

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
CONFERENCE CALL  
September 29, 1979  
Helena, Montana

The Board of Regents of Higher Education convened by telephone conference call at 11:30 a.m., Friday, September 29, 1978. Present in the Commissioner's office were: Commissioner Pettit, Dr. George Bandy and Jack Noble.

Regents Ted James, Mary Pace, Jeff Morrison, Laura Briney, Jack Peterson and Lola Hansen were present on the conference line. Regent Lewy Evans was absent.

Commissioner Pettit reported that three items needed to be discussed because of the deadline for submitting budgets to the Office of Budget and Program Planning. Commissioner Pettit explained that the Regents should ask for an increase in operating funds of \$5,000 per year to allow more flexibility for holding meetings and also for a \$50,000 discretionary fund for emergency use which would revert to the General Fund if it was not used for an emergency situation. Mr. Morrison expressed his feeling that the Board should have such a fund in order to meet unanticipated expenses. Dr. Pettit moved that the Board of Regents' budget request be approved. The motion carried.

Mr. Noble explained the need for a budget amendment respecting the 1203 Planning Proposal. He said it was his understanding that this could be handled as a continued appropriation but the Office of Budget and Program Planning requires a budget amendment to provide for the necessary authority to spend the funds. Mrs. Hansen moved approval of the budget amendment. The motion carried.

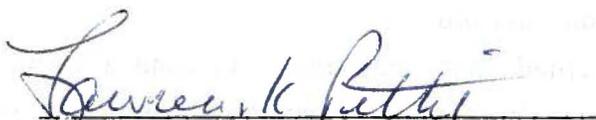
Commissioner Pettit explained that Dr. Bandy had done a very thorough study of the budgetary needs in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. He asked Dr. Bandy to comment. Dr. Bandy said he expected to present a full report to the Board at the November meeting but the office is required by the budget office to submit budget requests before that time. Dr. Bandy stated he had discussed these needs with Jeff Morrison, Chairman of the Budget Committee, and that Commissioner Pettit had discussed them with Ted James, Chairman of the Board. Dr. Bandy pointed out that he recommended that funding be requested for

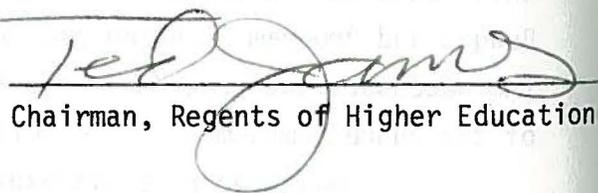
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a Director of Accounting, a Director of Personnel and an additional attorney as a replacement for Cathy Swift, who recently resigned. Dr. Bandy also recommended that the position of Facilities Planner be funded through the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, that at the end of the second year of the biennium an Accountant III be added to the staff and that a Secretary I also be added to assist in all of these areas. He explained that the budget request would consist of three new positions and funding for replacing an attorney. Mr. Peterson asked if any thought had been given to reorganizing the present staff. Dr. Bandy replied that he had examined this and a recommendation would be included in his report to the Board in November. After a brief discussion Mr. Morrison moved that the request for a Director of Personnel, a Director of Accounting, a Secretary I and an attorney to fill the vacancy in the legal department be approved. Mr. Peterson stated he did not feel he could vote on these requests since he had not had time to assess the situation. The motion carried, with Mr. Peterson voting "no". Commissioner Pettit asked if the position of Facilities Planner should be left as is. Mr. Morrison said "yes".

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Secretary

  
Chairman, Regents of Higher Education