

November 21-22, 2019

INFORMATION ITEM
Sports Betting Draft Board Policy

THAT

The Board review the attached sports integrity policy for adoption at the January 2020 meeting because legalized sports wagering will be starting in Montana by early 2020.

EXPLANATION

House Bill 725 was passed during the last legislative session. The Montana Lottery will be offering games on major sporting events that will include college sports and some MUS NCAA games. There have always been prohibitions on sports wagering at our campuses. The policy would reinforce those requirements and remind those covered by the rules that nothing has changed with the passage of legalized sports wagering in Montana. In addition, the policy expands coverage to include voting members of the Board of Regents appointed by the Governor and makes it clear that the Commissioner of Higher Education is also in a covered position. The policy would add voting members of the Montana Board of Regents (There is an exception in the NCAA rules for the head representative of an institution to wage an item with a rival school head representative on a particular sporting event.)

The Lottery will notify the MUS about any upcoming release of a game that involves a MUS sporting event.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Draft BOR Policy