

**MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**Policy and Procedures Manual**

SUBJECT: GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION  
Policy 204.4.2 – Inter-unit Advisory Committees; Operation  
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**I. Board policy:**

A. The commissioner's staff liaison will act as chair of an inter-unit committee unless the commissioner designates one of the campus representatives to act in that capacity, except for the employee benefits committee which is exempt from this provision.

B. Under board policy, inter-unit committees are advisory to the commissioner; they do not set policy, nor do they report directly to the board of regents.

**II. Procedures:**

A. Upon receiving recommendations from an inter-unit committee, the commissioner, at his or her discretion, will:

1. formulate recommendation(s) to the regents in those instances where board action is necessary; or
2. act under broad delegated authority to formulate and execute policy; and
3. where it is deemed appropriate, refer recommendations in 1 or 2 to the presidents for discussion before referring them to the regents or implementing them.

History:

Guidelines for inter-unit committees issued by the commissioner of higher education, February 3, 1976; as amended November 18, 1999 (Item 104-103-R0999).