



**Minutes
Montana Board of Regents
September 20-21, 2023**

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Meeting convened at 8:37 am

Regents Present: Joyce Dombrowski, Chair, Todd Buchanan, Casey Lozar, Jeff Southworth, and Brianne Rogers. Loren Bough was excused. Ex officio members present included Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian, Governor Greg Gianforte, represented by Dylan Klapmeier, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Elsie Arntzen.

Welcome and Comments by Chair Dombrowski | 00:06:18

Chair Dombrowski welcomed everyone to the meeting. She expressed her gratitude and appreciation to Montana Tech and Chancellor Les Cook for hosting the meeting and recognized the Montana University System Faculty Organization (MUSFAR), thanking all for their hard work. She acknowledged faculty members Scott Risser, Lauren Fern, and Scott Rosenthal and welcomed President Cory Sangrey-Billy from Stone Child College. Chair Dombrowski recognized the importance of the Tribal College partnership and the continued work being done to support Native American students. She then provided an agenda overview.

Welcome by Chancellor Cook | 00:10:15

Chancellor Cook welcomed everyone. He spoke to the mission at Montana Tech and highlighted recent celebrations over the past week that helped to reinforce that mission. He presented a slide show detailing the vision, goals, legacy, and the transformational changes that have taken place at Montana Tech. He acknowledged the \$31 million gift from Ryan and Lisa Lance, the largest gift in the school's history, that will support Montana resident students. Chancellor Cook then shared a few highlights from the past year, including Montana Tech celebrating 100 years of metallurgic engineering, a \$2 million endowment from NUCOR steel production company, two Goldwater scholarships, and several athletic accomplishments. He reported that Montana Tech received \$43 million in Long-Range Building Program funding and authority from the Legislature for infrastructure updates and improvements. Chancellor Cook said this year was the largest career fair on record and discussed several upcoming events for the fall. He presented a video highlighting student experience at both Montana Tech and Highlands College.

Approval of Minutes | 00:26:15

- July 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes



With no corrections offered, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Commissioner's and System Report | 00:26:22

Commissioner Christian thanked Chancellor Cook for hosting the meeting and expressed his gratitude to all the faculty and MUS staff for their dedication to higher education. He spoke to the priority of strong system strategies centering around increasing student access to the MUS and enhancing student success. He stressed the importance of data sharing and the impact it has on resident student access.

Commissioner Christian acknowledged the Apply Montana program and said he is looking forward to exploring ways to build on its success. Lastly, he praised the effort that went into the MUS's portion of House Bill 5 and thanked all those involved in bringing these projects to fruition.

- MUS Success Agenda | 00:32:35

Deputy Commissioner Trevor gave a brief overview of the MUS Success Agenda, what it is, where it came from, and how it's used. He discussed several goals of the MUS Success Agenda including student access, affordability, success, workforce development, research, efficiency, and effectiveness. The MUS Success Agenda is a method created in 2010 to implement strategies to achieve these goals. He said the Success Agenda houses the system initiatives, is refreshed annually, and is a guidepost to communicate what's going on in Higher Education as a system. Questions and discussion followed.

- Resident Student Access | 00:37:22

Scott Lemmon, Director of Admissions and Enrollment Strategy, revisited the Apply Montana Career and College Readiness Portal and gave a walkthrough of the website overall, highlighting key areas with respect to the career finder and user trends within the site. Director Lemmon highlighted a video walkthrough of the site and its application and emphasized the statewide central application that is free for all residents to apply to any MUS campus. Director Lemmon then showcased the application and walked the board through many features highlighting the need for increased data partnerships across the state, similar to the relationship that OCHE has had with DLI and others.

- Federal Update | 00:58:20

Deputy Commissioner Helen Thigpen said passage of the federal budget and the uncertainty of how it will proceed was the most pressing federal issue, as it significantly impacts the Department of Education. She said the consensus is the House will approve a stopgap measure until they can pass a budget. She gave an overview of some proposed budget cuts and the consequences these budget cuts will have.

Deputy Commissioner Thigpen briefly touched on federal student loans and their impact on current and former MUS students. She discussed how President Biden's loan



forgiveness program was struck down, the new SAVE Repayment Plan, and the uncertainty around student loan forgiveness.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is being updated and overhauled with positive new changes but there are still many concerns. Campuses are informed and ready to help students and families navigate and complete the new FAFSA form.

Deputy Commissioner Thigpen discussed the new overtime rule by the US Department of Labor, some of the proposed changes, such as the 55% income threshold increase, exemptions, and the impact it has for MUS employees and the workforce in general. She said MUS HR and Legal teams are doing an excellent job of tracking it. Finally, she talked about Title IX and the final set of rules coming in October.

- Campus Reports | 01:07:50
- Introductions & Acknowledgements | 01:08:15

Chancellor Cook introduced Dr. Nosa Egiebor, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Dr. Joe Cooper, Vice Provost and Dean of Students, and his wife Angela Cooper, Director of Admissions. Chancellor Kegel, MSU-Northern, introduced Dr. Jennifer Brown, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Provost. President Karas, Flathead Valley Community College, introduced Tricia Fiscus, Vice President of Administration and Finance. Deputy Commissioner Thiel introduced Dr. Sue Balter-Reitz, OCHE's Director of Online Initiatives. Commissioner Christian recognized the departure of Deputy Commissioner Helen Thigpen and the retirement of Deputy Commissioner Kevin McRae.

Remarks by Governor Gianforte or Designee | 01:18:22

Mr. Dylan Klapmeier, Governor Gianforte's Education & Workforce Policy Advisor, wished Deputy Commissioners Thigpen and McRae the best and thanked Chancellor Cook for hosting the meeting. He recapped fall events and the visits to K-12 schools and college campuses around the state. He recognized Dr. Tim Tharp and his recent election as the new Chair of the Board of Public Education and Sarah Swanson, the new Commissioner of Labor and Industry. He discussed the Governor's "back to school" tour and its focus on K-12 schools and he mentioned the legislative session and its accomplishments. Mr. Klapmeier shared some of the themes from the Governor's tour which included early intervention for literacy, teacher recruitment and retention, school funding, and personalized learning. He then highlighted a few bills from the legislative session including the digital academy, the new education workforce board for cross agency collaboration on data sharing, and individualized learning opportunities.

Remarks by Superintendent Arntzen | 01:23:50

Superintendent Arntzen talked about Montana Ready, the career coaches working across the state, and how to enhance dual credit and dual enrollment. She said Montana had the largest increase in ACT scores in math and writing. She stressed the importance of the teacher residency program, announced that the 2024 Teacher of the



Year Award recipient will be selected next week, and expressed her support for celebrating culture in Montana, noting that American Indian education is alive and well. She talked about data sharing and the Perkins V reauthorization.

Montana Ready Coordinator Mary Heller gave a presentation focusing on the regional career coaches and what they are doing for promoting career pathways, dual enrollment, dual credit, and help with college application and FAFSA completion. She spoke about the work happening in Lewistown to promote business workforce development with K-12 schools. She addressed the need for reimplementation of an Industrial Tech program and is working on ideas to connect K-12 students to the Perkins Innovation and Modernization grant.

Assessment Director Cedar Rose shared the major data points from the 2023 ACT administration including participation rates and state composite score increases across all domains tested. She attributed this to the hard work and dedication of Montana educators.

Budget, Administration, and Audit Committee | 02:02:18

INFORMATION | 02:03:20

a. Budget, Administration, & Audit Committee Workplan and Calendar

Chair Lozar highlighted the priorities set by the committee. He shared the workplan's five areas of focus, which are budget, facilities, information technology, enterprise risk management, and the success agenda. He talked about the calendar as a timeline for these focus areas and how they correlate to the Regents meetings throughout the year.

Regent Buchanan commented that there has been considerable cost creep with approved construction projects in the last couple years, and while modest changes are understandable, the increases are concerning. He said he hopes the direction of the committee moving forward is that as architecture and design teams are engaged, costs be established at a level where there is not an expectation that increases will always be approved. He added that he recognizes there are pressures that contribute to increased costs and his intention is not to stop any of the projects currently subject to approval, but the goal should be to live within the approved numbers or rethink the approval process. Chair Lozar said that will be an important part of the committee's work.

Questions and discussion followed.

CONSENT | 02:12:52

Staff Item:

- a. Staff Item; MSU Bozeman ITEM 208-2000-R0923
- b. Labor Agreements; OCHE/MUS ITEM 208-101-R0923 | Attachment #1



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ACTION | 02:13:21

- a. Request for Approval of Montana University System Operating Budgets – FY2024; OCHE/MUS ITEM 208-102-R0923 | Attachment #1

Deputy Commissioner Trevor presented the all-funds budget to be approved by the Board of Regents as required by law. He provided a high-level overview, touched on some of the increases and changes since May and turned it over to MUS Director Of Accounting and Budget, Shauna Lyons for details.

Shauna Lyons, MUS Director of Budget and Planning, provided system-level details of the operating budgets. Discussion followed.

- b. Request for Authorization to Construct Five Academic Buildings to Serve the Mark & Robyn Jones College of Nursing; MSU Bozeman ITEM 208-2010-R0923



| Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3 | Attachment #4 | Attachment #5 | Attachment #6

Deputy Commissioner Trevor reminded the board all construction items must be brought before the board.

MSU-Bozeman Associate Vice President for University Services John How shared a presentation on the Mark and Robyn College of Nursing and the five new facilities. He provided a detailed overview of the construction including current and future space information and construction costs. He provided a thorough overview of the new location sights, individual building details, and what they are projected to look like. Questions and discussions followed.

- c. Request for Authorization to Construct Gianforte Hall, a New Academic Building to Serve the Gianforte School of Computing and Related Creative Programs; MSU Bozeman ITEM 208-2014-R0923 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2

Associate Vice President How presented building information on Gianforte Hall including what departments will be served, specific space information, construction costs, and areas for student support. He shared where Gianforte Hall will be located, a visual layout of the floor plan, and a visual rendering of the building.

- d. Request for Authorization to Demolish the Poly Building; MSU Billings ITEM 208-2704-R0923 | Attachment #1

Shauna Lyons, MUS Director of Budget and Planning, requested Board approval for the demolition of the Poly Building at MSU Billings. Lyons noted the building has been vacant for over twenty years and the project would retire significant operation and maintenance costs along with removing life-safety concerns. Discussion followed.

INFORMATION | 03:26:00

- b. LRBP Construction Dashboard

Deputy Commissioner Trevor explained the dashboard is a tool to track the \$400 million in capital projects funded or authorized by the Legislature. He gave a brief overview of the dashboard, how it works, and the information it contains. Discussion followed.

- c. Enterprise Risk Management | Annual Report

Deputy Commissioner Trevor presented the annual report and acknowledged the Leadership Council on Enterprise Risk Management and the work they do. Discussion followed.

Two-Year and Community College Committee | 04:50:56

INFORMATION



Montana Department of Labor and Industry | Initiatives Update

Montana Department of Labor and Industry Commissioner Sarah Swanson discussed the education and training programs already underway at DLI. She said her focus is on building internal and external relationships, the Job Services Bureau, and the Unemployment Division to help support Montanans. She said many of DLI's focus areas align with campus priorities including the state Economics Bureau and the valuable information they provide. She highlighted a few key areas of the 2023 Labor Day Report and discussed barriers that are keeping people out of the workforce. She shared the 5-year Postsecondary Opportunity Report and the need for an abbreviated update during the interim. Commissioner Swanson highlighted some of the work being done in Browning in training CNAs and Great Falls College and their welding program. She gave a brief description of several programs at DLI including the registered apprenticeship program, Jobs for Montana Graduates, the Montana Career Information Lab, the state workforce innovation board, and the Governor's Office of Community Service. Discussion followed.

Two-Year Education and Community College Committee 2023-24 Workplan Map of initiatives

Deputy Commissioner Thiel discussed key initiatives and spoke to the services they provide along with changes they are trying to implement. He acknowledged the great resource Montanans have in two-year and community colleges.

- High School to College Career Pipeline

Deputy Commissioner Thiel shared the key initiative map showing all the initiatives that will help students go from high school to college or a career. He said resident student access is a significant part of the initiatives and stressed the importance of dual enrollment in creating pipelines for students into college or a career. He said there is thought going into how to convert non-credit trainings into college credit. He announced Montana is the first statewide participant in the Year to Career initiative which is bridging credentials to degrees that are traditionally offered.

- Dual Enrollment

Chase Stahl, Data Specialist, presented the annual dual enrollment report for the One-Two-Free Program. He explained various long-term trends and analyses of the dual enrollment program, such as enrollment count, average credits attempted/earned per student, CTE enrollment, MHSA class enrollment, credit distribution, public participation rates, and matriculation rates. The presentation also included maps that highlighted the dual enrollment count and public participation rates by county. Questions and discussion followed.

- WIOA

Jacque Treaster, Director of Dual Enrollment and Career & Technical Education, and Wes Feist, Director of the State Workforce Innovation Board, presented on WIOA and



the ability for dual enrollment students to utilize grant funding to complete a certification while still in high school via the dual enrollment program. Ms. Treaster provided an overview of how dual enrollment opportunities can be communicated in a better way to students so that they know what credentials they can complete before graduating high school.

- MT Future at Work

Director McLean reported that the inaugural year of Future at Work was an incredible success and lauded the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation for their support of the initiative that supported more than 60 high school students to industry recognized credentials before they graduated from high school. McLean announced this year's recipients: Missoula College in Job Site Ready and CNA, Miles Community College in CNA, Helena College Certificate of Technical Studies, Highlands College in CDL, and FVCC in HVAC and Refrigeration. McLean invited the Board to the Future at Work Summit 2023 in Red Lodge on September 28-29. Discussion followed.

- Industry Supported and Aligned Training

Deputy Commissioner Joe Thiel said these initiatives will engage industry support to help students through these programs.

- Sprint Degrees

Angela DeWolf King, Director of Transfer and Special Projects, provided an update on the MUS Sprint Degree program. She highlighted the goals of sprint degrees: intentional industry engagement, accelerated time to completion, understanding return of investment, placing more students in high-wage/high-need areas of Montana's economy.

Director King also provided an overview of the current cohorts in place at Missoula College, City College, Montana State University Billings and Great Falls College. Director King discussed the next steps for the Sprint Degree program including the recently closed Request for Proposals for the second cohorts of Sprint Degree initiatives. She said that once successful applicants had been selected, she would be happy to provide the Board with a report of those projects.

Last, Director King spoke about how the Sprint Degree project aligns with other workforce initiatives such as Dual Enrollment, Montana's Future at Work and Credit for Prior Learning. Discussion followed.

- Infrastructure for High Quality Flexible Pathways

Deputy Commissioner Thiel discussed the need for various pathways for clear stackable learning outcomes that are flexible and will progress students towards a degree.

- CAEL, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning



Jacque Treaster, Director of Dual Enrollment and Career & Technical Education presented on Credit for Prior Learning in Montana and the partnership between CAEL and the MUS. Ms. Treaster showed data that indicated while Montana does have CPL opportunities and a broad policy around CPL, many students do not take advantage of the opportunity. CAEL has been providing professional development and will assist in cross walking some credentials, including military experience, to existing courses in the MUS. Ms. Treaster also talked about Credit Predictor Pro, which is a program that our campuses can use to track CPL data and assist students in pursuing credits. Discussion followed.

- EDL, Education Design Labs

Director McLean presented on the brand-new initiative that would put Montana on the stage as the first state in the country to develop micro-pathways with all two-year campuses. McLean defined micro-pathways as credentials students could earn in a year or less and dubbed the initiative as “Year to Career”. She also pointed out the strong partners with Montana industry leaders and indicated they would be a part of the design process every step of the way. Dr. Lisa Larson, Head of Community College Growth Engine Fund of Education Design Lab and Executive Director of the Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC), Brian Obert joined Director McLean to further discuss the work that would be done in the upcoming year as well as the important role of industry partners in the project.

Placement/co-req

Crystine Miller, Director of Student Affairs & Student Engagement of OCHE, and Lauren Fern, Assistant Professor and Mathematics Discipline Lead, Missoula College & MUS Developmental Education Steering Committee Chair, presented on draft guidelines for common MUS placement guidelines for math and writing. Following the Board’s charge last November, the steering committee has developed and is presenting common system placement guidelines for math and writing placement. The purpose is to support campuses in implementing best practices that lead to better student outcomes and to put in place policy that supports students moving throughout the system (transfer, seamless system, etc). Placement guidelines have been shared with CAOs who will gather feedback to inform final version to be shared for board consideration at an upcoming meeting. Brief discussion followed.

Public Comment | 07:25:14

Melissa Ramirez, Montana State University Student Body Vice President, discussed the student government’s activities and the goals for the year. She expressed her gratitude to the Board for their dedication.

Executive Session

The Board convened an executive session at 4:05 pm. Chair Dombrowski determined the matters of the discussion related to matters of individual privacy and the demands of individual privacy outweigh the merits of public disclosure.



Meeting Recessed at 5:20 pm

Thursday, September, 21 2023

The Board reconvenes at 8:31 am

Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee | 00:03:01

CONSENT

Emeriti Faculty:

- a. Lageson; MSU Bozeman ITEM 208-2003-R0923
- b. Stewart; MSU Bozeman ITEM 208-2004-R0923
- c. Aig; MSU Bozeman ITEM 208-2005-R0923

Tenure Faculty:

- d. UM Missoula ITEM 208-1004-R0923

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- e. Request for Authorization of University System/Employee Intellectual Property Joint Participation under MUSP 407-Heinemann; MSU Bozeman ITEM 208-2002-R0923 | Attachment #1

ACTION

- a. Request for Authorization to Amend the "School of Mines and Engineering" from a School to a College within the University and to Name the College the "Lance College of Mines and Engineering"; MT Tech ITEM 208-1501-R0923 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2

Deputy Commissioner Thiel explained this was a very thorough process involving OCHE and Montana Tech.

Chancellor Cook announced the largest gift in Montana Tech history of \$31 million from Ryan and Lisa Lance. He gave a brief history of Mr. Lance's career and accomplishments. He said this gift will enhance student success, create programs of distinction, and foster a healthy and vibrant campus ecosystem. He shared the benefits this gift offers such as the Lance Scholars Program, the Lance Energy Chair, and athletic scholarships.

A motion for approval of action item a., ITEM 208-1501-R0923, was made by Regent Southworth; Motion passed (5-0).

Ryan Lance thanked everyone and spoke about the honor to give back to the institution.

- b. Honorary Doctorate, MSU Bozeman ITEM 208-2001-R0923 | Attachment #1

President Cruzado presented the request to award an honorary doctorate to Eric Funk



in recognition of his many career achievements and the quality experience he offers students. Discussion followed.

- c. Request to Plan Proposals | Executive Summary and OCHE Analysis | | New Program Tracking Supporting Documentation | New Program Tracking

Deputy Commissioner Thiel gave an overview of the process, careful development, and review these requests to plan proposals undergo. Representatives from each campus gave brief presentations of their items.

Provost Sep Eskandari, MSU Billings, presented the request to plan proposal to split a master's program into two separate options due to new standards set by the CACREP accrediting program.

Dean Bauman, HCT, presented the request to plan proposal for an Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy Assisting.

Provost Lawrence, UM, presented the request to plan proposal for a M.S. in Natural Resource Law and Policy, a Bachelor's degree in Sports, Hotel, Events, and Entertainment Management, and a Democracy Studies Minor.

INFORMATION | 00:34:05

Academic Review Items:

- a. Academic Memo
- b. Academic Priorities and Planning OCHE Executive Summary | Campus Priorities and Planning Statements | Forthcoming Academic Proposal Report
- c. Accreditation Report

Deputy Commissioner Thiel summarized all three academic review items. Item a. the memo is the next step in the request to plan process for final approval. Item b. is the process to identify the academic vision and the process to develop upcoming proposals before they come before the board. Item c. provides information on the status of campuses in the accreditation cycle. Discussion followed.

Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee 2023-24 Work Plan

Deputy Commissioner Thiel gave a quick review of the 2024 work plan. He highlighted focus on student success, college access and affordability, research innovation, and teaching and learning. Discussion followed.

Strategic Priority Items:

- d. Montana 10

Crystine Miller, Director of Student Affairs & Student Engagement of OCHE and Alyssa Ratledge, Research Associate, MDRC presented an update on Montana 10, including a



presentation from MDRC on research findings of a similar program at three community colleges in Ohio. Miller shared that MT10 outcomes so far are positive. The program sees gains in completion rates, narrowing achieving gaps, and stronger retention rates. OCHE is working with MDRC, a national research organization, to conduct an evaluation of MT10 to demonstrate efficacy, map program practices, and conduct a cost and return on investment analysis. Ratledge shared findings from an evaluation of a similar program in Ohio provide insight into what we anticipate the impacts of MT10 including stronger graduation rates, higher earnings for participants, and positive return on investment for the state. Discussion followed.

e. Mental Health

Crystine Miller, Director of Student Affairs & Student Engagement of OCHE and Dr. Betsy Asserson, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at MSU and co-chair of the MUS Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Task Force, shared an update of the work of the task force. Miller shared trends in college student emotional and behavioral health from the National College Health Assessment and highlighted trends in well-being impacts on academic performance, basic needs insecurities, and positive emotional health trends. Dr. Asserson shared national trends in clinical mental health experiences in college students as well as trends from MSU. Asserson and Miller shared an update on the five work areas of the MUS Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Task Force, notably the importance of finding an alternative to Kognito as well as a request to campus leaders to ensure that the Healthy Minds Study is implemented at each MUS institution this fall. Discussion followed.

Public Comment | 02:17:16

There was none received.

Committee Reports & Action | 02:18:17

- Budget, Administration and Audit Committee

CONSENT

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A motion for approval of consent items a.- l. was made by Regent Lozar; motion passed (5-0).

ACTION | 02:19:15

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A motion for approval of action item b., ITEM 208-2010-R0923, was made by Regent Rogers; motion passed (5-0).

- c. Request for Authorization to Construct Gianforte Hall, a New Academic Building to Serve the Gianforte School of Computing and Related Creative



Programs; MSU Bozeman ITEM 208-2014-R0923 | Attachment #1 |
Attachment #2

A motion for approval of action item c., ITEM 208-2014-R0923, was made by Regent Southworth; motion passed (5-0).

- d. Request for Authorization to Demolish the Poly Building; MSU Billings ITEM 208-2704-R0923 | Attachment #1

A motion for approval of action item d., ITEM 208-2704-R0923, was made by Regent Lozar; motion passed (5-0).

- Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee | 02:22:10

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- c. Request to Plan Proposals | Executive Summary and OCHE Analysis |
Supporting Documentation | New Program Tracking

A motion for approval of action item c., Request to plan proposals, was made by Regent Rogers; motion passed (5-0).

Appeal #1
Appeal #2
Appeal #3

Chair Dombrowski explained the process related to the appeals. The request to hear the appeals was denied and the Commissioner's decision was upheld.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:58 am.

Approved by the Board of Regents on

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Date

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Clayton T. Christian
Commissioner of Higher Education
and Secretary to the Board of Regents

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Joyce Dombrowski
Chair, Board of Regents