

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

DATE: October 29, 1982
TIME: 11:20 a.m.
LOCATION: Room 360 B through E
University Center
University of Montana
Missoula, MT

REGENTS PRESENT: Morrison, Pace, Evans, Hurwitz, Keck, Knight, Redlin
Commissioner of Higher Education Irving E. Dayton

REGENTS ABSENT: None

PRESIDENTS ATTENDING: Bucklew, Carpenter, Erickson, Thomas

PRESIDENTS ABSENT: Tietz (represented by Vice President John Jutila)
DeMoney (represented by Vice President Roy Turley)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD: Policy Committee; Capital Construction Committee;
Curriculum Committee; Budget Committee

The meeting of the Board of Regents of Higher Education was called to order by Chairman Jeff Morrison at 11:20 a.m. at the conclusion of committee meetings. Roll call was taken. Chairman Morrison asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. None were stated, and the minutes of September 13, 1982 were ordered approved.

Regent Darla Keck reported the By-Laws and Policy Committee recommended Item 26-009-R0180, Room Reserve Deposit and Refund Schedule, Montana University System (REVISED) be approved. She so moved. The motion carried.

Regent Robert Knight reported the Budget Committee received a revision of Item 37-201-R1082, Authorization to proceed with Student Union Bond Sale. The revision removes the date stated in the original item for the bond sale, and incorporates language on the terms and conditions of the sale as suggested by bond counsel. The Budget Committee recommended the revised item be approved. Regent Knight so moved. The motion carried.

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On motion of Regent Knight, Item 37-202-R1082, Authority to Increase Yearbook Fee, Montana State University, was approved as recommended by the Budget Committee.

The Budget Committee reported that a discussion was held on the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's report to the Interim Finance Committee on the auxiliary enterprise and plant funds of the University System. Background material sent to the Regents with the agenda was reviewed by Deputy Commissioner Noble. Mr. Noble particularly stressed the Regents' obligations and responsibilities relating to revenue producing facilities and borrowing by the Regents as set out in MCA 20-25-302 and MCA 20-25-402 et. seq. The LFA report raised serious legal and fiscal questions regarding the auxiliary enterprise and plant fund balances. Mr. Noble reviewed the University System's bonding structure, including reserve requirements, in the Budget Committee meeting. Prior to the beginning of the next legislative session the chief fiscal officers will issue a comprehensive report to the Regents on the System's bonded indebtedness.

Chairman Morrison reported that a problem with inappropriate use of unexpended plant funds had developed at Western Montana College. A meeting has been held with the administration of that College and Chairman Morrison stated this will not occur again in the future.

Regent Lewy Evans reported the Capital Construction Committee heard testimony and held discussion on the following two items:

Item 37-203-R1082, Authorization to Purchase PE Complex Equipment, Montana State University

Item 37-501-R1082, Transfer of property given to the Montana Tech Foundation by the Montana Power Company to the Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology

The Committee recommended both items to the Board for approval. Regent Evans so moved. The motion carried.

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Regent Lewy Evans reported that after discussion, the Capital Construction Committee recommended that Item 37-502-R1082, Authorization to Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology to sell Real Property located at 651 West Granite Street and 3 North Excelsior Street, Butte, Montana, be amended to insert "subject to formal approval by the Regents before consummation of the transaction" at the end of paragraph one of the item. The Committee recommended the item be approved as amended. Regent Evans so moved. The motion carried.

Regent Evans reported that the Capital Construction Committee discussed Item 37-503-R1082, Authorization to Plan a Computer Center-Administrative Building at Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, at length. A report on Montana Tech's long range planning for capital construction was made by Vice President Roy Turley. Regent Evans stated his belief that this type of requested planning authorization strongly underlines the need for the System Facilities Planner which the 1983 Legislature will be asked to approve to assist the smaller campuses to relate capital construction requests to academic program priorities. Based on this discussion, the Capital Construction Committee recommended that Item 37-503-R1082 be tabled until the conclusion of the 1983 legislative session. Regent Evans so moved. The motion to table carried.

The Collective Bargaining Committee and the Community College and Vocational Educational Committee had no report.

Regent Mary Pace reported that the Curriculum Committee recommended approval of the following two items:

Item 35-502-R0582, M.S. in Industrial Hygiene, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology

Item 35-106-R0682, Authorization to offer a B.A. minor in Asian Studies, University of Montana

She so moved. The motion carried.

Regent Pace reported the Curriculum Committee recommended that Item 35-501-R0582, M.S. in Environmental Engineering, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, not be approved as recommended by the Commissioner. She so moved. The motion not to approve Item 35-501-R0582 carried.

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Commissioner Dayton reported the following programs were granted re-accreditation in the System:

1. Education Specialist Program
University of Montana
2. Professional Forestry Curriculum at the baccalaureate level -- University of Montana
3. Teacher Education Programs
Montana State University
4. B.S. in Chemical Engineering
Montana State University

Commissioner Dayton reported that negotiations have been resumed in the effort to create a Secondary Market in Montana that can purchase student loans from Montana lenders. The project has been "on the shelf" for some time because of the high interest rates, but it is now anticipated that the necessary bond sale could be held before January 1983.

The preliminary report on 1982 enrollments prepared by Paul C. Dunham was discussed. The report indicates a System increase of 823 students, or 2.9%, based on headcount enrollments. Summer session enrollments exceeded the previous year's by 3.5%. Based on projected estimated FYFTE enrollments, the System was underfunded by approximately 4,000 students in the current biennium. Computations will be made on the amount of the supplemental that the System will request of the 1983 Legislature to cover the under-funded enrollments and the short-fall on the millage account. Increased utility costs were discussed, as were budget office revenue estimates for the coming biennium. If revenue estimates remain unchanged, state agencies may not be able to maintain their present level of funding.

At the conclusion of the discussion on enrollments, Chairman Morrison stated that while the Regents believe strongly in the System's open admission policy, particularly since Montana lacks a comprehensive community college system, the primary goal must be to provide quality education, rather than quantity. If resources are not available and the

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System is continually underfunded on enrollments, then it may be necessary to question whether all students can go to the same institution, or even whether all students can attend the same year. The System needs to plan carefully so that the fewest students will be adversely affected as a result of diminished resources, and to guarantee that the degrees granted by the Montana University System continue to be quality degrees which will enrich the lives of the students receiving them.

Chairman Morrison requested the following alternatives be considered by the Commissioner, the Council of Presidents and staff to develop a plan for enrollment controls should that alternative become necessary in the future. A preliminary report should be made to the Regents at the December meeting:

- CAP: Freshman enrollment
 High demand programs
 High cost programs
 Institutions
 System
 Out-of-state students

- RAISE: Tuition
 Entrance requirements
 Entrance requirements in certain programs
 Standards for continued enrollment

- REDUCE: Programs
 Scholarships and grants

Commissioner Dayton reported briefly on the recent Regents' workshop. It was agreed at the workshop that the format of the Regents' meetings will be changed. Starting with the December meeting, the Regents will hold two-day meetings, beginning in the afternoon of the first meeting day with committee meetings, presentations and discussion of various subjects of interest or concern to the Regents. The full Board will meet the second day. This will allow opportunity for in-depth discussion and consideration of all matters of interest to the Board, or before the Board for action.

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Commissioner Dayton reported on various matters recently acted on or under consideration by the Council of Presidents including a review of the high school honor scholarship policy and the portion of the System's fee waiver policy which relates to need on the part of the recipient. After review, the Council of Presidents concluded no further changes are needed in the high school honor scholarship policy. A draft revision of the fee waiver policy will be discussed by the Council in November.

The Commissioner reported that the alumni associations of the six institutions have worked together to set up meetings among the presidents and legislators for discussion in preparation for the coming legislative session. He noted this is a good example of interinstitutional cooperation with the alumni associations working together effectively.

President Neil Bucklew, University of Montana, distributed copies of the responses to the questionnaire sent to all legislative candidates to ascertain their position on issues related to higher education. This was also a cooperative effort of the alumni associations who prepared the questionnaire, distributed it, and tabulated the responses.

Archie Alexander, President of the Faculty Association, Montana State University, reported that the Association met on October 14, 1982 and discussed various issues. The Faculty Association is intended to be a vehicle to be used by faculty on the two non-bargaining campuses to bring their concerns to the Board. It is the hope of the Faculty Association that this line of communication will be better utilized in the future. Chairman Morrison responded positively to the report, but asked that the Association keep the local president and administration advised prior to bringing matters to the Board.

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Regent Mary Pace requested that at the next meeting of the Board some time be set aside for a meeting with the Faculty Association.

Gale Hart, President of the Student Advisory Council, reported on SAC's recent interinstitutional cooperative workshop, and thanked Commissioner Dayton and Regent Darla Keck for their presentations and participation in the workshop. Ms. Hart stated the participants feel strongly that students at all units of the System share many common concerns and will work together to present those concerns in the coming legislative session. The Student Advisory Council, representing students at all units, has a meeting scheduled with the Governor next week to discuss student concerns in the coming legislative session.

Marquette McRae-Zook, President of the Associated Students of the University of Montana, made a presentation on student government at the University, and responded to Regents' questions. Ms. McRae-Zook also distributed copies of ASUM's Budget Report for 1982-83.

On motion of Regent Darla Keck, the following items were approved.

- Item 37-100-R1082, Staff, University of Montana
- Item 37-200-R1082, Staff, Montana State University with Addendum attached and made a part of these minutes
- Item 37-300-R1082, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station
- Item 37-400-R1082, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
- Item 37-500-R1082, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 37-500A-R1082, Staff, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
- Item 37-700-R1082, Staff, Eastern Montana College
- Item 37-800-R1082, Staff, Northern Montana College amended to change the salary designation of Cynthia Lea Hewitt from "AY" to "FY"

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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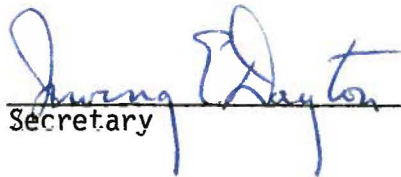
The Regents reconvened in informal session at 1:30 p.m. at the same location to hear presentations on the Law School at the University of Montana, and on Native American Studies in the System. At the conclusion of those presentations, an open forum was held at 3:00 p.m. with Regents, faculty, students and interested persons participating.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents will be held on December 9-10, 1982, in Helena, Montana.

APPROVED:



Chairman, Board of Regents of Higher
Education, Montana University System



Secretary