

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

DATE: June 11-12, 1984
LOCATION: Conference Room
Montana University System
33 South Last Chance Gulch
Helena, Montana
REGENTS PRESENT: Morrison, Pace, Keck, Lind, McCarthy, Hurwitz, Redlin
Commissioner of Higher Education Irving E. Dayton
REGENTS ABSENT: None
PRESIDENTS ATTENDING: Bucklew, Carpenter, DeMoney, Erickson, Tietz, Thomas
PRESIDENTS ABSENT: None

Minutes of Monday, June 11, 1984

Chairman Morrison called the meeting of the Board of Regents of Higher Education to order at 9:50 a.m. He stated that program modification requests would be heard by the Board, but that no decisions would be made during those hearings as to priorities. The Regents' Budget Committee will meet before the July 20 meeting of the Board to recommend program modification request priorities.

Commissioner Dayton noted that at the last meeting of the Council of Presidents a request had been made that the Regents schedule a time separate from the program modification requests to present the units' computer plans in more detail than today's schedule would allow. While the financial aspects of those plans should be included in the program modification requests, additional time for discussion of the computer plans has been scheduled on Tuesday, June 12. Commissioner Dayton also noted that because of a conflict created by the scheduling of the Legislative Finance Committee, the schedule of today's hearings has been modified, Montana State University will make their presentation at 3:00 p.m., and the University of Montana at 1:00 p.m.

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The campuses presented their program modification requests to the Board according to the revised schedule, and responded to Regents' questions. System requests and those of the office of Commissioner of Higher Education were presented by Commissioner's staff. Joint proposals were presented by the campuses cooperating on the proposals. A "Summary of Program Modification Requests - 1987 Biennium" is attached to and made a part of these minutes. The background documentation on each request presented to the Regents is on file in the Commissioner's office.

The hearings were completed at 6:00 p.m. The Board recessed at that time to reconvene on Tuesday, June 12, 1984 at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes of Tuesday, June 12, 1984

The Board of Regents of Higher Education met in Executive Session on matters of collective bargaining and litigation from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Morrison called the regular meeting of the Board of Regents to order at 9:05 a.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Chairman Morrison called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the preceding meeting. None were stated, and the minutes of the May 17-18, 1984 meeting were ordered approved.

Chairman Morrison stated that without objection, the Board would dispense with separate committee meetings, and all matters on the committee agenda would be heard by the full Board.

The Chairman explained that the first matter for action would be Item 43-103-R0684, Final Bond Resolution for \$3,745,000 State of Montana, Board of Regents of Higher Education, University of Montana Student

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Building Fees Recreation Facilities Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series A 1984. He noted that the item is on the agenda of the Budget Committee, but would be acted on at this time to allow bond counsel Michael McCall to make a necessary airline connection.

At the Chairman's request, Jack Noble, Deputy Commissioner for Management and Fiscal Affairs, reviewed the previous actions of the Board concerning the bond sale, stating that approval of the resolution before the Board authorizes and approves the final terms and provisions of the issuance, sale and delivery of the bonds, defeases certain outstanding indebtedness of the Board heretofore issued for the benefit of the University of Montana and authorizes all other actions and documents necessary to complete the transaction.

On motion of Regent McCarthy, Item 43-103-R0684 was approved.

By-Laws and Policy Committee

Action Agenda

Regent Keck presented Item 17-004-R0777, Employment Contract; Commissioner and Presidents; Montana University System (REVISED). She explained that the item had been on the submission agenda and had been reviewed and discussed. There were no additional questions from the Board. On motion of Regent Keck, the item was approved.

Curriculum Committee

Submission Agenda

Dr. Carol Krause, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs, briefly reviewed Item 43-102-R0684, Approval of a Proposed Master of Accountancy Degree; University of Montana. He noted that this item would be presented to the Regents for action at the July meeting. The background information was distributed to the other units in April. The item was received for consideration at the July 1984 meeting.

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Item 43-502-R0484, Authorization of a Center for Energy and Mineral Research, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology was reviewed by Dr. Krause as more fully set out on his memorandum to the Commissioner dated May 29, 1984 (on file). The primary objective of the Center is to create a thematic focus for research undertaken by the institution. On motion of Regent Pace, the item was approved.

Regent Pace questioned Dr. Krause concerning the recently adopted recommended college preparatory program. The question centered on the wording of the foreign language requirement. Regent Lind also expressed some concern with that wording, stating he had believed it was an option, but appears now that if available, two years of a foreign language are a requirement of the program. Dr. Krause also reported that some school administrators had problems with the effective date of the program, and had requested that be change to 1988. Dr. Krause and Regent Pace will discuss further before the July meeting, and if necessary, revisions to the policy will be brought to the Regents in July for discussion.

Budget Committee

Deputy Commissioner Noble reviewed Item 43-009-R0684, Budget Amendments, Montana University System as set out on the item. Budget amendments were submitted for the University of Montana, Northern Montana College, Eastern Montana College, Western Montana College and the office of Commissioner of Higher Education. On motion of Regent Pace, the item was approved.

At Mr. Noble's request, Item 43-010-R0684, Budget Amendments, 1984-85; Montana University System was deleted from the agenda of the Budget Committee. No budget amendments were submitted for that period.

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Mr. Noble next reviewed Item 43-011-R0684, Program Transfers, 1983-84; Montana University System. Program transfers were submitted for the University of Montana, Western Montana College, Eastern Montana College and Northern Montana College. Mr. Noble explained that the purpose of the transfers is to align spending authority with projected expenditures as set out more fully on the item. The transfers requested do not embody substantive programatic shifts nor do they exceed the 5% limit specified in H.B. 447. On motion of Regent Pace, the item was approved.

Item 43-003-R0684, Operating Budgets, 1984-85; Montana University System, was reviewed by Mr. Noble. He explained that the large red book before the Regents incorporated all funds expended within the University System. Mr. Noble reviewed the all funds budget categories, and the budget amendment authority contained in the item.

Next Mr. Noble reviewed the current unrestricted funds budget book distributed with the Regents' agenda material, and responded to Regents' questions concerning staffing patterns, FTE growth areas, fee waivers and scholarships, and the comparative analysis of faculty salaries.

On motion of Regent Pace, Item 43-003-R0684 was approved.

Item 43-901-R0684, Authorization to Establish a Partially Self-Insured Group Insurance Plan for Montana University System Employees Including all Authorized Affiliated Group Employees; Commissioner of Higher Education was presented by Mr. Noble. Mr. Noble reviewed the past presentations made to the Board concerning the System's group health insurance plan and the recommendations of the inter-unit advisory committee. As a result of the proposed changes for next year, the University System will be able to offer group insurance to employees after July 1 without an increase in rates over the current year. "Employee only" insurance will be provided for the amount of the employer contribution, which will result in a reduction in out-of-pocket costs for the majority of employees.

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Mr. Noble also explained future plans which include a \$10 rebate per participant to each campus to establish stay well and health awareness programs which should help to hold down medical costs. Future plans include increasing the rebate and providing health incentives. All costs of administering the program will be borne by the premiums. On motion of Regent McCarthy, the item was approved.

Item 43-504-R0684, Authorization to expend Student Computer Fees; Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, and Item 43-801-R0684, Authorization to Expend Student Computer Fee; Northern Montana College, were reviewed by Paul Dunham. It was determined that the expenditures requested in both items were consistent with Regents' guidelines for use of the computer fee monies. On motion of Regent Hurwitz, both items were approved.

Item 43-702-R0684, Student Union Operating Fee; Eastern Montana College, was discussed. The fee was last adjusted in 1976, and is no longer adequate to meet operating and maintenance costs of the non-revenue producing areas of the facility. Vice President Ken Heikes, Eastern Montana College, responded to Regents' questions. On motion of Regent Hurwitz, the item was approved.

Deputy Commissioner Noble explained that Item 43-703-R0684, Petro-Rimrock Building Fee; Eastern Montana College, increases the part-time student building fee from \$1.50 per student per quarter to \$3.00 per quarter for those students taking 1-3 credit hours, effective Fall quarter, 1984. The increase is requested to bring the fee in compliance with Section 5 of the Petro-Rimrock Revenue Bond Indenture. On motion of Regent Hurwitz, the item was approved.

Mr. Noble next presented the operating budgets of the three community colleges. He explained that those budgets have been approved by the local Boards of Trustees of each of the colleges, and are presented to the Regents for approval as required by statute.

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On motion of Regent Hurwitz, the following three items were approved:

Item 43-2001-R0684, Operating Budget, 1984-85;
Dawson Community College

Item 43-3001-R0684, Operating Budget, 1984-85;
Flathead Valley Community College

Item 43-4001-R0684, Operating Budget, 1984-85;
Miles Community College

Regent Pace stated that the next item of business would be consideration of the Commissioner's and Presidents' contracts and salaries for the coming year. She moved that the Commissioner of Higher Education and the president of each unit of the System be retained in their present position for fiscal year 1984-85 with perquisites as appropriate, and that the salaries for those positions be increased by 3.5% over the current salary as follows:

Commissioner of Higher Education	\$70,700
Montana State University	69,630
University of Montana	68,560
Montana Tech	59,989
Eastern Montana College	58,917
Northern Montana College	55,704
Western Montana College	53,561

The motion carried unanimously.

Enrollment Estimates

Paul Dunham, Director of Research and Services, presented background to the enrollment estimates prepared by the System's Enrollment Task Force as set out in his memorandum to the Commissioner dated June 8, 1984 (on file). He explained that the Task Force was concerned about the model's predictions for Northern Montana College, Eastern Montana College and the last year for University of Montana, and after consideration of several matters, the Task Force agreed on certain modifications to the model and produced the estimates listed on the "Estimate of Headcount Enrollment in the Montana University System, Fall Term, 1984 - 1986" attached to the June 8 memorandum. These were discussed with the Council

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of Presidents on June 4, 1984, and several issues surfaced indicating that the presidents were dissatisfied with the System's method of predicting enrollments, the involvement of outside state agencies in the preparation of those estimates, and the timetable for release of the figures.

Mr. Dunham responded to Regents' questions concerning the membership and history of the Task Force, and technical aspects concerning the computer model and the reasons for the Task Force modifications to that model. At the conclusion of that discussion, Chairman Morrison asked if Mr. Dunham was comfortable with the estimates recommended by the Task Force. Mr. Dunham replied that he was.

Chairman Morrison then asked each president to comment.

President Bucklew, University of Montana, distributed a memorandum to the Board dated June 8, 1984 (on file) which set out his concerns relating to the Task Force enrollment estimates. The memorandum contained revised estimates for the period 1984 - 1986 which President Bucklew stated would be both realistic and sensible, and he urged those estimates be adopted as opposed to the recommendations of the Task Force.

President Erickson, Northern Montana College, stated the predictions produced by the model and the Task Force indicating a severe decline in enrollments at Northern Montana College "defy not only logic, but history." He stated Northern's growth has been dramatically on the increase, and that applications for fall quarter are ahead of last year's by 10.1% as of this date. He recommended that revised estimated headcount figures for Northern be adopted by the Regents which he believed would be a modest but fair increase. He added that in considering the Task Force recommendations, he would not dispute the good intentions of that group, but would suggest that the data base is inadequate. The average age of students at Northern is higher than in the past, as is the case at several

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of the other institutions. Northern is attracting a different group of people and its enrollments are not directly tied to entering freshmen in the 18-19 year bracket.

President Carpenter, Eastern Montana College, disputed the Task Force recommendations which indicated that Eastern Montana College's actual 1983 enrollment of 4,424 students would fall to 3,953 in 1986. He stated that the model doesn't do justice to non-traditional students who do the non-traditional type of thing, and mentioned also the high percentage of Yellowstone County residents between ages 30 and 50 who may want to take courses at Eastern Montana College. He urged the Regents to increase the figures for Eastern by 75 students in 1985 over the Task Force Recommendations, and by 100 in 1986.

President Thomas, Western Montana College also disagreed with the Task Force recommendations, and encouraged the Regents to increase the figures for each of the years by 30, stating that the numbers are modest, but important to Western.

President DeMoney, Montana Tech, concurred with the Task Force recommendations for that institution.

President Tietz, Montana State University, agreed with the figures developed by the Task Force with the exception of the 1986 projection. He believed that estimate to be too low, and to be driven by high school enrollments. He discussed other factors he believed should be considered in enrollment projections, such as capping in professional schools in neighboring states, the immigration to the West predicted nationally, the new emphasis on "Build Montana" which will be reflected in young people attempting to stay in the state, and others.

At the conclusion of the presidents' reports, Chairman Morrison reviewed the System's efforts to develop consistent enrollment estimates

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that will be accepted by the legislature. While the System has not been entirely successful in this attempt, it has been more successful than anyone else who has tried it, and does have credibility with the legislature in its enrollment estimates. The System has consistently underestimated enrollments, but not as much as others have. If these revised figures are adopted by the Regents, the Chairman stated that they will have to be defended in the legislature. The Regents wish to be certain that the presidents are comfortable with the changes they have proposed. Chairman Morrison stated that the Board felt comfortable with the figures presented by the presidents because the System's track record on enrollment estimates has been good in the past. These estimates reflect slow increases and slow decreases which lead to management stability.

On motion of Regent Hurwitz, the following estimated headcount enrollments for FY 1985-86 and FY 1986-87 were approved:

	<u>FY 1985-86</u>	<u>FY 1986-87</u>
UM	9,450	9,400
MSU	11,350	11,225
TECH	2,482	2,473
EMC	4,675	4,800
NMC	1,950	2,000
WMC	975	1,000

Capital Construction Committee

Item 43-701-R0684, Purchase of Real Property: Eastern Montana College, was reviewed as set out on the explanation on the item. The property is within the area for purchase as outlined in Eastern Montana College's 1974 Long Range Campus Plan. On motion of Regent Hurwitz, the item was approved.

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Long Range Building Program

Regent Hurwitz, Chairman of the Capital Construction Committee, stated that that committee met on June 8, 1984 and established the priority list for long-range building requests (on file). These are recommended to the Board for approval.

Bill Lannan added that the committee spent a full day reviewing the campus requests, which totaled approximately \$91 million. The committee recommendations represent about forty-six percent of those requests.

The Regents and the presidents discussed the committee's recommendations at some length. President Erickson requested that the priority list be changed to add \$6.4 million to pay for construction of a multi-use technical building at Northern Montana College instead of the recommendation of \$75,000 to plan for the new building. He explained that Northern Montana College's enrollment has increased 71 percent in the past six years, yet no taxpayer-supported instructional building has been built at Northern Montana College since 1970. The building is needed to house high-tech equipment used for instructional purposes. On motion of Regent Keck, the priority list was amended to delete the planning funds for Northern Montana College's multi-use technical building, and insert \$6.4 million for construction of the facility following priority 16 on the Capital Construction Committee's priority list.

President Carpenter stated that Eastern Montana College deferred to the Committee's recommendations and had to additional presentation.

President DeMoney requested an increase in the amount requested for one of Tech's two roofing projects. He also stated that he believed the money requested for remodeling and renovation at Tech was ranked too low in the priority listing. He stated he found the ranking surprising,

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because he believed renovation projects had a higher priority with the Regents and the legislators than new buildings. Rather than request new buildings, Tech is trying to use every foot of available space in its attempt to be a "responsible custodian of state funds." He asked that Tech's remodeling projects be placed in a higher priority.

President Bucklew spoke to several issues, requesting specifically that authority to plan the Life Sciences Building be added to priority 27 without increasing the dollar amount. Priority 27 authorizes the planning of the math and health and P.E. buildings at University of Montana.

After discussion, Regent Hurwitz moved that the list be so amended. The motion carried.

President Bucklew spoke to the University's need of a new business administration building. Business students make up 22 percent of the undergraduate and 25 percent of the graduate student enrollment and parts of the business school are now housed in three different buildings. Business is a core program at the University and is very much linked to the economic development and Build Montana efforts of the state. He stated the building was authorized for planning by the last legislature, and he hoped would continue to receive strong support and priority from the Regents.

President Tietz spoke to Montana State University's need for the new engineering and physical science complex. The present facility is seriously outdated and overcrowded. Enrollment in engineering has doubled since 1976 and Montana State University has been forced to limit enrollment in that program. The requested engineering and physical sciences complex concept would serve future engineers, but also moves into the area of technology and technical development. It has implications

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not only for education, but retention of students in the state and to the state's economic development. Other states are moving in this direction, and for Montana's students to compete, they must have an up-to-date, current education. He requested that this building remain in the long-range building requests in as high a priority as possible.

Diane Hill, President, Associated Students, Montana State University, spoke in support of the engineering building, stating that earlier in Winter Quarter the student senate at Montana State University passed a resolution urging the Governor to strongly consider the engineering physical sciences complex as a top priority in the long-range building program requests. She cited the number of students in engineering at Montana State University, and the importance of the facility to the student body.

Phoebe Patterson, President, Associated Students University of Montana, presented the following resolution in support of funds for handicapped accessibility passed unanimously by ASUM Central Board on May 30, 1984:

"WHEREAS, handicapped students are an important and viable group on the campus of the University of Montana;

WHEREAS, admission and accessibility to facilities is directly tied to the pursuit of quality education and advising;

WHEREAS, various building on the University of Montana campus continue to lack necessary access features;

WE, the Central Board of the Associated Students of the University of Montana, encourage the Board of Regents and the State Legislature to assess and be aware of the needs of this student group."

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President Thomas expressed his appreciation to the Committee for its recommended authorization to proceed with the swimming pool at Western using interest and income money and student fees, if that proposal is approved by the legislature. He cautioned that if the necessary legislative authority is not received in the coming session the project may have to be abandoned because of the inflationary escalation of costs. He will keep the Regents informed of the project's progress during the legislative session.

President Thomas also expressed appreciation for the priority listing of the Main Hall remodel and handicapped accessibility. Main Hall is a very important landmark in the Dillon community and to the College.

At the conclusion of the presidents' reports, Chairman Morrison stated he had some concerns about the placement of some projects below the major building priorities. He listed four projects which he felt were important ones and stated that placing these below the major building requests could reduce their chances of funding.

In response to comments made during the presentations concerning percentages of long-range building funds recommended to be received by the campuses, Regent Redlin explained that the committee attempted to look at each project according to the System's need, not location of the project. The small percentage of the total that would be received by Western and Tech if the Regents' priority list is accepted by the legislature, was not part of the committee's deliberations.

Regent Lind discussed briefly the committee's rationale for the priority listings, but stated that after listening to comments today and the Chairman's concerns, he would make a motion to further amend the list to move items 17, 19, 20 and 22 up on the priority list to be placed just before the major building projects. The motion carried, with Regents McCarthy and Pace voting no.

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The titles of certain projects were discussed. It was suggested that the list be carefully reviewed by Commissioner's staff and the presidents to be certain that the title of the project accurately reflected the scope of the project. For example, priority 17 would be more accurately described by changing it from "Renovate Museum Building" to "Computer Center Renovation", and priority 22 changed from "Auditorium Entrance" to "Main Hall Remodel and Handicapped Accessibility."

Regent Redlin then moved that the System's Long-Range Building Program Requests for 1985-87 be approved as amended. The motion carried. Commissioner's staff was instructed to incorporate the amendments into the list and distribute it to the presidents for final review as soon as possible. The recommendation will go to the Executive Branch on July 1, 1984.

New Business

Regent Lind explained that the next matter for consideration by the Board arose as a result of litigation at the University of Montana wherein a former University of Montana employee has sued the University and several of its employees. He read the following resolution into the record:

Resolution and Acknowledgment

Whereas, a former University of Montana employee has sued the University and several of its employees; and

Whereas, the suing employee, namely one Ms. Sandy Mitchell, appealed a grievance, growing out of the same subject matter as the present lawsuit, through the Montana University System grievance procedure; and

Whereas, the full Board of Regents held a hearing on the same matter, at which appeared legal counsel on behalf of Ms. Mitchell; and

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Whereas, the Board subsequently voted to deny Ms. Mitchell's grievance; and

Whereas, it is the collective opinion of the Board that all university personnel, in matters which now form the basis of Ms. Mitchell's lawsuit, acted within the course and scope of their employment;

Therefore, pursuant to 2-9-305(5), MCA, the Board of Regents of Higher Education hereby acknowledges that the conduct upon which the claim of Ms. Mitchell is brought, arises out of the course and scope of the sued employees' employment; and

Therefore, pursuant to 2-9-305(5), MCA, the Board of Regents of Higher Education further resolves that the employees whose conduct gave rise to Ms. Mitchell's lawsuit are immune from liability by reasons of the same subject matter as a result of the foregoing Board acknowledgment.

Regent Lind moved that the foregoing Resolution and Acknowledgement be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Dayton discussed with the Regents possible dates for a fall workshop. It was agreed by the Regents that such a workshop should be held some time after the September 1984 meeting. Commissioner Dayton will investigate possible locations and dates and provide that information to the Regents.

The Council of Presidents, Board of Public Education, and Faculty Association had no report.

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dr. William Anderson, Deputy Superintendent of the Office of Public Instruction, expressed Superintendent Argenbright's appreciation to the Board and its staff for the development and adoption of the college preparatory program recommended for college bound students. The recommended program has been well accepted, and Superintendent Argenbright believed it would be a positive step for education in Montana.

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Dr. Anderson also spoke briefly of the progress of the Board of Public Education's mandated review of teacher training institutions. There has been excellent cooperation among all the parties involved and it is believed the review will have a positive effect on future teacher training programs.

Montana Associated Students

The MAS reported on a meeting held with the Governor and Regent Keck on the morning of June 11 to get better acquainted. The meeting was felt to have been quite worthwhile.

By-laws for the MAS were approved, and will be filed with the Commissioner's office.

A brief up-date report was given on the plans for the October 27-28 legislative conference to be held at the University of Montana.

Following a meeting with Jack Noble on the issue of insurance for student governments, a subcommittee consisting of Phoebe Patterson and Diane Hill was appointed to gather additional information for future discussion.

Computer Plans

Commissioner Dayton stated that discussion would be held at this time on the System's computer plans. Some of the institutions discussed this subject rather thoroughly during the hearings on the program modifications, but it was felt that additional time was needed because of the magnitude of the problem, and its importance to the System as a whole.

Paul Dunham opened the discussion with a review of the legislative history which established the state's Data Processing Advisory Council. That Council was charged with establishing a state computer plan to be presented to the 1985 Legislature which will be the basis for computer acquisitions by state agencies. Commissioner Dayton is a member of the

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Advisory Council, but the University System is not included in the state computer plan and must develop its own similar plan for presentation to the legislature at the same time the state plan is presented. All of the units have been developing individual plans for computer acquisitions, and these will be summarized into the System plan. Mr. Dunham noted that Northern Montana College's plan is still in the academic planning process and may be substantially revised when that is complete. Montana State University has had computer consultants from NCHEMS working with staff on campus, and the plan submitted may also be revised at the conclusion of that review. Mr. Dunham stressed that what needs to be kept in mind is the increased proportion of each campus's budget that is being allocated to computer acquisitions and information processing. He suggested that the Regents consider establishing an Information Technology Committee as a permanent standing committee to provide direction in this increasingly complex and extraordinarily expensive area.

Each of the presidents spoke briefly on the impact of computer expansion across the campuses, and the costs involved. President Tietz noted that computers are now involved in the education of students in every profession. Montana State University is moving now to establish the computer science department in the college of engineering, and will be requesting authorization of a Ph.D. in computer science. Montana State University is allocating all available resources to the expenditures necessary to make these changes, and is facing an annual expenditure of \$2 - 2½ million.

President Thomas reported that because of Western's role and scope Western Montana College has different data processing problems and will develop differently than some of the other institutions. He spoke to the need to acquire microcomputers for use by education majors

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and the need for centralization of data in the administration area. Most expenditures over the next two years will be in the software area to simplify information access. Speaking to the resources expended in the computing area in the last year, President Thomas stated that these were made at a sacrifice to other areas, particularly to obtain the micro lab and establish the learning center.

President DeMoney stated that Tech's presentation yesterday included a thorough review of that institution's computer needs, and he had nothing further to add to that.

President Bucklew reported that University of Montana's needs were covered in the program modification hearings also. He wished to thank Steve Henry for the leadership he provided in what President Bucklew considered a thorough report on computing needs in the System. As stated previously, the major plan at University of Montana is the replacement of the main frame. They will also be involved in micro labs for teaching. He concluded that the executive summary provided the Regents the information under discussion.

President Carpenter spoke to the cooperation in the System of the computer center directors and stated he would like to assure the Board that the computer center directors are doing their best to work cooperatively and are sharing information and developing plans in a manner that provides the best investment for dollars expended throughout the System. He had nothing to add to the report of yesterday on Eastern Montana College's computer needs.

President Erickson reported that he would let the presentation made by Northern Montana College yesterday stand. He noted that Northern Montana College is extremely fortunate to have Lou Lucke as its Computer Center Director, and that he was pleased with the plan for computer development at Northern Montana College.

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Commissioner Dayton noted that there is a major public education problem in the area of computer acquisitions. The obsolescence factor is poorly understood and will probably not be well received by the legislature. The report received during the program modification hearings on the need to replace all the Washington Library Network terminals before July 1, 1986 and the discontinuance of the DEC system at Eastern Montana College were cited as examples. There is little understanding of the magnitude of the change in computer technology.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Commissioner's staff was instructed to prepare a presentation on the establishment of the additional standing committee on information technology for discussion at the July meeting as suggested by Mr. Dunham.

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

- Item 43-100-R0684, Staff, University of Montana (including 12 post-retirement contracts)
- Item 43-101-R0684, Resolution Concerning the Retirement of Robert B. Ammons, Professor of Psychology; University of Montana
University of Montana 1984-85 Faculty Roster
(Submitted for Information Purposes Only)
- Item 43-200-R0684, Staff, Montana State University
- Item 43-201-R0684, Post-Retirement Contract for Harriet Anderson; Montana State University
- Item 43-202-R0684, Post-Retirement Contract for David H. Drummond; Montana State University
- Item 43-203-R0684, Post-Retirement Contract for Kenneth E. Marcotte; Montana State University
- Item 43-204-R0684, Post-Retirement Contract for Jack A. Scanlan; Montana State University
- Item 43-205-R0684, Post-Retirement Contract for William J. Swartz; Montana State University
- Item 43-300-R0684, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station
- Item 43-400-R0684, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service

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- Item 43-500-R0684, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 43-501-R0684, Professor Emeritus Status for Professor Koehler S. Stout;
Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 43-502-R0684, Professor Emeritus Status for Professor Charles L. Herndon;
Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 43-503-R0684, Degrees, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology
- Item 43-500A-R0684, Staff, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
- Item 43-600-R0684, Staff, Western Montana College
- Item 43-601-R0684, Montana University System Post-Retirement Contract;
Norman C. Banks; Western Montana College
- Item 43-700-R0684, Staff, Eastern Montana College W/Addendum
- Item 43-800-R0684, Staff, Northern Montana College
- Item 43-802-R0684, Resolution Concerning the Retirement of Iylla Pettis Fauske, Instructor of Nursing, School of Arts and Sciences; Northern Montana College
Northern Montana College 1984-85 Faculty Roster
(Submitted for Information Purposes Only)
- Item 43-900-R0684, Staff, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education
W/Addendum

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Friday, July 20, 1984, in Helena, Montana.

APPROVED:


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


Secretary