

March 4-5, 2010

**ITEM 146-106-R0310**

**Student Loan Advisory Council Appointments**

**THAT:**

The Board of Regents of Higher Education appoints the following nominees to the Student Loan Advisory Council to serve the remaining terms that expire December 31, 2011. Erica Jones, Director of Financial Aid, University of Montana - Western, will complete the term vacated by the retirement of Mick Hanson, Director of Financial Aid, University of Montana. Kelly Becker, Missoula Federal Credit Union, will complete the term of Rosie, Jamison formerly of U.S. Bank.

The following are appointed to full three year terms beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2012: Keith Carparelli, Associate Director of Financial Aid, Carroll College; James Stipcich, Chief Executive Officer, Student Assistance Foundation; and Jennifer Skartveit, student, University of Montana – Helena.

**EXPLANATION:**

Montana Code Annotated 2-15-1520 requires the Board of Regents appoint a Student Loan Advisory Council to work with the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program in monitoring the program. The council advises MGSLP on policies, rules, and procedures to assure that students, schools and lenders are adequately served.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Erica Jones**

**Director of Financial Aid, University of Montana – Western**

With 13 years experience in financial aid at the University of Montana – Western and four years as the Director of Financial Aid, Erica fulfills the requirement of MCA 2-15-1520(3)(b) as one of the two representatives from Montana public educational institutions.

**Kelly Becker,**

**Accounting Supervisor, Missoula Federal Credit Union**

Ten years with Missoula Federal Credit Union with eight years in student loans. Kelly fulfills the requirement of MCA 2-15-1520(3)(c) as one of the two representatives of approved lenders

**Keith Carparelli**

**Associate Director of Financial Aid, Carroll College**

With 17 years experience in financial aid and student loans and currently the Associate Director of Financial Aid at Carroll College,

Keith fulfills the requirement of MCA 2-15-1520(3)(a) as the Montana private educational institution representative.

**James Stipcich**

**President and CEO, Student Assistance Foundation**

As president and chief executive officer of Student Assistance Foundation and contract administrator for the Montana Higher Education Student Assistance Corporation, Jim is responsible for the overall operation and direction of the Montana secondary student loan market. Jim fulfills the requirement of MCA 2-15-1520(3)(f) as the representative of the nonprofit entity designated to provide a student loan acquisition program.

**Jennifer Skartveit**

**Student, University of Montana – Helena**

Jennifer is a full-time student at UM-Helena. She serves as the president of the student senate and is a work-study student in the Financial Aid office. Jennifer fulfills the requirement of MCA 2-15-1520(3)(d) as the student representative from an eligible educational institution.