



**MINUTES**  
**Montana Board of Regents**  
Conference Call Meeting  
July 7, 2011

The board convened by conference call at 10:30 AM.

Roll call indicated a quorum present.

**Regents Present:** Clay Christian, Chair, Todd Buchanan, Vice Chair, Steve Barrett, Lynn Hamilton, and Major Robinson, all by phone. Regents Angela McLean, Teresa Borrenpohl, and *ex officio* members Commissioner Sheila Stearns, Governor Brian Schweitzer, and Superintendent Denise Juneau were excused. Governor Brian Schweitzer, *ex officio*, was represented by Dan Villa by phone.

Sites represented by phone were: Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE), MSU-Northern, UM-Missoula, MT Tech, and the Office of the Governor.

**ACTION**

Northwestern Energy Easement Approval; MT Tech *ITEM 152-1501-C0711*

Mike Johnson, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement & Development and President of MT Tech Foundation, explained that this authorizes MT Tech to execute an agreement with NorthWestern Energy to grant a pipeline easement on the campus. The easement allows NorthWestern Energy to proceed with their updating project without disrupting campus activities.

Regent Steve Barrett moved approval of ITEM 152-1501-C0711. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM.

**Approved by the Board of Regents on**

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Sheila M. Stearns  
Commissioner of Higher Education  
and Secretary to the Board of Regents

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Clayton Christian  
Chair, Board of Regents