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ITEM 146-1602-R0310

**Authorization to Expend up to \$96,000 of Student
Computer Fees; The University of Montana Western**

THAT:

The Board of Regents authorizes The University of Montana Western to expend up to \$96,000 of Student Computer Fees for renewal and replacement of current computer labs, purchasing new Windows podium systems in classrooms, and to enter into a lease agreement for student lab printing .

EXPLANATION:

\$50,000 of this expenditure will provide for renewal of an existing Mac lab as well as provide 6 new podium systems for renovated classrooms in Main Hall.

Approximately \$46,000 will be used to convert 5 existing student printers to a 4-year lease program. Leasing should save the campus approximately 8% per year in student printing costs. These expenditures have been approved by Montana Western's Computer Fee Committee which includes 50% students in the voting quorum.