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The Board of Regents of Higher Education met at 1:30 p.m. Friday, October 24, 1975 in the Jefferson Room of the Student Union Building, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted James. Present were: Mr. Ted Heberly, Mr. Jeff Morrison, Mrs. Mary Pace, Mr. John Peterson, Mr. Sid Thomas and Dr. Lawrence K. Pettit.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly the minutes of the September 8, 1975 meeting were approved.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mrs. Pace the minutes of the October 7, 1975 meeting were approved. Dr. Pettit said he had received a letter from the Governor expressing his gratitude to the Board of Regents for making the arrangements for his office to use the services of Professor Larry Elison and expressing his feeling that utilizing Professor Elison's talents in his office is in the best interests of all the citizens of Montana. He also assured that Professor Elison's responsibilities on the Missoula campus would be supported by the Governor's office in every way

Dr. Pettit introduced Mr. Dean Hart, Federal-State Coordinator, to explain recent negotiations between the State of Montana and Saudi Arabia involving expertise and service from the university system. Mr. Hart introduced Mike Fitzgerald, Administrative Assistant to the Governor, who reported the Governor's thoughts on the matter. Mr. Fitzgerald said that representatives of Saudi Arabia were contacted by the State of Montana to attempt to interest them in a proposal related to development of their country. He said the

Saudis were advised that Montana would be willing to provide expertise in assisting with this development in a number of areas and that they responded with an invitation for a delegation from Montana to visit their country. Mr. James Hodge, Chairman of the state's International Trade Commission, reviewed the developments in chronological order and explained what is envisioned as university system participation. He said that agriculturally oriented experts from Montana State University were invited to review the projects thoroughly since they were similar to those of the experiment stations in Montana in structure and function. He said further negotiations were scheduled.

It was reported that the Budget Committee, the Capital Construction Committee and the Policy Committee had no recommendations at this time.

Mrs. Pace, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the Curriculum Committee met on October 4, 1975 and made a number of recommendations for Board action.

She said the Curriculum Committee recommended approval of Item 9-502-R0775, Authorization for Geochemistry Leading to a Master of Science in Geochemistry, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, and noted that the institution has listed five collaborative elements, including, principally, Tech M.S. candidates spending a quarter at either the University of Montana or Montana State University for the purpose of taking selected courses. She said the committee regards this proposal as an important model for future joint efforts in graduate programs and she reported that the Committee commended Acting Vice President Stout for his statement that if the program proves unsuccessful Montana Tech would recommend termination. The item was approved on motion of Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Peterson.

Mrs. Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee did not recommend approval of Item 9-207-R0775, A Proposal for a Master of Science Degree in Sociology, Montana State University, because of the similarity of the proposed program with the M.A. in Sociology at the University of Montana. She said the Committee did note that a properly structured Sociology M.A., one which meets demands generated by Montana State University's land grant mission and commitments and does not duplicate the program at the University of Montana could be given consideration at a future date. She said the Committee also would support an arrangement through which graduate students would take core work at the University of Montana and specialize at Montana State University. The proposal was denied on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Morrison.

Mrs. Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee recommended that consideration of Item 9-208-R0775, Master of Arts in English, Montana State University, be deferred until completion of the system-wide teacher education program review. She said the Committee noted a strong similarity between the proposed program and the University of Montana's graduate program for English teachers. The recommendation was accepted on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Peterson.

Mrs. Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee recommended that the necessity for Item 9-211-R0775, Traffic and Safety Education Teaching Minor, Montana State University, be explored at the next joint curriculum committee meeting. The item was deferred until completion of the systemwide teacher education program review on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Morrison.

Mrs. Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee recommended that Montana State University's request to change the name of the

School of Commerce to the School of Business be granted. Mr. Thomas so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heberly. Dr. Pettit made a substitute motion that Montana State University be given the option of using one of the following names: School of Commerce, School of Business Technology, School of Business Education. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. Dr. Pettit said if the Board allows this new description for this school at Montana State University it would be encouraging them to develop the kind of duplication the State cannot afford. Mr. Peterson proposed that the motion be amended to include the option, School of Business and Technology. Dr. Pettit accepted this amendment. President McIntosh spoke in favor of the motion to approve the name, "School of Business". Dr. Harvey Larson, Dr. Harold Holen and Dr. Irving Dayton also spoke in favor of the recommendation. There was considerable discussion regarding the differences in the program at the University of Montana and Montana State University, especially with regard to the offerings for preparation of the Certified Public Accountant examination. Dr. Harold Holen explained the emphasis of the program offered at Montana State University. President Bowers said he felt the primary difference is probably in the graduate school offerings but that the programs are very similar at the undergraduate level. Mr. Lewy Evans arrived at this point in the discussion. President Bowers suggested that the matter be deferred until after the missions of the institutions are clearly defined. Mr. Peterson so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morrison. The motion failed with the following voting "no": Mr. Heberly, Mrs. Pace, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Evans.

A vote was called for on Dr. Pettit's substitute motion. The motion failed with Mrs. Pace, Mr. Heberly, Mr. Evans, Mr. Thomas

and Mr. Morrison voting "no".

A vote was called for on the original motion to approve the name, "School of Business". Dr. Pettit again proposed a substitute motion and the chair ruled it out of order. The original motion carried, with Mr. Peterson voting "no".

Mrs. Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee recommended that the necessity for Item 9-804-R0775, Teaching Minor in Safety Education, Northern Montana College, be explored at the next joint Curriculum Committee meeting. The item was deferred on motion of Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Dr. Freeman Wright, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, reported that since he had not been able to visit Northern Montana College to discuss pending curriculum proposals, Items 9-805-R0775, Associate of Science Degree in Recreation Technology, 9-806-R0775, Associate of Science Degree in Nursing Home Administration, and 9-807-R0775, Associate of Science Degree in Environmental Health, Northern Montana College, had been removed from the agenda of the Curriculum Committee. He said he hoped to make some recommendations to the Curriculum Committee at the December meeting and that the deferral was with the full approval of Northern Montana College.

Mrs. Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee, noting the resolution of transferability of credit problems and the pledge of Flathead Valley Community College not to add to the program without consultation with Montana State University, recommended approval of Item 9-3002-R0775, Agricultural Sciences Program, Flathead Valley Community College. After a short discussion revealing that the consensus of the Board was that the proposal needed further study, Mrs. Pace moved that it be deferred at this time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried.

Mrs. Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee recommended that a collaborative Master of Public Administration Program be developed for the Montana University System and that the administrative housing be located at Montana State University. She explained that neither university would offer all required courses for the degree, and that the student would select which institution from which to seek his degree. "Administrative housing" at Montana State University does not mean that it is to be only a Montana State University program. She said the recommendation stipulates that Montana State University commit a new position to a Public Administration specialist and that this committed position enlarge the Political Science Department by one FTE without enlarging the faculty overall, since no highly specialized professor in this field is presently on either campus. Mr. Heberly moved that the Committee recommendation be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pettit. Dr. Freeman Wright explained the background of his study and the rationale for his recommendation to the Curriculum Committee. He answered questions regarding the recommendation. President Bowers distributed copies of a response from the University of Montana to Dr. Wright's rationale for his recommendation and discussed it briefly. The motion carried, with Mr. Peterson, Mr. Morrison and Mr. James voting "no".

Mrs. Pace reported that the following timetable had been established and recommended by the Curriculum Committee for review of programs in the Montana University System:

1975-76 - Education (Graduate and Undergraduate), Ph.D's offered at more than one institution - Mathematics, Microbiology, Chemistry, Zoology and Botany

1976-77 - Life Sciences, Agriculture, Forestry,
Medically related and veterinary
programs, Pharmacy (Concurrently with
re-accreditation)

1977-78 - Social Sciences, Law, Journalism, Business,
Home Economics

1978-79 - Humanities and Fine Arts, Architecture

1979-80 - Physical Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics

1980-81 - Cycle recommences, Ph.D's drop to years in
which they fit by subject matter

The timetable was adopted on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Evans.

It was reported that the Council of Presidents had no
recommendations at this time.

Dr. Harold Holen, Chairman of the Faculty Council, reported
that the Council had met during the week. He asked for a status report
on the sabbatical leave request submitted by the Faculty Council.
Dr. Pettit reported that all faculty benefits are being studied by his
Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Management but he has not had the
time to complete this study. Dr. Holen inquired about the status of
the Faculty Council request for some type of input into the budget
development process. Dr. Pettit said the Council of Presidents was
scheduled to meet on December 16, 1975 to discuss budget strategy for
the next biennium and after that meeting discussion from faculty would
be invited. Dr. Holen reported the Faculty Council requested that
Dr. Wright involve faculty in studies he will be undertaking such as
curriculum review and the single university concept. He said faculty
were hopeful that they would also be involved in the study of inter-
collegiate athletics which is to be undertaken. Dr. Pettit reported
that Mr. Edward P. Furlong had been contracted to conduct a study of
intercollegiate athletics and that Mr. Furlong would be visiting the
campuses to discuss the matter with faculty, students, presidents and

others. Dr. Holen asked for clarification on the question of whether a single institution could establish a policy which is more stringent than that which had been developed by the Board of Regents. Mr. James said this question would have to be addressed when specific matters come before the Board. Dr. Wright said he felt faculty involvement is beneficial and that he would encourage the academic vice presidents to insure participation by faculty.

Mr. Jim McLean reported recommendations from the Student Advisory Council. He said the students had discussed ways in which they could provide input into studies that the Regents would be conducting. He said an important issue to the students at Montana State University at the present time is the reduction of library hours. He said the Student Advisory Council had adopted a resolution to request that the Board of Regents maintain library hours and services at least at the level of the past fiscal year. He said the students also had endorsed a student lobby to work during the interim on possible legislation to be proposed during the next session.

Mr. James said that since the request of the students at Montana State University regarding library hours is a positive one, the Board should direct the institution to restore the hours to those maintained last year as requested. Dr. Pettit so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried.

The Board recessed at 3:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

Dean John Jutila reported he had just received notice of accreditation of the WAMI program. He said the University of Washington School of Medicine and the WAMI program itself has been accredited for the maximum period of seven years and that the acce-

ding team reported that the program would serve as a model for medical education in the future.

Mr. Barry Hjort, Assistant Commissioner for Labor Relations and Legal Affairs, reported that the Statewide Policy Team for Faculty Collective Bargaining had a short session in which he presented the status of the collective bargaining negotiations at the three institutions which are bargaining, but there was no report for the Board at this time.

Dr. Pettit moved that the legislative audit report for the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education be accepted and placed on file. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried.

Dr. Pettit moved that since Rocky Mountain College was fully accredited, their request for exemption from the provisions of the Montana Proprietary School Act be granted. Mr. Heberly seconded the motion and it carried.

Dr. Pettit reminded the Board of an earlier action which stipulates that campuses would not be allowed to retain legal counsel. He said it was the feeling now that if the two larger institutions did retain counsel on their staffs it would assist with the day-to-day legal workload in his office. He moved that in order to provide the most efficient and effective delivery of legal services to the campuses of the Montana University System, the Board of Regents authorize and direct the presidents of the University of Montana and Montana State University to hire staff counsel for their respective institutions, such counsel to be hired with the approval of the Commissioner, to be employees of the respective institutions, but to have the

responsibility of coordinating all significant legal matters with staff counsel in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion and it carried, with Mr. Peterson voting "no".

Mr. Thomas moved that Item 10-002-R1075, Use of Income from Additional Fees, Montana University System, be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pettit. Dr. Pettit said that in the future students might be asked to pay more and if this occurs a reserve fund should be established so that students would not be denied an education strictly on an economic basis. Mr. James said he felt a determination could be made in this regard each time a fee increase is presented to the Board. Mr. John Nockleby, Student Body President at the University of Montana, said he had discussed this with the Commissioner and he would like to have opportunity to study it further. He requested that the Board defer action at this time. Mrs. Pace moved that this item be referred to the By-laws and Policy Committee for further study. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion and it carried.

Item 10-700-R1075, Staff, Eastern Montana College, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

An additional page to Item 10-500-R1075, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was distributed. Mr. Heberly moved approval of the item, including the addendum and the additional page. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pace and carried.

An addendum to Item 10-200A-R1075, Staff, Montana State University, was distributed by President McIntosh. The item, including the addendum, was approved on motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Item 10-300A-R1075, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Item 10-400A-R1075, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service, was approved on motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Item 10-100A-R1075, Staff, University of Montana, was approved on motion of Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

President Bowers read Item 10-101-R1075, Resolution Concerning the Death of Dr. Thomas G. Johnson, University of Montana. Mrs. Pace moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans and carried.

Item 10-102-R1075, Amendment of Item 9-105-R0775 to add Pre-Registration Fees for Music and Biological Station Summer Programs, was approved on motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Item 10-103-R1075, Purchase of Real Property, University of Montana, was approved on motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Mr. Peterson with the following amendments: in paragraph one, line three, delete the words "a dwelling house" and insert the words "two dwelling houses"; on line four after "750" add the words "and 758"; and in the note on line one, delete the words "one of the" and add the word "contiguous" after the word "two".

Item 10-600-R1075, Staff, Western Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mrs. Pace.

Dr. Pettit requested approval of Item 10-901-R1075, Authorization for a Program Transfer of Funds, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. Dr. Pettit explained that

since the Legislative Analyst's office was not correct in their estimation of funds necessary for the support of WICHE students, the request for this transfer of funds is necessary since WICHE funds must be transmitted in November. The item was approved on motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

The Board recessed at 4:00 p.m. to reconvene in executive session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Pettit made the following motion: That the Board of Regents, after review of the appeal of Phillip Faccenda, a former student at Montana State University, finds that the confusion surrounding his application for admission to the Master of Science in Applied Science program and other procedural discrepancies warrant special consideration. The Board, therefore, hereby directs Montana State University to admit Phillip Faccenda retroactively to the MSAS as of Spring Quarter 1971 with the stipulation that an approved graduate program be developed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heberly and carried. It was noted that this action does not imply assurance that a graduate degree will be conferred but only assures that Mr. Faccenda will be allowed to attempt to complete degree requirements; neither should this action be regarded as precedent, but rather as a solution to one case and its special circumstances.

Dr. Pettit moved adoption of the following resolution:

We, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System do by this resolution recognize and endorse concepts, as agreed upon by the Governor of Montana and Officials of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which provide for involvement on the part of units of the University System in the agricultural development of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

We further recognize with appreciation the efforts of the administration and staff of Montana State University in the development of this program.

We request that we be advised, on an appropriate recurring basis, by state and private sector officials of all ongoing developments as they relate to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Montana University System, and that Regents policy in this regard be observed.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried.

Dr. Pettit moved that the Board of Regents rescind its action of July 28, 1975 with regard to the issuance of a terminal contract to Dr. Raymond Pratt and replace that contract as of this date with a contract conferring continuous tenure status on Dr. Pratt. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peterson and carried, with the following stipulation: It is understood that this action is based upon procedural irregularities and errors in the review of Dr. Pratt for tenure status; that the case was considered on its individual merits; and that the decision in no respect constitutes a precedent on any other personnel action, nor a judgment of the substantive questions raised by Dr. Pratt's appeal concerning his teaching ability or the headship departmental structure at Montana State University.

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, November 7, 1975 on the campus of the University of Montana in Missoula at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.