

November 15 –16, 2007

ITEM 137-2001-R1107

**Acceptance of Report of Advisory Panel on MSU
Agricultural Issues With Responses from Montana State
University**

THAT:

The Board of Regents of the Montana University System hereby accepts the *Report of Advisory Panel on MSU Agricultural Issues With Responses from Montana State University*.

EXPLANATION:

On February 15, 2007 the Regents' Administrative, Budget and Audit Oversight Committee held a special meeting to hear a presentation from the Montana Agricultural Coalition in regard to certain concerns with the cost share distribution for central overhead services within Montana State University.

On March 1, 2007 the Board of Regents adopted a recommendation to create an *Advisory Panel on MSU Agricultural Issues*.

On March 19, 2007 the Commissioner of Higher Education appointed the members of the Agricultural Advisory Panel, and charged that panel to review four specific questions.

On May 31, 2007 the Board of Regents officially received the *Report of Advisory Panel on MSU Agricultural Issues*. At that time the Commissioner of Higher Education indicated that the OCHE and MSU would describe implementation steps or action plans to address the report's recommendations.

On September 19, 2007 Montana State University's response to the *Report of Advisory Panel on MSU Agricultural Issues* was formally submitted to the Board of Regents. After some discussion, the Board decided to take action on this submittal at their November 2007 meeting.

ATTACHMENT:

Report of Advisory Panel on MSU Agricultural Issues With Responses from Montana State University.