

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
May 21, 1982

The meeting of the Board of Regents of Higher Education was called to order by Vice Chairman Mary Pace at 10:30 a.m. in Room 106, Miles Community College, Miles City, Montana following a tour of the college's facilities and an executive session on collective bargaining and litigation. Regents present: Pace, Keck, Knight, Evans, Morrison and Redlin. Regents absent: Chairman Ted James. Also present was Commissioner of Higher Education Irving E. Dayton.

Vice Chairman Pace called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. None were stated, and the minutes of the April 16, 1982 meeting were ordered approved as mailed.

Vice Chairman Pace stated that without objection, the items on the committee agenda would be heard by the full Board, and separate committee meetings would not be held.

Item 27-009-R0680, Transfer of Credits, Montana University System and Community Colleges (REVISED) was explained. The revision is intended to provide a means for exceptional individuals who have attended or graduated from non-accredited institutions to have their potential for college-level work considered by university admissions officers. The revision provides guidelines for the units to use in making such exceptions to the general transfer policy.

Regent Knight moved the item be amended to require that a report of each exception be filed with the Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, who shall approve or disapprove the exception within 15 days. In discussing the amendment, concern was expressed with removing such day-to-day decisions from the campus where the level of expertise to make those decisions exists. It was the general agreement that filing a report with the Commissioner's office as proposed in the revised item would provide a sufficient safeguard to assure that abuses did

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occur. If problems arise with the exceptions, the policy could be returned for revision. The question was called on the amendment. Regent Knight voted yes; Regents Morrison, Evans, Redlin and Keck voted no. The motion failed.

On motion of Vice Chairman Pace, revised Item 27-009-R0680 was approved as recommended by the Commissioner.

In response to a request from President Tietz, Vice Chairman Pace requested that the Commissioner's office prepare a policy on part-time tenure for the Montana University System. Commissioner Dayton explained that such a policy has been reviewed once by the Council of Presidents, and revisions to that draft are being made. The matter will be brought to the Regents for discussion at the earliest possible time.

On motion of Regent Jeff Morrison, the following capital construction items were approved:

Item 35-203-R0582, Authorization to increase project authorization of the Visual Communications Building, Montana State University

Item 35-303-R0582, Approval of the Sale of 4.6 acres of land located at Polson, Montana by the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station to St. Joseph's Hospital, Polson, Montana, for \$45,000.

On motion of Regent Elsie Redlin, Item 35-301-R0582, Request Approval for Naming of Research Support-Services Building at Eastern Agricultural Research Center, was approved.

Regent Jeff Morrison, Chairman of the Budget Committee, requested that Jack Noble, Deputy Commissioner for Management and Fiscal Affairs, review the items on the Budget Committee agenda.

Item 2-007-R0972, Continuing Education Fees, Montana University System (REVISED) was explained as increasing to \$30 per course the charge for each participant desiring academic credit in a fully-sponsored continuing education course. The cost for each CEU course participant is increased to \$30 plus an enrollment fee based on the

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costs to offer the course. Increased operating costs necessitate this increase. On motion of Regent Morrison, the revised item was approved.

Item 35-102-R0582, Increase in Residence Halls Board and Room Rates, University of Montana, was withdrawn at the request of President Neil Bucklew, University of Montana.

It was explained that Item 35-302-R0582, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station Land Development authorizes the transfer of \$70,000 from the U.S. Livestock and Range Research Station (Miles City) income into a plant fund to repair and update the irrigation system, which is approximately 50 years old. On motion of Regent Lewy Evans, the item was approved.

Mr. Noble reviewed the attachments containing the detail expenditures, source of funding, and justifications for the 1981-82 fiscal year budget amendments. Regent Morrison moved that Item 35-004-R0582, Budget Amendments, 1981-82, Montana University System be approved. The motion carried.

Mr. Noble reviewed the requested budget amendments to be included in the preliminary operating budgets for next fiscal year for the following campuses: Montana Tech, Bureau of Mines, Eastern Montana College, and Western Montana College. On motion of Regent Morrison, Item 35-005-R0582, Budget Amendments, 1982-83, Montana University System, was approved.

Item 35-006-R0582, Operating Budgets, Montana University System, was presented by Mr. Noble at the request of the Chairman of the Budget Committee. Mr. Noble explained that the schedules in this item are those amounts specifically appropriated by the legislature. The additional material supplied to the Regents in the red book (on file) contains detail on all funds and operations of the Montana University System. By law, the Board of Regents is required to approve an all-funds budget. Authority to expend the funds is contingent on approval by the Regents. Mr. Noble reviewed each of the schedules contained in Item 35-006-R0582.

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At the conclusion of the review of the schedules, discussion was held on the language on page 1 of Item 35-006-R0582 which sets out the authority delegated to the Commissioner of Higher Education regarding transfer of funds. It was requested that the language be amended to include transfers of funds between campuses, particularly to facilitate year-end closing. The difficulty system-wide in putting up budgets with estimated revenues was discussed. Occasionally this results in a short-fall at year-end closing, and the ability to move funds from one institution to another would alleviate some of the problems.

Regent Lewy Evans moved the item be amended on page 1, paragraph 2, line 5, following "fellowships" by inserting "or transfer of funds between campuses." The motion carried, and Item 35-006-R0582 was approved as amended.

Regent Morrison called the Regents' attention to the lack of funds in the Regents' budget, and asked that travel be restricted to attending scheduled meetings only.

The following items were received by the Curriculum Committee for consideration at a future meeting. There was no meeting of the Curriculum Committee.

- Item 35-501-R0582, Approval of the M.S. in Environmental Engineering, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 35-502-R0582, Approval of the M.S. in Industrial Hygiene, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 35-704-R0582, A Proposal for the Master of Science in Special Education: Option in Education of the Hearing Impaired, Eastern Montana College

Regent Robert Knight reported that the Collective Bargaining Committee recommended the ratification of the collective bargaining agreement between the Montana University System and the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades, retroactive to July 1, 1981 and through June 30, 1983. He so moved. The motion carried.

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The meeting adjourned at 11:45, to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:05 with the same members present.

Anna M. Shannon, Dean of the School of Nursing, Montana State University, reported on the study of Montana State University's nursing program at Eastern Montana College, Billings. Dean Shannon distributed copies of the study requested by the Regents to determine the cost of providing the five additional courses at Eastern Montana College requested by pre-nursing students in the Eastern Montana College program. In addition, Dean Shannon distributed information on the recent history of Montana State University's School of Nursing's efforts to serve the students and nurses of Montana in terms of access and flexibility; a response to the Billings pre-nursing claim of known and probable potential students interested in the additional classes at Eastern Montana College; a report on Montana State University's School of Nursing policies regarding student placement; and a report on the role the Montana State University School of Nursing has played in getting specific pre-requisites out in the state for the "Roving R.N." and for the master's program.

At the conclusion of the report, Dean Shannon responded to questions from the Regents, including accessibility of the program to students on campuses other than Eastern Montana College, and the cost today of establishing a clinical unit. Costs of the movable summer session option were discussed, as was the issue of whether adequate clinical space would be available for the students the program is producing.

President Bucklew, University of Montana, stated he found it slightly surprising that a program such as the Montana State University Nursing Program that almost represents a model of what the University System may do in the future is receiving such pressure. He stated his belief there are now more opportunities for persons in this program to receive their training without dislocation than for those in almost any other professional program in the system.

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Regent Lewy Evans proposed that the matter be tabled until the next meeting of the Regents. This would provide the proponents of expanding the program an opportunity to review and respond to the material presented today. The Board instructed that no additional studies be conducted. Regent Evans moved that the report on the study of Montana State University's nursing program in Billings be tabled, and be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board. The motion carried.

On motion of Regent Morrison, the following gubernatorial appointments to Local Executive Boards were confirmed:

For a term ending the third Monday in April, 1985:

Montana State University Local Executive Board:

H. E. Gardiner

Montana College of Mineral Science & Technology Local Executive Board:

Joseph H. Walsh

Northern Montana College Local Executive Board:

James M. Kaze

Eastern Montana College Local Executive Board:

Eugene Cetrone

Western Montana College Local Executive Board:

Bruce Watters

University of Montana Local Executive Board

Alex Stepanzoff

For a term ending the third Monday in April, 1984:

(completing unexpired term)

Montana State University Local Executive Board

Tanya A. Cameron

The proposed revision of the calendar of meeting dates was explained by Commissioner Dayton. The memorandum sets out the variety of activities the Regents must complete by mid-September. After discussion, the Board expressed its desire not to cancel the June 28, 1982 meeting, but to use that meeting to discuss various

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policy issues facing the System. Budget Committee Chairman Jeff Morrison again cautioned the Regents against any travel other than to scheduled meetings for the remainder of the fiscal year in order to assure there will be sufficient funds to hold the June 28 meeting.

Commissioner Dayton stated that to prepare for the June meeting, the Council of Presidents would meet on June 7, 1982 in Helena.

Commissioner Dayton introduced President Ted Roland, Dull Knife Community College.

Commissioner Dayton thanked President Flower and his staff on behalf of the Board for the hospitality and the arrangements made for the Board's meeting at Miles Community College. Commissioner Dayton also expressed the Board's appreciation to the Director and staff of the Agricultural Experiment Station for the presentation on the work of the station, and the tour of the facilities.

Acting President William A. Johnstone, Eastern Montana College, distributed copies of a report to the Board on athletics at Eastern Montana College (on file). The report notes that 1981-82 marks the final year of Eastern Montana College's membership in any men's or women's sports in the Frontier Conference, and outlines other areas being explored to enhance the athletic program at the College.

At Commissioner Dayton's request, William J. Lannan, Director of Special Projects, reported that an agreement will be signed between the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program and United Student Aid Funds which will allow USAF to provide technical assistance to GSL in the areas of lender review and training programs for participants in the program. Providing these services is a requirement of the Guaranteed Student Loan Program and federal regulations. The agreement with United Student Aid Funds will enable those requirements to be met without adding additional staff. The agreement is for a two-year period.

Commissioner Dayton reported on the sister state agreements being developed among representatives from Kumamoto, Japan and the state of Montana, which include participation by the Montana University

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System and the University of Kumamoto. The agreements will be signed in Helena on July 22, 1982. The Commissioner will keep the Board informed.

President Neil Bucklew, University of Montana, reported that the School of Business at the University recently received full accreditation at both the graduate and under-graduate level. Only five percent of higher education institutions have received this level of accreditation.

President Bucklew also reported that the School of Law at the University of Montana received full and unqualified accreditation. No further accreditation review is anticipated until 1989.

The Council of Presidents and the Faculty Association had no report.

Gale Hart, Student Advisory Council President, distributed a letter to the Board requesting support of a review of the work study program in Montana to supplement funds to provide financial aid to students.

Brad Diede, President, Associated Students, Montana State University, distributed a resolution unanimously passed by ASMSU making the same request. Mr. Diede spoke to the concern of students over the reduction in federal financial aid funds and the importance to students of finding alternative methods such as the work study program to offset those reductions.

Commissioner Dayton reported discussions held by the Council of Presidents on the need to study alternative funding for student financial aid. A Financial Aid Task Force is being formed with broad representation from the campuses and students, and will work on the matter during the next three months. A report will be made to the Board in the fall on the recommendations of the task force.

On motion of Regent Morrison, the following items were approved:

Item 35-100-R0582, Staff, University of Montana  
Item 35-101-R0582, Resolution Concerning the Retirement of Robert W. Fields, Professor of Geology, University of Montana

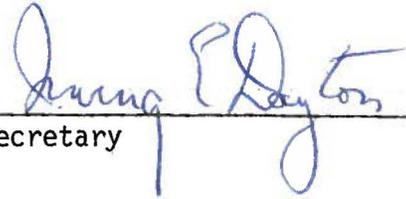
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- Item 35-200-R0582, Staff, Montana State University  
Amended as follows and with Addendum  
attached to and made a part of these  
minutes:
- Page 30: DELETE: John E. Buck, MFA  
Deborah K. Butterfield, MFA  
Page 35: DELETE: Kathryn O. Mientka, MM  
Page 36: DELETE: Timothy K. Mientka, MM
- Item 35-201-R0582, Retirement of John Montagne, Montana State University  
Item 35-202-R0582, Retirement of Dr. Donald K. Weaver, Montana State University  
Item 35-300-R0582, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station  
Item 35-400-R0582, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service  
Item 35-500-R0582, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology  
Item 35-500A-R0582, Staff, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology  
Item 35-600-R0582, Faculty and Staff, Western Montana College  
Item 35-610-R0582, Degrees, Western Montana College, 1981-82  
Item 35-700-R0582, Staff, Eastern Montana College  
amended as follows:  
Page 1: Delete "SALARY" column in its entirety.
- Item 35-701-R0582, Dr. Louis W. Veraldi to Professor of Business Education and Office Administration Emeritus, Eastern Montana College  
Item 35-702-R0582, Mr. Benjamin C. Steele to Professor of Art Emeritus, Eastern Montana College  
Item 35-703-R0582, Mr. Harold L. Davidson to Associate Professor of Education Emeritus, Eastern Montana College  
Item 35-800-R0582, Staff, Northern Montana College  
Item 35-801-R0582, Recognition of the Retirement of Dale E. Anderson, Associate Professor of Construction and Drafting Technology, through the award of Emeritus Status. Northern Montana College  
Item 35-900-R0582, Staff, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Monday, June 28, 1982 in Helena, Montana.

APPROVED:

  
Chairman, Board of Regents of Higher Education

  
Secretary