

July 20, 2010

**ITEM : 148-1005-R0710 Transportation/Field Trip Mandatory and Student Course Fee Increase; The University of Montana-Missoula & Western**

**THAT:** The Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes The University of Montana—Missoula & Western to increase fees used to cover the cost of student transportation/travel to offset the costs associated with replacement of large passenger vans.

**EXPLANATION:** The State Risk Management and Tort Defense Division notified the Montana University System (MUS) that they will no longer insure large passenger vans currently in use throughout the System. These vans are used to transport students for field trips and other course work travel. The University of Montana—Missoula & Western will be replacing large passenger vans currently in use on each campus.

UM-Missoula Transportation Services is increasing rental rates to all users to cover the purchase & maintenance of new vehicles. For courses that require travel, course fees will be increased to cover the increased rental rates, and the expense of renting two vans as opposed to one large passenger vehicle used in the past.

Montana Western, in consultation with the Student Senate Executives, will institute a new mandatory Transportation Fee to cover the debt service required to purchase replacements and for future renewal and replacement. Course fees for classes involving field trips will be increased to cover the operating costs of using one or two additional vehicles to transport the students to the field.

The increase is limited to covering **ONLY** the costs associated with replacement of large passenger vans. Fees requiring an increase are attached

An InterCap Loan will be processed to cover the initial purchase of new vehicles. Increase revenues from both campuses will service the InterCap debt.

**ATTACHMENT**

Proposed Fee Increases and Documentation