

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
SPECIAL CALL MEETING

DATE: June 9, 1986

LOCATION: Conference Room
Montana University System
Helena, Montana

REGENTS PRESENT: Morrison, Lind, Hurwitz, McCarthy, Paoli,
Scully
Commissioner of Higher Education Carrol
Krause

REGENTS ABSENT: Redlin

OTHERS PRESENT: Acting President Habbe, University of
Montana; Dr. James V. Koch, Candidate; Lynda
Brown, Chair, UM Presidential Search
Committee; Members of the Press

Chairman Morrison called the special call meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Roll call was taken, and it was determined a quorum was present. The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting was to interview Dr. James V. Koch, candidate for the presidency at the University of Montana. Dr. Koch is presently Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana.

Chairman Morrison explained the format for the interview would be as informal as possible, with the intent there be as much interchange as possible between the Board and Dr. Koch.

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At the Chairman's request, Dr. Koch briefly outlined his academic career; his impressions of the challenges facing the University of Montana, and how he would propose to meet those challenges; what he believed the role of president to be in relation to faculty, students, and administrators; his legislative experience; the importance of public/private relationships; the contributions the University could and should make to the economic development of the state; his perception of the role of intercollegiate athletics; and what he perceived to be his strengths, and his weaknesses.

The Board responded to Dr. Koch's questions regarding its expectations of a president, how the Board perceives Montana's future expectations in the next one to five years, and what concerns the Board has with the University.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Chairman Morrison stated the Board would recess and reconvene immediately in executive session to discuss matters with Dr. Koch where the individual's right to privacy exceeded the public's right to know. The Board met in executive session with Dr. Koch from 10:25 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.

Chairman Morrison reconvened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. with the same members present. He referenced the actions taken at the May 1986 meeting which approved administrative salaries for all units of the System except the University of Montana, the Commissioner's office, and the 1986-87 salaries for the presidents and the Commissioner. All bargaining units of the System have successfully negotiated and ratified their collective bargaining agreements with the exception of Western Montana College.

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Item 51-100-R6/9/86, Staff; University of Montana, was discussed. It was explained all salaries on the item are within the authorized 3.25% pool. Regent Hurwitz asked if these raises would be effective if the special session of the legislature imposes a salary freeze. Chairman Morrison responded they would be. They could be rolled back if other bargaining and non-bargaining units take a roll back, or they could be financed through reduced positions. Commissioner Krause noted the salaries on the item before the Board for action are those recommended for non-bargaining professionals at the University, and Law School faculty and administrators, which are not covered by the collective bargaining agreement. The item proposes the same treatment for those non-bargaining employees of the University as was received by those covered under the collective bargaining agreement.

On motion of Regent McCarthy, the item was approved.

Regent Lind moved that Item 51-900-R6/9/86, Staff; Office of Commissioner of Higher Education, be approved, and that the 1986-87 salary of the Commissioner of Higher Education be set a \$73,300. The motion carried, with Regents Scully and McCarthy voting no, Regent Hurwitz abstaining, and Regents Lind, Paoli and Morrison voting yes.

Regent Scully moved the following salaries be approved for the presidents of the six units:

University of Montana	\$73,000
Montana State University	76,000
Montana Tech	65,000
Eastern Montana College	61,744
Northern Montana College	57,510
Western Montana College	57,510

The motion carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Krause reported the Legislative Fiscal Analyst would be presenting the legislative branch budget book at 1:30 p.m. today in the old Supreme Court Chambers at the State Capitol. Hearings on the Governor's recommended 5% reductions and the LFA recommendations begin the next day, June 10, 1986 at 8:30 a.m. Regent Scully noted the System has spent two months preparing responses to the Governor's recommendation. He urged the option of "no response" be kept open regarding the LFA recommendations because no time was allowed to analyze the recommendations and prepare adequate responses.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents is June 19-20, 1986, in Helena, Montana.

Chairman, Board of Regents of
Higher Education,
Montana University System

Carol Krause
Secretary