

**ITEM 147-1902-R0510**

**Authorization to Expend Student Computer Technology Fees; The University of Montana - Helena College of Technology**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents authorizes, in accordance with Montana University System Policy 940.23, the expenditure of \$34,500 of previously collected student computer technology fees for the purchase of 20 classroom/lab computers for student use and 4 laptop computers for faculty's instructional use at the college.

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**EXPLANATION**

The 20 classroom/lab computers are part of our normal replacement schedule where two computer labs, one in the fall and one in the spring, are updated each year. UMH currently has eight computer labs on campus which means that lab computers are used for four years and then replaced. The four laptop computers are to augment the ones purchased last year for faculty use in the classroom. With changes in personnel we now have greater demand for the laptops than existed when the original purchase was made. This purchase will afford faculty the opportunity to present digital information in real time, have greater mobility between creation and presentation, and take digital technology to the classroom/laboratory.

This proposal was presented to and approved by the Associated Students of UM-Helena in April 2010.