

THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Montana University System

CONFERENCE CALL MEETING

MINUTES

DATE & TIME OF CALL: JUNE 19, 1995 — 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION: MONTANA HIGHER EDUCATION BUILDING
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
2500 BROADWAY
HELENA, MONTANA

REGENTS PARTICIPATING: JIM KAZE (CHAIRMAN), CORDELL JOHNSON, PAUL BOYLAN, COLLEEN CONROY, PAT DAVISON, AND KERMIT SCHWANKE

REGENTS NOT PARTICIPATING: NONE

PRESENT IN COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE: LEROY SCHRAMM, ROD SUNDSTED, AND ROSE BOND

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: IN MISSOULA: GEORGE DENNISON; IN DILLON: SHEILA STEARNS

Chairman Jim Kaze called the conference call meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call showed that a quorum was present.

a. ITEM 87-1601-C0695—Installation of Elevator, Old Main; Western Montana College of The University of Montana

George Dennison, President of The University of Montana, reviewed ITEM 87-1601-C0695, which would authorize UM to (1) increase the project budget for the installation of an elevator at Western Montana College of The University of Montana from \$277,584 to \$427,584; (2) designate the project as eligible for the expenditure of reverted appropriations; and (3) authorize a loan not to exceed \$150,000 from funds of The University of Montana—Missoula to Western Montana College for the project, with the loan to be repaid over a period not to exceed 10 years. Bids were received on the project April 26, and the low bid was \$150,000 more than the legislative appropriation for the project. The project is a high priority of Western Montana College, and UM proposed to finance the additional \$150,000 with \$65,000 from FY93 reverted appropriations at The UM—Missoula and \$85,000 from FY94 reverted appropriations on the Missoula and Dillon campuses.

Regent Boylan noted that the project's dollar amount was misleading. He said the cost was not so much for the elevator but more for having to dig into the old stone before

the elevator could be installed. He said when questions were raised concerning spending, the Board should know exactly how the money was being spent. In this instance, the high cost involved a lot of stone removal.

Sheila Stearns, Chancellor of Western Montana College, pointed out that the building in question was an old, historical building and agreed that Regent Boylan's point was correct. The expense was necessary, however, so that the elevator could reach as many classes as possible to provide access for disabled individuals.

Chairman Kaze said that Regent Boylan's point was well taken, and it was to the Board's advantage to know everything the cost of the project entailed.

- ▶ **After brief discussion, Regent Boylan moved that the Board approve ITEM 87-1601-C0695. The motion passed unanimously.**

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.