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MINUTES

MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
January 18, 2007
Helena, MT

APPROVED BY THE BOARD
OF REGENTS MARCH 1, 2007

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Thursday, January 18, 2007

The full board convened at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call indicated a quorum present.

Regents present: Chair Lynn Hamilton, Vice Chair Stephen Barrett, Lila Taylor, Clay Christian, Mark Semmens, Heather O'Loughlin, Janine Pease, and Commissioner Stearns ex officio.
Jan Lombardi, Education Policy Advisor represented Governor Schweitzer.

Also Present:

Arlene Parisot-OCHE, Bill Muse-UM, Bob Durringer-UM, Bruce Marks-MGSLP, Cathy Swift-OCHE, Chancellor Alex Capdeville-MSU-N, Chancellor Frank Gilmore-MT Tech of UM, Chancellor Richard Storey-UM-W, Chancellor Ron Sexton-MSU-B, Craig Roloff-MSU, Dan Carter-MSU-B CoT, Dean Daniel Bingham-H CoT, Dean Mary Moe-GF CoT, Jan Clinard-OCHE, Jim Foley-UM, Jim Stipcich-SAF, Kevin McRae-OCHE, Lynette Brown-OCHE, Mick Robinson-OCHE, President Geoff Gamble-MSU, President George Dennison-UM, Rene Dubay-OCHE, Roger Barber-OCHE, Rolf Groseth-MSU, Rosi Keller-UM, Shannon Taylor-MSU, Stefani Hicswa-MCC, Susan Briggs-UM-W, Teresa Branch-UM, Terry Iverson-MSU-B, Tom Gibson-OCHE, Tyler Trevor-OCHE

ACTION

a. Distance Learning Tuition and Fees

The Committee Recommended approval of Item a.

Discussion covered:

- student activity fees will be taken up by the Committee on Fees
- Schedule of fees does not necessarily preclude development of new programs
- Activity Fee is a positive opt-in item

Item a. approved 7-0

b. Expansion to Washington-Grizzly Stadium; The University of Montana –

ITEM 134-1007-R0107

Regent Semmens moved approval of Item b. as amended

The Student Resolution in support of this item was provided. The student athletics fee was negotiated down from \$42 to \$10 per semester.

Approved 5-2 with Regents Hamilton and Taylor dissenting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Academic/Student Affairs Supplemental Materials at
http://mus.montana.edu/asa/BOR_Supplemental/jan2007suppmat.htm.

- a. Certificate in Practical Nursing, Flathead Valley Community College
- b. Resolution on International Studies

Administrative/Budget

- a. HPER Building Bleacher Project; Montana Tech of The University of Montana
- b. Transfer of Property from the Helena School District # 1; The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology
- c. Computer Fee Proposal; Montana State University-Billings

Staff and Compensation

- a. Revise Effective Date Of Vehicle Safety Policy 1910; Montana University System
- b. Approval of University System/Employee Joint Venture Under MUSP 407, Orser and Pittendrigh; Montana State University-Bozeman
- c. Approval of University System/Employee Joint Venture Under MUSP 407, Gray and Goodsell; Montana State University-Bozeman
- d. Office Commissioner of Higher of Education
- e. Montana Tech of The University of Montana – **ITEM 134-1500-R0107 As amended**
- f. Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Anthropology upon Leslie Davis; Montana State University-Bozeman
- g. Authorization to Confer the Title of Professor Emeritus of Biology upon Ernie Vyse; Montana State University-Bozeman
- h. Montana State University-Billings

Regent Barrett moved approval of the Consent Agenda

Approved 7-0

INFORMATION and DISCUSSION

- Commissioner's Report [Link](#)

Commissioner Stearns gave updates on:

- Governor's Homework assignments
 - OCHE's Legislative Web Site
 - Strategic Plan
 - Possible change in administration of MUS self funded Workers Comp
- Update on MGSLP (Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program)

Mr. Bruce Marks gave an overview of the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program as well as its relationship to the Student Assistance Foundation, Montana Higher Education Student Assistance Corporation and The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

See Presentation [Link](#)

Following a 15 minute break the Board reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

- Update on SAF (Student Assistance Foundation) and MHESAC (Montana Higher Education Student Assistance Corporation)

Jim Stipcich gave the history of the Student Assistance Foundation and Montana Higher Education Student Assistance Corporation, and the growth it has seen which he projects continuing in the future.

See Presentation [Link](#)

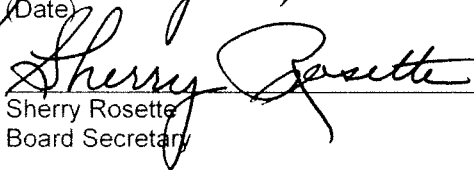
PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Joyce Silverthorn of the Montana Indian Education Association addressed the Board on non-beneficiary funding at the Tribal colleges and Indian Education For All.

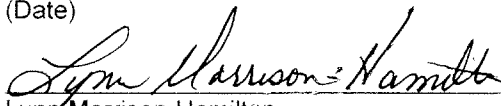
Commissioner Stearns announced there will be no change in the date of the March Board of Regents meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Posted to the WEB on

January 26, 2007
(Date)

Sherry Rosette
Board Secretary

Approved by the Board of Regents on

3-1-07
(Date)

Lynn Morrison-Hamilton
Board Chair

The Board of Regents next meet February 28-March 1, 2007.