



**Montana Board of Regents**

Conference Call Meeting

July 19, 2016

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**Tuesday, July 19, 2016**

The meeting convened at 10:30 AM

Roll call indicated a quorum present.

**Regents Present:** Paul Tuss, Chair; Fran Albrecht, Vice Chair; Bill Johnstone; Martha Sheehy; Bob Nystuen; Casey Lozar; Levi Birky and *Ex officio* member Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian, all by phone. *Ex officio* Governor Bullock was represented by Ms. Siri Smillie and *Ex officio* Superintendent Juneau was excused.

Sites represented by phone were: Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE), MSU-Bozeman, MSU-Northern, MSU-Billings, Great Falls College – MSU, Governor’s Office, UM-Missoula, Miles Community College, UM-Western, Helena College –UM, MT Tech, Missoula College, Senator Tester’s Office.

10:35am Roll call, introductions, and approval of Minutes

- May 19-20, 2016 Board of Regents Meeting Minutes

Regent Nystuen motioned for approval of the May 2016 meeting minutes; motion passed 7-0.

- Campus Reports

Commissioner Christian noted the campus reports listed by all campuses for review. Discussion followed.

10:40am

**CONSENT**

- a. Authorization to expend computer fees; MSU-Northern *ITEM 172-2801-R0716*
- b. Authorization to expend computer fees; Helena College UM *ITEM 172-1901-R0716*
- c. Authorization to enter into an off-campus lease for spectrum; UM-Missoula *ITEM 172-1002-R0716*
- d. Authorization to execute a lease to house the Fire Service Training School; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 172-2001-R0716*

Motion for approval of consent agenda items a-d. Items was made by Regent Sheehy; discussion followed. Motion passed 7-0.

**ACTION**

- a. Authorization to Replace Turf at Washington-Grizzly Stadium; UM-Missoula *ITEM 172-1001-R0716 | Attachment #1*



## MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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Mr. Mike Reid, Vice President of Finance at UM and Mr. Kent Haslam, Director of Athletics at UM, presented this item in accordance with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, for the Board of Regents of the Montana University System to authorize the University of Montana – Missoula to expend up to \$500,000 to replace turf at Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Discussion followed.

Motion for approval of item a. on action agenda: Item 172-1001-R0716 was made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed 7-0.

b. Achieve Montana underlying investment fund change; OCHE *ITEM 172-101-R0716*

Ms. Robin Graham, Chief Financial Officer of the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program, presented this item, requesting that the Board of Regents of Higher Education hereby approve the investment change to one of the underlying funds utilized in the Achieve Montana investment lineup. She noted the ties this change would have to the Montana 529 college savings plan and that both the Achieve Montana and Oversight Committee support this change, in the best interest of the program and its investors.

Motion for approval of item b. Item 172-101-R0716 was made by Regent Lozar; motion passed 7-0.

c. Staff Item; UM-Missoula *ITEM 172-1000-R0716*

Mr. Mike Reid, Vice President of Finance at UM, presented this item noting the positions listed, the searches that were conducted to fill the positions and the ultimate need of the campus. Discussion followed.

Motion for approval of action item c. Item 72-1000-R0716 was made by Regent Johnstone. Discussion followed about potentially creating more comprehensive policies related to pay incentives. The motion passed 5-2 (Regent Sheehy and Regent Lozar dissenting).

d. Staff Item; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 172-2000-R0716*

Mr. Terry Leist, Vice President of Finance at MSU, spoke to this item noting the position of interim provost, currently filled by Dr. Mokwa. Discussion followed.

Motion for approval of action item d. Item 172-2000-R0716 was made by Regent Johnstone; motion passed 7-0.

e. Staff Item; OCHE *ITEM 172-100-R0716*

Commissioner Christian noted the retention adjustment requests listed. Discussion followed.

Motion for approval of action item e. Item 172-100-R0716 was made by Regent Nystuen, discussion followed; motion passed 6-1 (Regent Sheehy dissenting).

### **INFORMATION**

a. Level I Memorandum



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Commissioner Christian and Dr. Cech noted the process for these approvals. Discussion followed.

b. Intent to Plan Proposals (May)

Dr. Cech noted the programs listed below are under development and have completed the necessary intent to plan documentation. These were submitted in May of 2016 and will expire in January of 2018. Discussion followed.

**Flathead Valley Community College**

Programing and Game Development (AAS)

Medical Lab Technician (AAS)

Automotive Service Technician (certificate)

**Montana State University-Bozeman**

Early Childhood Education & Child Servcies (Child Development option)

Early Childhood Education & Child Services (ECE: P-3 option)

Montana Engineering Education Research Center

Biomedical Engineering (minor)

**Montana State University-Billings**

RN to BSN Completion program

Public Comment

None .

Meeting adjourned at 12:17pm.

Approved by the Board of Regents on

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Clayton T. Christian
Commissioner of Higher Education
and Secretary to the Board of Regents

Paul Tuss
Chair, Board of Regents