

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
March 5, 1982

Following morning meetings of the State Board of Education, the Commissioner Search Committee, and an executive session on collective bargaining and honorary degrees, the meeting of the Board of Regents of Higher Education was called to order by Chairman Ted James in the Conference Room of the office of Commissioner of Higher Education, 33 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena, Montana at 1:30 p.m. on March 5, 1982. Regents present: James, Pace, Keck, Knight, Morrison and Redlin. Regents absent: Evans. Also present was Acting Commissioner of Higher Education Irving E. Dayton.

Acting Commissioner Dayton introduced the two newly-appointed Regents, Robert Knight, from Missoula, and Darla Keck, student Regent from Havre.

Chairman James stated that because of the full morning of meetings, the Board committees had not met. The Board agreed that all matters on the agenda would be heard before the full Board.

Chairman James asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. None were stated, and the minutes of the December 11, 1981 meeting were ordered approved as mailed.

Item 3-010-R1273, Salaries, Summer Session; Montana University System (REVISED), was presented to the Board by Acting Commissioner Dayton. Dr. Dayton explained the change will correct inequities with persons on fiscal-year contracts and faculty who have summer-session research appointments. This responds to the system commitment to make summer programs as effective as other programs. By making the change effective starting with the 1983 summer session, the fiscal impact can be dealt with in preparing the 1983-85 biennium budget. Also, the change can be bargained into the new round of faculty collective bargaining contracts so that the same policy will apply to all faculty

in the System. Regent Mary Pace moved the item be approved. The motion carried.

Item 34-002-R0382, Budget Amendments, Montana University System was explained by Jack Noble, Deputy Commissioner for Management and Fiscal Affairs. Mr. Noble reviewed the explanations and justifications set out in the item and requested approval of the following budget amendments:

Agricultural Experiment Station - Research Program	\$53,446
Cooperative Extension Service	41,938
Commissioner of Higher Education Faculty Vitality Grant	38,000
Talent Search	24,015

Regent Jeff Morrison moved approval of the item. The motion carried.

Item 34-003-R0382, Administrative Salary Scale, Montana University System, 1982-83 was presented by Jack Noble. Mr. Noble noted that the salary scale had been sent to the Regents for their consideration at an earlier date. The proposed schedule is increased by the approximate amount of the increase in the state pay plan schedule. Guidelines promulgated by the Board advancing the schedule 10.8% over last biennium's scale were forwarded to the campuses. On motion of Regent Morrison, the item was approved.

The Capital Construction items submitted by Montana State University were explained by President William Tietz and Bill Lannan, Commissioner's staff liaison to the committee.

On motion of Regent Morrison, the following Capital Construction items were approved;

Item 34-201-R0382, Authorization to purchase real property, Montana State University

Item 34-203-R0283, Authorization to purchase real property contiguous to Montana State University campus

On motion of Regent Mary Pace, the following Capital Construction items were approved:

Item 34-202-R0382, Authorization to sell Montana State University real property and apply the proceeds to the purchase of other real property

- Item 34-301-R0382, Authorization of the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station to offer for public sale 4.6 acres of land located at Polson, Montana for not less than the appraised value of \$45,000
- Item 34-801-R0382, Authorization to Increase Project Cost, Farm Mechanics Building, Northern Montana College
- Item 34-208-R0382, Authorization to increase project authorization for the Student Union Building Addition, Montana State University
(addition to the agenda)

On motion of Regent Elsie Redlin, the following Capital Construction item was approved:

- Item 34-204-R0382, Authority to proceed with planning an expansion of the Museum of the Rockies at Montana State University as authorized by HB 500, 47th Legislative session

Regent Elsie Redlin, Chairman of the Community College and Vocational Educational Committee, gave a status report on the Sidney Center, extended campus of Dawson Community College. Regent Redlin noted that the Center now serves approximately 200 students and offers 10-11 courses.

Acting Commissioner Dayton reported the accreditation of Miles Community College has been continued by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

Regent Mary Pace reported the following items were submitted to the Curriculum Committee for consideration at a future meeting:

- Item 34-205-R0382, MSU Center Name Change, Montana State University
- Item 34-206-R0382, Authorization to offer Education Specialist Degree, Montana State University
- Item 34-207-R0382, Designation, The Center for Bilingual Multicultural Education, Montana State University

Dr. Dayton presented the background on Item 34-101-R1281, Education Specialist Degree, University of Montana, as set out in the Commissioner's recommendation. On motion of Mary Pace, the item was approved.

Item 34-501-R1281, Authorization to Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology to Grant Professional Degrees in the Engineering Programs, was discussed. The Commissioner's recommendation of "Do not approve, and stipulate that no more professional degrees be given after June 30, 1982" included a lengthy explanation in support of the recommendation.

President DeMoney stated he would like to speak to the recommendation and explanation made by the Acting Commissioner. President DeMoney stated the first of these degrees were awarded in 1935 and those appear to have been earned degrees requiring five years of work plus a thesis and oral examination. This continued for some time. Later, the thesis requirement was dropped. The current practice is to award such degrees only to those active in the profession for at least ten years.

Speaking to why the professional degree was not discussed in the summary of degree authorizations adopted a year ago, President DeMoney stated that was concerned with earned degrees.

In trying to find what support Tech might have for the professional degree, President DeMoney stated he was advised to contact funding study peers. The report was sent to Acting Commissioner Dayton on February 4, 1982. The issue in President DeMoney's belief is whether Tech will continue to have the opportunity to carry on in this unique tradition, or whether there is another way this can be accomplished. In summary, President DeMoney stated that Montana Tech has awarded such degrees since 1935 and more than 100+ have been awarded to people of great distinction. If the Board chooses not to continue, Tech believes it can make that adjustment.

After brief discussion, Regent Mary Pace moved that Item 34-501-R1281 not be approved, with the stipulation that no more professional degrees be given after June 30, 1982 as recommended by the Commissioner. The Regents stated this action is taken with the further stipulation that Tech will be able to recognize outstanding professional achievement at a level less than that which merits an honorary doctoral degree through utilization of the authority granted in Regents' Policy 322.2; Distinguished Service Awards. The motion carried.

Item 34-502-R1281, Approval of the B.S. in Business Administration, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology was discussed.

Acting Commissioner Dayton's recommendation to approve the item is explained in the memorandum distributed with the agenda.

President DeMoney introduced the following persons from Montana Tech, all of whom spoke in support of the item:

Dr. Roy Turley, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Luke Rivers, Department Head, School of Business

Lucinda J. Sanderson, Assistant Professor, Business and Economics

Mr. John J. Burke, Executive Vice President, Montana Power Company, also spoke in support of the proposal. Mr. Burke distributed a letter (on file) responding to the concerns in the Commissioner's recommendation, and spoke to the importance of this degree to Montana Power Company as a major employer in the Butte area.

In discussion the Regents questioned the other presidents and learned there were no strong objections to the degree proposal from the other campuses. The proposal has been thoroughly reviewed by the other campuses. The principal objections from other institutions focus mostly on faculty and library resources. Staffing was also discussed. Regents discussed the issue of duplication.

Regent Mary Pace moved that Item 34-502-R1281 be approved. The motion carried with Regent Morrison voting no.

Item 30-601-R0181, Guidance and Counseling K-12 Minor, Western Montana College recommended for approval by the Commissioner, was discussed. Dr. Dayton addressed the major objections to the proposal by other institutions in his recommendation. Present at the meeting to respond to questions were Dr. Dale Tash, Dean Alan Zetler, and Dr. Frank Tikalsky, all of Western Montana College. Also speaking in support was Mr. Alve Thomas, retired Deputy Superintendent of the office of Public Instruction.

Presentations from other campuses were made in opposition to the proposal and the issue of transferability of credits was discussed by

the Regents. Dean Zetler presented an Addendum to Guidance and Counseling Proposal (on file) representing changes occurring at Western since the original submission of the proposal.

Regent Mary Pace then moved that Item 30-601-R0181 be approved. The motion carried with Regent Darla Keck voting no.

Item 33-4001-R0182, Authorization to grant the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Data Processing, Miles Community College is recommended by the Acting Commissioner for approval for the reasons stated in his recommendation. Dr. Dayton noted the outstanding cooperation between campuses in developing this proposal. On motion of Regent Redlin, the item was approved.

The Collective Bargaining Committee had no report.

Regent Jeff Morrison reported that the Commissioner Search Committee has completed its interviews with the four finalists. It is the recommendation of the Search Committee that Acting Commissioner Irving E. Dayton be retained as Commissioner of Higher Education for the Montana University System at a salary of \$60,000 per year effective immediately. He so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

Students from the University of Montana gave a report on the MontPIRG funding method approved by the Board at the December 11, 1981 meeting. A memorandum was distributed to the Regents (on file) illustrating funding methods of Public Interest Research Groups at other campuses, and including a history of MontPIRG on the UM campus. In conclusion it was stated that after research, and because of the level of support for MontPIRG on campus, supporters of MontPIRG feel they are not in a position to accept the positive check-off fee approved by the Board. Their intent is to come before the Board at the April meeting to request the funding method be amended from a positive check-off fee to a waivable fee.

Eric Johnson, student at UM, spoke in opposition to the MontPIRG proposal, stating that to levy a tax against students for an organization not fundamental and intrinsic to the educational needs of the students seems exploitive.

Chairman James stated the Regents' by-laws provide that an election of officers be held every two years, and he would entertain nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Regent Redlin nominated Ted James as Chairman of the Board. No other nominations were heard. Regent Mary Pace moved Ted James be appointed Chairman for a term of two years. The motion carried unanimously.

Regent Jeff Morrison nominated Mary Pace as Vice-Chairman. No other nominations were heard. Regent Redlin moved that Mary Pace be elected Vice Chairman for a term of two years. The motion carried unanimously.

William Lannan explained that the certificate of incorporation for the Montana Higher Education Student Assistance Corporation requires a seven member board. Of that membership, three members of the Board of Regents are ex officio members by virtue of their positions on the Board of Regents. Those are: Chairman; Budget Committee Chairman; Student Regent. The fourth Regent member is elected at-large. Because of recent new appointments to the Board of Regents, the at-large position needs to be filled. Regent Jeff Morrison moved that Robert M. Knight be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Montana Higher Education Student Assistance Corporation as the Regents member at-large. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dayton stated there were two items relating to meeting dates that require discussion. It has been suggested that the April 16, 1982 meeting location be changed from Helena to Butte. This would allow the Regents to tour the campus to see first-hand the many changes that have occurred since their last meeting at Montana Tech, and provide an opportunity for the Board to meet with faculty and students. Regent Mary Pace moved the April 16 meeting be held in Butte. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dayton explained a conflict has arisen that makes the meeting date in June inconvenient. The suggested change would move the Regents' meeting to June 28, 1982. After brief discussion, Regent Pace moved that the June meeting be set on June 28, 1982, in Helena. The motion carried unanimously.

In the Commissioner's report, Commissioner Dayton called the Regents' attention to the art exhibit in the Regents' conference room which is provided by the faculty at the University of Montana. Dr. Dayton also mentioned the pictures of the campuses in the lobby of the Commissioner's office, stating five of the six campuses are now represented, and one of the community colleges. These have been well received by visitors to the office.

Dr. Dayton reported that the Montana State University nursing program has received continuing accreditation from the National League of Nursing.

Commissioner Dayton reported that United Student Aid Funds had been authorized to increase the loan commitment amount for the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program from \$30 million to \$50 million. The program is doing extremely well.

Commissioner Dayton stated it has been suggested that the Board of Regents take a position on some proposed changes in student financial aid which if enacted as now proposed would cut financial aid to students by approximately fifty percent. He recommended the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the proposed federal budget for FY 1982 would dramatically reduce financial aid for students in Montana's programs of postsecondary education, and

WHEREAS, significant reductions were made in the 1982 year without correspondingly shared reductions in other federal programs, and

WHEREAS, the effect of present reductions will be unknown until the 1982-83 academic year, and

WHEREAS, to avoid providing educational access to the citizens of this state and nation will compromise and destroy the future of the nation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education urge Congress to immediately stop the erosion of educational opportunity and assure the citizens and

students of this state and the nation that educational opportunity will continue to be the ultimate strength of a free society.

We urge Montana citizens and students to contact their elected representatives and the office of the President regarding these serious concerns.

Regent Mary Pace moved the resolution be adopted. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Dayton was instructed to send the resolution to Montana's congressional delegation, and discuss this matter with the delegation when he is in Washington the end of this month.

President Jim Erickson, Northern Montana College, asked that Commissioner Dayton also discuss with the congressional delegation the uncommonly difficult situation of the Native American students funded under steadily eroding Bureau of Indian Affairs funds. President Erickson asked that the Commissioner do whatever he can while in Washington to call attention to this exceedingly unfortunate situation.

President Neil Bucklew, University of Montana, distributed copies of the "University of Montana Framework for Planning, February, 1982" and reviewed its purposes with the Board. President Bucklew stated that because of changes faced by institutions of higher education in trying to deal with a period of uncertainty, UM has put in place a planning process not just of rhetoric, but planning linked with decision making. There will be characteristics of planning at the University which will involve priorities and a willingness to say some things are more important than others--not good versus bad, but which is most important to attend to. Reallocation is a critical part of what the University will be about. If planning is only what someone will lay on top, it is fruitless. If it works well, it will provide guidelines on how UM will reallocate its resources. The hope is that in one to three years the University of Montana will look different than now and will be proud of what has been done based on reallocation with broad-based involvement. President Bucklew concluded that if the University

comes to the Board with items which require change it is because it is convinced there is a need for change and the University should be attending to that need. The budget presentation for the next legislative session will be the result of this planning effort.

The Council of Presidents and the Faculty Association had no report.

The Student Advisory Council, represented by Steve Spaulding, President, ASUM welcomed Regents Keck and Knight. Mr. Spaulding noted that this would be his last meeting as President of the ASUM, and stated he had enjoyed working with the Board over the last two years.

On motion of Regent Jeff Morrison, the following items were approved:

- Item 34-100-R0382, Staff, University of Montana, amended to insert corrected pages 1 and 2 attached to and made part of these minutes.
- Item 34-200-R0382, Staff, Montana State University
- Item 34-300-R0382, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station
- Item 34-400-R0382, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 34-500-R0382, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, amended on page 2, "New Positions", Chi U. Ikoku, Ph.D., under "Proposed Salary"
add: **34,350 State Funds
*12,650 Mapco Professorship
- Item 34-500A-R0382, Staff, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology,
- Item 34-600-R0382, Staff, Western Montana College
- Item 34-700-R0382, Staff, Eastern Montana College
- Item 34-800-R0382, Staff, Northern Montana College, amended on page 2 as follows:
Larry W. Burt (Ph.D.), Professor, should be Assistant Professor
- Item 34-901-R0382, Staff, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

Chairman James extended the Board's congratulations to Dr. Dayton on his selection as Commissioner of Higher Education. Chairman James stated the Board's belief that Commissioner Dayton would work well not only with the Board, but with presidents, faculty and students. Chairman James added that he believed the Board "picked well."

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be April 16, 1982 in Butte, Montana.

James E. Dayton
Secretary

James E. Keck
Chairman, Board of Regents of Higher Education