

September 24-25, 2009

ITEM 144-2008-R0909

**Authorization to Expend Student 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 \$794,188.

**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>
Agriculture	Handheld GPS receivers	81,199
Architecture	Hardware/equipment	45,000
Film & Photography	Equipment for existing programs	32,908
KUSM	Studio equipment	33,500
Business	Document cameras	25,416
ITC	Maintain/replace Smart Podiums	156,784
BTC	EPS classroom equipment	40,394
Nursing	Distance/interactive video equipment	93,452
Nursing	Simulation lab equipment	40,000
Registrar	Equipment for Registrar classrooms	30,000
Education	Renovate Smart Podiums	26,318
M&IE	Rapid prototyping system	87,699
ECE	Spectrophotometer	27,414
M&IE	Plasma Table Control unit	29,500
CBN	Equipment for new classroom	<u>44,604</u>
		<b>\$ 794,188</b>

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