of mutual interest.

Chairman James stated that it is the Board's position that the number one effort this session is to obtain more funding for the University System, and the Board cannot stress strongly enough to presidents or students that nothing should be done by either group to endanger that number one objective.

The Council of Presidents and Faculty Advisory Committee had no report.

David Curtis requested the Board's support for legislation that will be introduced which would supplement funding for work study programs with state funds.

Paul Neiman, Chairman of the Student Advisory Council, reported that

the Student Advisory Council feels there could be better communication between the office of the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Student Advisory Council. Procedures for notification of Regents' meetings were clarified.

Item

On motion of Jeff Morrison, Item 30-500-R0180, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology was approved.

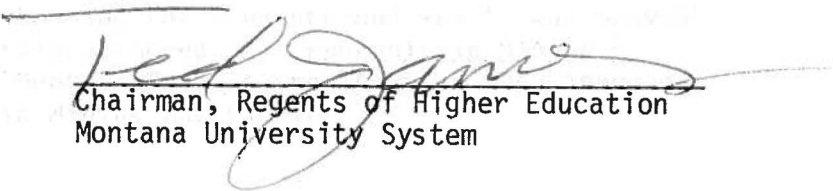
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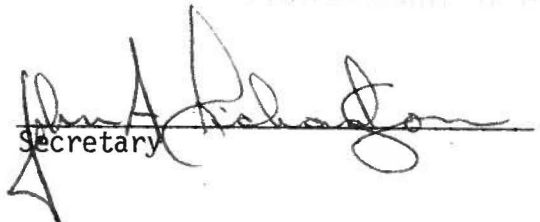
The Chairman stated that a request had been received for an executive session to discuss a matter of litigation.

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The meeting adjourned with the Board to reconvene immediately in executive session.

APPROVED:

  
Chairman, Regents of Higher Education  
Montana University System

  
Secretary

The foregoing Item No. 30-500-R0180 was deferred on January 2, 1981 by Regents of Higher Education, Montana University System.

  
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