

November 19-20, 2009

**ITEM 145-2703-R1109      Student Equipment Fee Allocation; Montana State University- Billings**

**THAT:** Consistent with the provisions of Board of Regents' policy 940.26, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University Billings to expend Student Equipment Fee funds for the following projects that exceed the local approval threshold:

- College of Arts & Sciences - \$580,000 – art, science and music equipment; computer, recording and electronic equipment.
- College of Business - \$12,000 – computer and projection equipment.
- College of Technology - \$405,000 – various equipment and furnishing items for drafting, fire sciences, automotive, diesel, health sciences, and computer technology programs.
- College of Professional Studies & Lifelong Learning - \$30,000 – electronic computer, projection and recording equipment.
- College of Allied Health Professions – \$5,000 - medical equipment.
- College of Education - \$105,000 – computer, projection and reading electronic equipment.
- Library - \$20,000 – equipment and furnishings.
- Student Affairs Academic Support Center and Disability Services - \$15,000 – computer and electronic equipment.
- Other academic areas – \$35,000 - computer, recording and survey equipment and software.

**Total - \$1,207,000**

**EXPLANATION:** Board of Regents' Policy 940.26 requires Board approval of all purchases over \$25,000. The Student Equipment Fee Committee, whose membership includes 50 percent students, endorses this proposal. These updates/improvements directly benefit the University students and their learning environment. The equipment will provide a primary benefit to the educational program including library and other related capital acquisitions.