

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF
REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

July 28, 1975
Helena, Montana

The Board of Regents of Higher Education met at 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 28, 1975 in the conference room of the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena, Montana.

In the absence of Chairman Ted James, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mary Pace, Vice-Chairman. Present were: Mr. Lewy Evans, Mr. Jeff Morrison, Mr. Ted Heberly, Mr. John Peterson, Mr. Sid Thomas and Dr. Lawrence K. Pettit.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the minutes of the June 9, 1975 meeting were approved.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the minutes of the June 13, 1975 meeting were approved.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly, the minutes of the June 26, 1975 meeting were approved.

Dr. Pettit introduced Dr. Duane Leach, the new President of Northern Montana College, Dr. Donald Lindahl, new President of Flathead Valley Community College, and Mr. Jim Ness, project director for the uniform accounting system.

Mr. Noble presented budgets for the six institutions. He said budgets for at least three of the institutions were tentative because collective bargaining negotiations with faculty are in progress. As negotiations are completed, budgets for these institutions will be updated and referred again to the Regents. He recommended that any budget approval at this meeting be on the assump-

tion that the six mill levy for the support of the Montana University System will be approved by the Legislature during the special session to be convened on Monday, August 4, 1975. He distributed copies of a budget synopsis and reviewed the figures noting that these are operating budgets for the first year of the biennium only.

Item 9-708-R0775, Budget for Fiscal Year 1975-76, Eastern Montana College, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly. Dr. Pettit said the significant cost of fee waivers at Eastern Montana College should be noted. He said this is partially due to the fact that there are so many Native American students attending that institution.

Items 9-704-R0775 and 9-705-R0775, Inventory and Validation of Fees, Eastern Montana College, were approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Morrison.

Item 9-706-R0775, Room and Board Rates, Eastern Montana College, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

It was reported that residence hall fees are pledged to bond indentures at all institutions, but they are handled somewhat differently on each campus. Dr. Pettit said because of legislative action regarding retroactive pay for classified employees, reserve funds in some instances were used to cover the costs which had not been budgeted or funded.

Item 9-503-R0775, Budget for Fiscal Year 1975-76, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, including the Bureau of Mines, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 9-501-R0775, Increase in Board and Room Rates, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Item 9-504-R0775, Inventory and Validation of Fees, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

Item 9-226-R0775, Budget for Fiscal Year 1975-76, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans. Dr. Pettit called attention to the fact that the cost of fee waivers at Montana State University is estimated at \$390,000. President McIntosh said this would undoubtedly necessitate a budget amendment at a later date since this amount would be even greater if the enrollment increases as anticipated.

Item 8-203-R0475, (REVISED) Request for Approval of Fee Schedules For The Academic Year 1975-76 and Summer Quarter 1975, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Morrison.

Item 8-205-R0475, Increase in Board and Room Rates for the Residence Halls, Montana State University (REVISED), was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Morrison.

Item 8-206-R0475, Increase in Rental Rates for Family and Faculty Housing, Montana State University (REVISED), was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 9-302-R0775, Budget for Fiscal Year 1975-76, Agricultural Experiment Station, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Morrison.

Item 9-403-R0775, Budget for Fiscal Year 1975-76,

Cooperative Extension Service, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans, with Mr. Peterson voting "no".

Mr. Thomas asked a question regarding tenure for county agents. Dr. Dayton said the Board policy grants tenure to county agents if they have academic rank. Mr. Peterson raised several questions respecting staffing patterns and salary levels. Dr. Pettit and Mr. Thomas expressed concern that the county agents seem to be better compensated than the MSU faculty.

Item 9-803-R0775, Budget for Fiscal Year 1975-76, Northern Montana College, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

Item 9-801, R0775, Increase in Board and Room Rates for the Residence Halls, Northern Montana College, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

Item 9-802-R0775, Increase in Rental Rates for Family and Faculty Housing, Northern Montana College, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 9-108-R0775, Budget for Fiscal Year 1975-76, University of Montana, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans. Dr. Pettit remarked that the impact of fee waivers on this budget is over half a million dollars.

Item 9-101-R0775, Board and Room Rates, University of Montana, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 9-105-R0775, Inventory and Validation of Fees, University of Montana, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Morrison.

Item 9-603-R0775, Budget for the Fiscal Year 1975-76, Western Montana College, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans. President Short reported that the staffing pattern was not included because of collective bargaining negotiations.

Item 9-601-R0775, Increase in Board and Room Rates, Western Montana College, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 9-602-R0775, Inventory and Validation of Fees, Western Montana College, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Item 9-901-R0775, Budgets for Fiscal Year 1975-76, Commissioner of Higher Education was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 9-902-R0775, Budgets for the Fiscal Year 1975-76, Community College Assistance, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 9-903-R0775, Budget for Fiscal Year 1975-76, Board of Regents of Higher Education, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

The Board recessed at 10:30 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

As requested by the Commissioner, each of the presidents, except those who will be negotiating faculty salaries under collective bargaining agreements, reported his plans for budgeting for the second year of the biennium. Dr. Pettit said copies of the presidents' statements would be mailed to members of the Board

for their review.

It was reported that from all indications increased enrollments are anticipated for Fall quarter, 1975.

The disparity between the amount of support for intercollegiate athletics at Montana State University and the University of Montana was referred to by Mr. Morrison. He said this is something the Board is going to have to consider. Dr. Pettit said all institutions in an athletic conference should be uniform in their manner of funding intercollegiate athletics and the Board should address the problem soon. Mr. Thomas said this should be a matter for consideration by the Policy Committee and the Budget Committee. Dr. Pettit moved that the Policy Committee and the Budget Committee consider this prior to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peterson and carried. Mrs. Pace assured the students that they would be invited to participate in the committee meetings when this matter is discussed.

Dr. Pettit brought up the matter of the litigation over the restrictive language in the appropriations bill for the University System which is being tested in the Supreme Court. He said that the legislative finance committee, which was created by Senate Bill 401 and which is at issue in the case of Regents v. Judge, has been criticized by Senators Mansfield and Metcalf for refusing to appropriate Federal disaster relief funds to Montana flood victims. Dr. Pettit reported that Senator Mansfield has directed the General Accounting Office (GAO), an arm of Congress, to investigate what impact it might have on federal funds in Montana, including within the University System, if the finance committee continues to have

and exercise authority over budget amendments and program transfers. He moved that the Regents send a telegram to Senator Mansfield supporting his action, and pledging the full cooperation of the Board, the Commissioner and the campuses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas and passed unanimously. (Copy of telegram appended as Exhibit I).

Mr. Lewy Evans, Chairman of the Capitol Construction Committee, reported that the committee spent considerable time discussing facilities planning procedures and that they would continue to study this matter and perhaps would have a report for the next meeting of the Board. He noted that the committee's trip to Havre to explore the possibilities of obtaining a new residence for the President of Northern Montana College had been postponed until September.

Mr. Evans said the committee had discussed a recommendation from the Curriculum Committee that the name of the Creative Arts Complex at Montana State University be changed to the "Arts Complex", but the Capitol Construction Committee recommended that the name remain the same.

Mrs. Pace said that because Dr. Lindahl, President of Flathead Valley Community College, had another commitment the Board would depart from the agenda and consider Item 9-3001-R0775, Request for a Student Activity Fee, Flathead Valley Community College. President Lindahl stated this request was approved during the June meeting of the Board of Trustees for Flathead Valley Community College and a student survey revealed overwhelming support for it. The item was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit,

seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas reported the recommendations of the Curriculum Committee. He moved that the committee's recommendation to change the name of the College of Applied Arts at Montana State University to the College of Arts and Architecture (see Item 5-206-R0774) be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried. Mr. Thomas also moved that the Board designate as a priority for the Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, working in cooperation with the faculties at the universities, an examination of curricula in the arts. Dr. Pettit seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Thomas moved that the committee recommendations for approval of the following name changes be adopted:

- Item 9-203-R0775, Bachelor of Arts in Speech to Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication, Montana State University
- Item 9-204-R0775, Master of Science in Range Management to Master of Science in Range Science, Montana State University
- Item 9-703-R0775, Change in Title From Master of Science in Education (Elementary-Special Education) to Master of Science in Special Education, Eastern Montana College
- Item 9-505-R0775, Change in Name of Mineral Dressing Engineering to Mineral Processing Engineering, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology

The motion was seconded by Dr. Pettit and carried.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly, Items 9-205-R0775, Master of Science in Plant Pathology and 9-206-R0775, Master of Science in Biochemistry, Montana State University, were approved. Dr. Pettit explained that these were programs where Ph.D's are already being offered but there are no Master's programs;

therefore no additional staff would be required.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Morrison, action on Item 9-107-R0775, Master of Rural and Regional Planning Degree Program, University of Montana, was deferred. It was reported that the Geography Department at the University of Montana would offer the program as an option unless there is official action taken before Fall Quarter, 1975.

Item 226-801, Request for Authority to Offer Bachelor of Technology Degree, Northern Montana College, was re-submitted in the proper format. The item was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas, as amended to delete the engineering designation in the titles of two options under the program (Construction Engineering Technology and Mechanical Engineering Technology) with a request that the Curriculum Committee examine the use of the word "engineering" in the three-year programs at Northern Montana College.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans, Items 7-701-R0175, Secondary Education Minor in Environmental Education, and 9-702-R0775, Secondary Education Major in Psychology, Eastern Montana College, were deferred until the Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs conducts his review of all teacher training programs.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Evans, Items 7-702-R0175, Minor in Therapeutic Recreation, and 7-703-R0175, Minor in Native American Studies, Eastern Montana College, were approved. Mrs. Pace stated that these two minors fit well into the role and scope of Eastern Montana College.

Item 9-3002-R0775, Agricultural Sciences Program, Flathead Valley Community College, was deferred until the next meeting on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Evans, with a request that a copy of the proposal be sent to Dr. Joseph Asleson, Dean of Agriculture at Montana State University, for response.

Item 9-701-R0775, Major in Sociology Leading to Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees in the School of Liberal Arts, Eastern Montana College, was deferred on motion of Mrs. Pace, seconded by Mr. Evans, pending further study of duplication, articulation, faculty credentials and library facilities.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas, Items 9-211-R0775, Traffic and Safety Education Teaching Minor, Montana State University and 9-804-R0775, Teaching Minor in Safety Education, Northern Montana College, were deferred, pending discussion with the Board of Public Education. Dr. Pettit said this is another example of the Board of Public Education acting on matters which affect University System curriculum without consultation with the Board of Regents.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Pettit, Items 9-207-R0775, Master of Science Degree in Sociology, and 9-208-R0775, Master of Arts in English, Montana State University, were deferred until the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Morrison, Item 9-502-R0775, Authorization for Geochemistry Leading to a Master of Science in Geochemistry, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was deferred, pending consultation by Montana Tech, the University of Montana and Montana State University.

Dr. Pettit reported that the Curriculum Committee declined to change the recommendation regarding the English and history degrees for Montana Tech, but had agreed to issue a statement clarifying some of the questions in the minds of students and faculty with regard to phasing out these degree programs.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Evans, 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, were deferred.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Morrison, Item 9-106-R0775, Interdisciplinary Program in School Psychology, University of Montana, was approved.

It was reported that the Curriculum Committee appointed Dr. Frank Bryan, Chairman of the Political Science Department at Montana State University, to chair a task force with representation from Montana State University and the University of Montana to meet with the Commissioner to formulate a report on the development of a cooperative Masters of Public Administration degree. Therefore, Items 9-107-R0775, Masters of Public Administration Degree Program, University of Montana and 9-209-R0775, Masters Degree in Public Administration, Montana State University, were not considered.

It was reported that the Policy Committee once again considered the appeal of Gertrude Lindgren for reinstatement in the Masters of Education program at Montana State University and the recommendation was that the Board re-affirm the position of the institution, since the committee felt there were no substantive

errors in the procedures employed by Montana State University. Ms. Rosemary Zion, attorney for Mrs. Lindgren, reviewed the facts presented in the brief and stated she and her client feel very strongly that there was a substantial denial of Mrs. Lindgren's rights. It was noted that the Board had discussed the possibility of a compromise when the case was presented at the last meeting. Ms. Zion said she had attempted to work something out with the institution but they had referred the matter back to the Board. Mr. Peterson finally moved that the matter be referred to a hearings examiner in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. Dr. Pettit seconded the motion and it carried.

The Board recessed at 12:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

President Heywood reported he had submitted staff lists for the faculty at Eastern Montana College at the current rates pending the outcome of collective bargaining negotiations. Item 9-700-R0775, Staff, Eastern Montana College, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Item 9-710-R0775, Degrees, Eastern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Evans.

It was reported that neither the Council of Presidents nor the Faculty Council had any recommendations at this time.

It was reported that the Student Advisory Council had met briefly and they were still working on a grant to finance a professional negotiator to assist them in the collective bargaining sessions. The students also reported that a statewide student committee would probably be formulated to look into the athletic situation.

An addendum to Item 9-500-R0775, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was distributed as an addition to the agenda. The item, including the addendum, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

Item 9-510-R0775, Degrees, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

President DeMoney thanked the Commissioner for allowing him to attend a seminar for college and university administrators at Harvard. He said he felt it was very worthwhile and he would be sending a report as soon as possible.

Items 9-223-R0775, Authorization to Change Music Fee, Montana State University, 9-224-R0775, Transcript Policy Change, and 9-225-R0775, Increase in Special Fee for Skiing, Montana State University, were added to the agenda.

President McIntosh recognized the presence of several members of the Montana State University faculty. He called attention to the following reports he had distributed:

1. A revised staff report which includes the highest degree earned by each faculty member at Montana State University, as requested by the Board and the Commissioner.
2. A report relative to salaries of the Extension Service personnel.
3. A report summarizing the 1975-76 budget of the Associated Students of Montana State University, including that of the Department of Athletics indicating the sources of funds and distribution of expenditures.
4. A report on the grants and contracts for Montana State University.

President McIntosh pointed out that if a budget amendment is to be required for each of these grants which needs approval by the legislative committee it would be necessary to request one almost every day. He said Dr. Roy Huffman was present and would be happy to comment on the matter. Dr. Huffman pointed out that complying with the budget amendment requirements in accordance with the provisions in the appropriations measure would not only be a horrendous task, but could result in the loss of a considerable amount of grant funds.

Item 9-200-R0775, Staff, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Pettit.

Dr. Pettit moved that the report submitted under Item 9-201-R0775, Report of Policy on Contract Notification for Non-Tenurable Professional Employees, Montana State University, be noted and filed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried.

Item 9-202-R0775, Change in Name of the Department of Physical Education to the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

Item 9-210-R0775, Degrees, Montana State University, 1974-75, was approved on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Pettit.

Item 9-212-R0775, Retirement of Assistant Professor Josephine L. Placek, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Morrison.

Item 9-213-R0775, Retirement of Edwin E. Howard, Administrator of Student Union Services and Facilities and Manager of the Bookstore, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans.

There was considerable discussion regarding Item 9-214-R0775, Supplemental Health Insurance Program Authorization, Montana State University, as to whether it is feasible to require a student to file a waiver if he does not desire to participate in a program which is optional. It was reported that the student body had not had an opportunity to vote on this request but the recommendation had come from a student committee. The item was approved on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Pettit, with the "Explanation" amended to read as follows: "The Student Health Committee and the Student Senate have approved the supplemental health insurance program and students should file their intent to participate in the program prior to the beginning of Autumn Quarter."

Items 9-217-R0775, Administrative Reassignment of the School of Home Economics and 9-219-R0775, Establishment of a Separate School of Nursing, Montana State University, were approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Regarding Item 9-218-R0775, Change in Name from School of Commerce to School of Business and Technology, Montana State University, there was some question about the use of the term "technology" in the request. Dr. Pettit pointed out that the Curriculum Committee had approved the item with its present wording. Mr. Thomas moved that the item be approved. Mr. Morrison seconded the motion and it carried, with Mr. Heberly

and Mr. Morrison voting "no". President McIntosh said he would initiate a review of the matter as soon as possible to determine whether the name could be Business Technology, rather than Business and Technology.

Item 9-222-R0775, Appointment of Legal Custodian of Hatch Act Funds, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 9-223-R0775, Authorization to Change Music Fee, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

Item 9-224-R0775, Transcript Policy Change, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 9-225-R0775, Increase in Special Fee for Skiing at Montana State University, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

Item 9-300-R0775, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Item 9-301-R0775, Retirement of Professor Donald K. Scharff, Agricultural Experiment Station, was approved on motion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Item 9-400-R0775, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Item 9-402-R0775, Authority to Continue Operation of the Cooperative Extension Service, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Item 9-810-R0775, Degrees and Certificates, Northern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Evans.

An addendum to Item 9-100-R0775, Staff, University of Montana, was distributed as an addition to the agenda. The item, including the addendum, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 9-102-R0775, University Center Operating Fee, University of Montana, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Morrison.

Item 9-103-R0775, Student Health Service Fee Increase, University of Montana, was approved on motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Pettit, as amended in line two to delete the words "as a single fee".

Item 9-104-R0775, Indemnification of University Administrators, University of Montana, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

An addendum to Item 9-110-R0775, Degrees, University of Montana 1974-75, was distributed as an addition to the agenda. The item, including the addendum, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Item 9-600-R0775, Staff, Western Montana College, was approved on motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas.

Item 9-610-R0775, Degrees, Western Montana College, 1974-75, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Dr. Pettit moved that the Curriculum Committee be designated to represent the Board of Regents on a Joint Curriculum Committee with members of the Board of Public Education on a continuing basis. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heberly and carried.

Dr. Pettit moved that the Board authorize and ratify the retention of Mr. Milton Datsopoulos as counsel for the Board of Regents and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education under the terms and conditions set forth in the Retainer Agreement dated June 15, 1975. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried.

On motion of Dr. Pettit, seconded by Mr. Thomas the following appointments to the Local Executive Boards were confirmed:

" Mrs. Helen A. Nash, Montana State University
Mr. Walter L. Nelson, Montana College of
Mineral Science and Technology
Mrs. Bob (Olive) Haugen, University of Montana
Mrs. Vera (Harold) Gerke, Eastern Montana
College
Mrs. Sylvia (Lada) Kafka, Northern Montana
College
Mr. Frank M. Davis, Eastern Montana College"

President McIntosh extended an invitation to the Board to meet on the campus of Montana State University whenever it is convenient.

The next meeting was scheduled on the statutory date of September 8, 1975 in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education in Helena, Montana.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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EXHIBIT I

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DEAR MIKE

THE BOARD OF REGENTS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TODAY TO SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR DIRECTIVES TO THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT OF THE NEW JOINT LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL GRANTS AND CONTRACTS GOING TO MONTANA, PARTICULARLY THOSE GOING TO THE UNITS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. WE BELIEVE THAT THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND PROGRAM~~ED~~ TRANSFERS BE APPROVED BY THIS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE IS A VIOLATION OF SEPARATION OF POWERS AND WILL WORK TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND THE STATE OF MONTANA. WE ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL PROVIDE THE UTMOST COOPERATION ON THE PART OF AN OFFICE AND THE CAMPUSES IN FACILITATING YOUR EFFORTS AND THOSE OF THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

LAWRENCE K PETTIT COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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