

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

July 10, 1978
Helena, Montana

The Board of Regents of Higher Education convened at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, 1978, in the conference room of the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted James. Also present were: Miss Laura Briney, Mr. Lewy Evans, Mrs. Lola Hansen, Mr. Jeff Morrison, Ms. Mary Pace, Mr. John Peterson and Dr. Lawrence K. Pettit.

On motion of Commissioner Pettit the minutes of the May 31, June 5 and June 19, 1978 meetings were approved.

Chairman James introduced Dr. James H. M. Erickson, the new President of Northern Montana College.

Jeff Morrison, Chairman of the Budget Committee, reported that the Joint Curriculum and Budget Committee had considered Item 20-103-R0578, Proposal to Develop an Accredited Baccalaureate Degree Program in Physical Therapy, University of Montana. He moved that the Board approve this item. The motion carried. Mr. Morrison reported there would be a brief meeting of the Budget Committee upon adjournment of the Board.

Commissioner Pettit reported that the Policy Committee had recommended approval of the following items, and he so moved:

- Item 20-003-R0478, Sabbatical Assignment, Montana University System (REVISED)
- Item 21-002-R0778, Hearings Procedures, Montana University System
- Item 21-003-R0778, Appeals Procedures, Montana University System

The motion carried.

At the request of Commissioner Pettit, Mr. Andy van Teylingen, Facilities Planner, explained Item 21-101-R0778, Authorization to Plan and Renovate Food Serving Areas for Auxiliary Enterprises, University of Montana, was an addition to the agenda.

Mr. van Teylingen also explained Item 21-301-R0778, Authorization to Submit an Application to Obtain a Federal Surplus Building for use at the Agricultural Research Station Authorized and Funded by

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H.B. 282, 45th Legislative Assembly, was also an addition to the agenda, Mr. Nopper reported that the Board was being asked to approve this item at this time because of a July 17th deadline for filing an application to the Federal government. The item was approved on motion of Mr. Evans.

Mr. Evans moved approval of Item 21-101-R0778. Mr. Peterson made a substitute motion that the item be deferred until the September meeting since the Board had not had time to consider it since it was submitted so late. The substitute motion carried.

Mary Pace, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, reported the committee had recommended approval of Items 21-501-R0778, Change in Name of Mathematics Department to Department of Mathematical Sciences, and 21-502-R0778, Establishment of a Mining and Mineral Resources Research Institute, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology. She so moved. The motion carried.

Ms. Pace moved that the Board accept the Committee recommendation to approve Item 18-001-R0977, Resolution Respecting the Indian Culture Master Plan, Montana University System (REVISED). The motion carried.

Commissioner Pettit reported that the Joint Curriculum and Policy Committee recommended approval of the following items:

Item 21-001-R0778, Academic Program Termination, Montana University System, as amended to add, "CROSS REFERENCE; See Section 303.1, Curriculum proposals."

Item 15-001-R1276, Recognition of Accreditation Associations, Montana University System

He moved that both items be approved. The motion carried.

Commissioner Pettit moved that the following salary recommendations for the six presidents be approved as follows:

University of Montana	\$44,000
Montana State University	\$44,000
Eastern Montana College	\$39,000
Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology	\$35,000
Northern Montana College	\$35,000
Western Montana College	\$35,000

The motion carried.

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Commissioner Pettit moved that Item 5-001-R0774, Executive Perquisites, Montana University System (REVISED) be approved. The motion carried, with Mr. Morrison voting "no".

The Commissioner reported he had submitted a proposed position description, proposed advertisement, candidate criteria and procedures to be used in conducting the search for a new Commissioner. He said each of these had been reviewed and edited by the six presidents and members of his staff, and some of the recommended changes had been incorporated into his recommendations. President Tietz indicated that his suggestion was that the search committee include one member of the Council of Presidents, one representative of the faculty and one representative of the students. President Tietz expressed his feeling that since the presidents are employees of the Board rather than the institutions they should have some input into the selection process.

Laura Briney moved that the Student Advisory Council be included in those who will review the dossiers of candidates enumerated in Section 2 of the recommended procedures. After discussion the question was called for and the motion carried.

Dr. Hugh Dresser suggested that the Inter-unit Faculty Council be allowed to review the dossiers.

After further discussion, Mr. Peterson moved that the search committee be comprised of the full Board of Regents, one member of the Council of Presidents selected by the Council of Presidents and one member of the Inter-unit Faculty Council selected by the Faculty Council. The motion carried, with Mr. Morrison and Mrs. Hansen voting "no". It was explained that the students would be represented on the search committee by the student Regent. Commissioner Pettit moved that the recommended procedures be adopted, as amended. The motion carried. He then moved that the position description, the proposed advertisement and the candidate criteria be adopted as submitted. The motion carried.

The Council of Presidents had no report.

The Faculty Association had no report.

The Student Advisory Council had no report.

Item 21-700-R0778, Staff, Eastern Montana College, was approved as amended on page two to delete the information relating to Patricia

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Vecchione, and Item 21-710-R0778, Degrees, Eastern Montana College, was approved on motion of Ms. Pace.

Items 21-500-R0778, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, 21-503-R0778, Increase in Board Room Rates, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, and 21-510-R0778, Degrees, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, were approved on motion of Commissioner Pettit.

Item 21-200-R0778, Staff, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Ms. Pace.

Item 21-300-R0778, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station, was approved on motion of Commissioner Pettit.

Item 21-400-R0778, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service, was approved on motion of Ms. Pace.

Items 21-801-R0778, Increase in Rental Rates for Family and Faculty Housing, 21-802-R0778, Increase in Board and Room Rates for Residence Halls and 21-810-R0778, Certificates and Degrees, Northern Montana College, were approved on motion of Commissioner Pettit.

Items 21-600-R0778, Staff, 21-601-R0778, Resolution Concerning the Retirement of Paul O. Picton, Registrar, 21-602-R0778, Resolution respecting Bond Indenture, 21-603-R0778, Board and Room Rates and Married Student Housing Rental, and 21-610-R0778, Degrees, Western Montana College 1977-78, were approved on motion of Ms. Pace.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, Item 21-100-R0778, Staff, University of Montana, including the addenda, was approved.

The presidents were reminded that before faculty receive permanent tenure the rationale for recommending tenure is to be sent to the Board for review. The Commissioner reported that the procedures for submitting this information had not been worked out since there had been so many chief academic officers' positions unfilled. He said the Council of Presidents would attempt to do this before the April, 1979 meeting.

The Board recessed for a short executive session at 2:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:30 p.m. with the same members present.

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Mr. Peterson reported that the Board had discussed the action taken with respect to the search for a new Commissioner and Dr. Pettit's announcement that he will leave his position January 1, 1979, and agreed that additional funds should be made available in the Commissioner's office to guard against any problems with the transition. He moved that Dr. George Bandy, Interim President at Western Montana College, be assigned to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education as a chief deputy commissioner effective September 1, 1978 to assist in the duties assigned to the Commissioner, and if the new Commissioner has not been selected by January 1, 1979 that Dr. Bandy be appointed as Acting Commissioner of Higher Education. The motion carried.

Mr. Peterson then moved that Dr. Dale Tash, Academic Vice President at Western Montana College, be appointed as Acting President effective September 1, 1978, and that the Commissioner be directed to immediately initiate a search for a full time president for Western Montana College. He said the Board is fully committed to maintaining six units of the Montana University System and this position is reaffirmed; that the role and scope statements to be presented by the Commissioner will certainly include Western Montana College. The motion carried.

Chairman James asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Board. Professor Wes Shellen, Chairman of the Faculty Senate at the University of Montana, asked to be recognized. Professor Shellen said he had been asked by his faculty to report to the Board the final outcome of the faculty senate vote taken with respect to President Bowers. He reported there were 17 votes of "no confidence", 15 votes of confidence and 3 abstentions. He called attention to the fact that this vote did not indicate a vote of confidence in the president. He distributed a copy of the June 22, 1978 Faculty Senate minutes to each member of the Board.

Professor Shellen also distributed a copy of his letter of May 24, 1978 respecting the relationship of the Faculty Council with the Board. He requested clarification as to whether or not the Faculty Council has a right to communicate with the Board and the Commissioner's staff respecting non negotiable matters such as academic affairs. Mr. Peterson replied that it is his understanding that various proposals

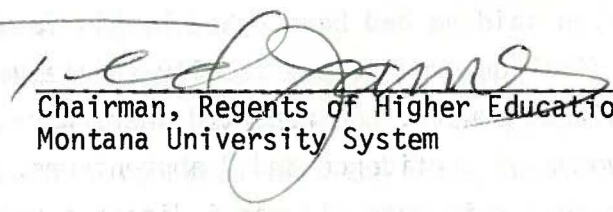
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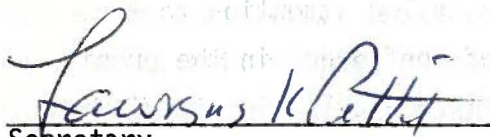
are on the bargaining table dealing with this specific issue; that the Board's position needs to be solidified with the union and he hoped that something could be worked out to the satisfaction of everyone.

Mr. Morrison moved that the Board go on record in support of the meritorious service President Bowers had given to the University of Montana. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

APPROVED:


Chairman, Regents of Higher Education,
Montana University System


Secretary