

July 11-12, 2007

ITEM 136-2002-R0707 Authorization to Expend Equipment Fees; Montana State University-Bozeman

**THAT:** The Board of Regents of Higher Education hereby authorizes Montana State University-Bozeman to expend Student Equipment Fee funds for upgrading University equipment. Total cost of the equipment purchases is \$712,836.

**EXPLANATION:** In accordance with Board of Regents Equipment Fee Policy 940.26, expenditure of Equipment Fees for projects in excess of \$25,000 requires authorization by the Board of Regents. The proposed purchases include the following:

<u>College/Dept</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Plant Sci/Plant Path	Stereomicroscopes	\$59,314
KUSM	Digital lighting package	39,500
Media/Theatre Arts	Black Box Theater equipment	39,850
BTC	BTC classroom equipment maint.	38,294
Business	Laptops for classroom use	29,223
Civil Engineering	Kinematic RTK GPS w/software	51,578
Mech/Industrial Eng.	Slant-bed lathe w/controls	34,373
ITC	Update/maintain smart podiums	132,021
Chemistry/Biochem	Interfaces and equipment	47,245
Earth Sciences	Petrographic microscopes	54,714
Nursing	Simulation equipment - clinical skills lab	156,724
Registrar	Classroom equipment maintenance	<u>30,000</u>
		<b>\$712,836</b>

Allocations were based on unanimous recommendations by the Equipment Fee Allocation Committee. The committee is comprised of faculty, students and administrators.