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ITEM 137-1901-R0907

Restructure of Campus Parking Permit System; The University of Montana – Helena College of Technology

THAT:

The Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education hereby authorizes The University of Montana – Helena College of Technology (UM-Helena) to restructure its existing campus parking permit system by eliminating the current permit system and replacing it with a mandatory annual parking/access fee that will be charged to all UM-Helena students, staff, and faculty desiring to park on campus property.

EXPLANATION:

At the present time, students, staff, and faculty are required to possess on-campus parking decals, which are distributed to them at no charge. Because of the expansion of both campuses that has taken place during the past year, and because UM-Helena is located across the street from a high school whose students often use college parking spaces, the campus needs to ensure that its parking spaces are being used only by UM-Helena students, staff, and faculty. By restructuring the current parking permit system, all students, staff, and faculty desiring to park on campus property will be charged an annual parking/access fee of \$10.00, which will be effective for the fall, spring, and summer semesters.

In accordance with Board of Regents' policy 940.11 – Motor Vehicle Registration Fees, monies received from this fee will be used for the development and improvement of parking lots and to strengthen the campus traffic control.

This new system will also allow UM-Helena to monitor parking more closely and assess fines on offenders. In accordance with Board of Regents' policy 1002.1, Vehicle Regulations and Parking, campuses of the Montana University System are authorized to enforce rules and regulations concerning the parking and operation of vehicles upon the grounds, streets, drives, and alleys of each campus. With the exception of a \$100 fine for parking illegally in a designated parking zone reserved for a person with a disability, fines for violations of campus parking and vehicle regulations may be assessed in amounts not to exceed \$10.00 per offense.

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Also in accordance with Board of Regents' policy 940.11 – Motor Vehicle Registration Fees, regarding consultation with the campus student governance organization, staff, and faculty, UM-Helena Policy 600.5, Parking on College Property, is currently moving through the college's policy approval process, which includes campus-wide distribution for input and comments prior to final approval and signature by the Dean/CEO.