

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

SUBJECT: GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION  
Policy 205.1 – Presidents; appointments  
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Board policy:

1. Presidents of the units of the Montana university system shall be appointed by the board of regents on recommendation of the commissioner of higher education and the advice of the search and screening committee. The commissioner of higher education may authorize the hiring of a qualified search consultant to assist with the search.

Procedures:

1. All search and screening committees for unit presidents shall include representatives of faculty, students, alumni, non-academic staff and administrative staff. Presidential search and screening committees shall be appointed by the commissioner of higher education after consulting appropriate constituent groups. ~~The board retains the prerogative of approving or disapproving the search committee for a president.~~

2. When it becomes necessary to designate an acting president at ~~any unit of the Montana university system~~ Montana State University or The University of Montana, the commissioner of higher education shall propose a designee to the board for approval. The commissioner shall involve faculty, administrators and students at the unit in formulating recommendations to the board.

History:

Item 6-004-R0974, Appointment of Presidents, Montana University System, September 9, 1974 as revised November 7, 1975;

ITEM 142-105-R0309  
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July 12, 1976; April 11, 1978; November 18, 1999 (Item 104-103-R0999), and January 18, 2001 (Item 109-106-R1100).