



MINUTES
Montana Board of Regents
Montana Tech of The University of Montana
September 22-23, 2010

Wednesday, September 22

The Board convened at 8:30 AM.

Roll call indicated a quorum present.

Regents present: Chairman Clayton Christian, Vice-Chair Janine Pease, Regents Lynn Hamilton, Stephen Barrett Todd Buchanan, Teresa Borrenpohl, and Angela McLean. Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns *ex officio* was also present. Governor Brian Schweitzer, *ex officio*, was represented by Dan Villa. Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau, *ex officio*, was represented by Joyce Silverthorne.

Regent Angela McLean moved approval of the August 26, 2010 conference call minutes. Motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Clay Christian recognized that KUSM was video streaming the meeting for the purpose of public access and an effort to contain travelling costs.

Faculty / Student Highlight

Chancellor Frank Gilmore introduced graduate student Cory Sonneman and Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, Marisa Pedulla. Ms. Pedulla and Mr. Sonneman spoke of outreach chemistry programs he developed and implemented to introduce science programs to children throughout the community.

Comments by Chairman Clay Christian

Chairman Christian announced the search committee for the UM Presidential position had selected an outstanding internal candidate.

- Formation of MT Friends of Higher Education (MTFHE) / 6-Mill

Chairman Christian explained that the by-laws for MTFHE have been signed and filed. The group will continue to meet throughout the ten-year Six Mill Levy cycle for the purpose of fundraising and raising awareness of the value and benefits of higher education.

- Conflict of Interest

Chairman Christian reminded the board of the annual conflict of interest report that they submit annually, and thanked the campuses for their efforts to monitor and report conflicts to the board.

System Issues Reports and Action

- Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Sheila Stearns spoke on the themes of the Board of Regents, referred to as the "Cornerstones." Themes included: success agenda; seamless P-20 unified education; valuing employees; recruitment and retention; and MUS research and its effect on economic development. She reminded the board that the community college mission is in



all regions across Montana. Dr. Stearns called attention to the series of listening sessions that will be conducted across Montana in October.

- Access to Success (A2S) Performance Measures

Dr. Stearns told the board this is a national movement, with Montana being one of 26 state university systems to participate. The goal is to reduce the gaps in terms of graduation and achievement in college among low income and minority students, and the general student population.

Associate Commissioner Tyler Trevor spoke on the A2S initiative, which allows the MUS to compile useful data and reports on a system-wide basis. The data should help with improving graduation rates and retention. Commissioner Stearns said it is imperative to collect the appropriate data first and that this initiative promotes overall economic prosperity in Montana.

- Regents' Workgroup Recommendations; OCHE ITEM 148-102-R0910

Regent Todd Buchanan explained the recommendations from the Regents' Workgroup, which include the goals of increasing efficiency, productivity, and quality in the Montana University System. (MUS)

Associate Commissioner Trevor spoke on efficiency and effectiveness in the MUS and the guiding principles for the board's Strategic Plan. The Guiding Principles document will be added to the Strategic Plan and explains what the MUS expects from the strategic planning process. The Strategic Plan will remain flexible, will include necessary stakeholders, and will have a state-wide focus.

Regent Buchanan explained the Success Agenda document which identifies institutional role differentiation of the campuses, transferability, community college programs, need-based financial aid, program and service alignment, performance-based funding, data and information communication and advocacy, and admission standards. Regent Buchanan stressed the importance of campuses identifying what they do well and focusing on those strengths, particularly in times of limited fiscal resources. Regent Buchanan stressed the need for continued communication on the importance of higher education in Montana.

Regent McLean requested adding "to recruit and retain faculty and staff" to the Role and Differentiation portion of the document."

Regent Steve Barrett recognized some duplications on campuses are what make a university a university. He stressed the need to be very strategic in the changes the MUS makes.

Regent Pease spoke on the importance of the specific guidelines.

Public Comment:

Professor Neil Moisey, UM-Missoula faculty representative, spoke on concerns of performance-based funding and of the importance of viewing it as an opportunity.



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Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT, spoke on the importance of faculty retention and recruitment and recommended including that in the Strategic Plan.

Regent Christian moved approval of Item 148-102-R0910 as amended by Regent McLean. Motion approved 7-0.

- By-Laws Revisions; OCHE *ITEM 148-105-R0910*

Dr. Stearns explained the revision slightly alters the role of the committees.

Regent Barrett moved approval of item 148-105-R0910. Motion passed 7-0.

- American Indian Heritage Day Resolution

Kasie Murphy-Brazill, Director of Minority Achievement, OCHE, spoke on the recognition of American Indian Heritage Day on the campuses on September 24, 2010.

Regent Pease moved adoption of the American Indian Heritage Day Resolution. Motion passed 7-0.

- Campus Reports

President George Dennison informed the board of the progress on a biomass gasification project on the UM-Missoula campus that will be attached to the campus boiler, resulting in a 23% reduction of emissions on campus. UM-Missoula will bring this to the board meeting for approval at the November 2010 meeting. President Dennison said funding for this project will come from bonds, some of which will be refinanced, which will generate additional savings because of current interest rates. He told the group that if any of the UM campuses had plans for housing construction projects, those projects should be folded into the bonds because of the benefit of the interest rates. The UM-Missoula COT is also considering an alternative energy academic program that will coincide with this project.

President Cruzado spoke on the recent grand opening of Gaines Hall and the importance of this building to the campus and additional research opportunities. Over 10,000 students have used the building in one way or another over the past year.

Two-Year Education and Workforce Development Committee

ACTION

MUS Dual Enrollment Operational Guidelines; OCHE *ITEM 148-103-R0910*

Panel members: Dean Daniel Bingham, UM-Helena COT, Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT, Heidi Pasek, Associate Dean, MSU-Great Falls COT, and TJ Eyer, Office of Public Instruction. Dr. Bingham explained the process of dual enrollment with the stakeholders and noted there had been state-wide input.

Marco Ferro discussed the partnership working on dual enrollment, addressing both the concurrent model and the standard model. Mr. Ferro reminded the board that bargaining related to dual enrollment staffing will be done through the collective bargaining process.

Associate Dean Heidi Pasek told the board this has been a community effort to increase access to college, strengthen the economy, and to discover pathways to a college degree



or credential.

TJ Eyer, OPI, said they have developed a technology-based mechanism available to students, faculty and administrators called Big Sky Pathways, which is available to all students who have internet access. Dual enrollment is the transition piece, providing post-secondary opportunities to high school students.

Dr. Moe stated that the two-year colleges are the regional hubs in the area and are optimally positioned to deliver dual enrollment services. This is also important to the re-branding of two-year education in Montana.

Dr. Stearns said some College!Now funds are being used to lower the cost of dual enrollment.

Deputy Commissioner Moore reminded the board that students taking the dual enrollment need to be taking the courses for college credit. However, that is not always feasible in a rural state such as Montana. She stressed that 'best practices' includes the importance of students taking the concurrent courses for college credit.

Regent Pease told the board that tribal college representatives met with OCHE on dual enrollment. She reported that some of the tribal colleges have dual enrollment in place and are working with local schools and communities. She added that alignment agreements have been in place for a number of years and hope those will not be negatively impacted as a result of decisions by others. Regent Pease will work with Dr. Moe regarding concerns on the impact of the regional hubs to the tribal colleges.

Public Comment:

Kathy Hughes, FVCC, commented on the need for the concurrent enrollment model to meet the requirements needed for college credit and approved of the regional hub model.

Professor Neil Moisey said that the assessment outcomes should be the same as college level courses.

DISCUSSION

a. Focused MUS Transfer Core

Dr. Moe explained that the MUS transfer core needs to be a transferable set of courses throughout the university system, thereby improving advising to students. The goal is to improve transfer rates by simplifying student planning, college advising, processes, and practices which can complicate transfer. Dr. Moe said students need to know that, in addition to the transfer core, there is another specific set of courses for their major area.

b. College!Now Update and Next Steps

- Progress on Strategies and "Deliverables"

David Hall, OCHE, told the regents workgroups have been formed to address adult credentialing, developmental education, and increased degree completion.



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Dr. Moe said a major focus of the College!Now initiative, important to the future of Montana, is engaging adult learners to degree completion.

- Governor's Forum on Adult Credentialing
- Regions of Service

Dr. Hall explained that the second mission of the College!Now project is regional hubs. He showed what other agencies in the state (the Department of Commerce, MT Job Service Workforce Center regions, and OPI's professional development regions) are using as their regional breakdowns as well as possible options for service regions for the "Higher Education Hubs." He said the intent is for people in communities to know where their particular regional hub is. They are not suggesting that any college will be able to take care of all the needs in that area, but they can direct those students they can't serve to a hub that can meet those needs. Details on interactions with two-year campuses, such as tribal colleges, and the university system as well as local memorandums of understanding are still being developed.

Commissioner Stearns recommended developing cooperative guidelines for the areas in which there is more than one college.

Regent Barrett emphasized the urgency to move forward with the regional hubs and cautioned the board against waiting to address this.

INFORMATION

- a. Public hearing on Merging of Tech Prep with Perkins

Dr. Moe informed the board that this is a recommendation to merge funds and that the report is available on the MUS website.

- b. BOR Report to Legislature on Perkins State Plan Activities, 2008-2010

Dr. Moe informed the board that this report has been completed.

Deputy Commissioner Moe was recognized by the board and colleagues with appreciation for the many lives of both students and colleagues that she has touched throughout her career, for her articulate advocacy for higher education, and her passion for students. Dr. Moe will be retiring, effective November 2010.

Executive Session

- Litigation Update
- Building Naming Proposal

Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee

ACTION

- a. Mission Review

- UM-Western *ITEM #147-1603-R0910*



President Dennison told the board the mission/vision statements of UM-Western and MT Tech clearly reflect what those two institutions do. UM-Western's strength is their Experience One and MT Tech's is the STEM program.

Provost Karl Ulrich, UM-Western, gave a presentation, Mission Review 2010, to show where they are and where they hope to be. UM-Western's decision in 2004 to differentiate its programs by enhancing opportunities for experiential learning through Experience One has been very successful and has resulted in improved student retention.

- MT Tech of UM *ITEM #147-1503-R0910*

Doug Abbott, vice chancellor at MT Tech, said with the changes in the Northwest Accreditation process, they will be spending even more time focusing on the mission and vision of the MT Tech campus.

- MSU-Billings *ITEM #147-2701-R0910*

President Cruzado referenced the MSU campuses as "one university" and said the mission and vision statements of the campuses reflect the changes in the Northwest Accreditation Association's guidelines regarding the need for campuses to focus more strongly on the mission and vision that is guiding their institutions. She said they have a strong focus on meeting the needs to the communities today, adult learning, and distance learning.

Dan Carter, Director of University and Government Relations at MSU-Billings, said the campus stresses access and excellence and focuses on health care, energy, teacher education, and in meeting the needs of the community.

- MSU-Northern *ITEM #147-2801-R0910*

Chancellor Frank Trocki said the MSU-Northern campus will be immersing in strategic planning now and will continue what works well for their region and the state.

Commissioner Stearns told the campuses that, when reviewing and re-writing their mission/vision statements, they need to include the board and the commissioner's office in the planning. She stressed that the board wants to invest in strengths and cautioned the campuses to be realistic.

- b. Consolidated Admissions; OCHE *ITEM #148-104-R0910*

Deputy Commissioner Moore explained that six admissions policies were consolidated into two policies for the purpose of clarity. Dr Jan Clinard said this policy will be more user-friendly and will help clarify what the MUS admission standards are and clarify that the two-year education institutions have open admission. She said these policies also clarify definitions of traditional student and non-traditional student and include information on provisional admissions. Dr. Clinard said the section on exemptions gives the campuses some flexibility.

- c. Create the Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center (CASWAS); UM-Missoula *ITEM #147-1007-R0510*



Regent Barrett said the board needs to be cautious when approving new programs because of funding concerns. He also spoke of concerns with reallocation possibly weakening some programs.

Provost Royce Engstrom said UM has had strong student interest in this area. He told the board this will involve some new positions. The campus has attracted grants and contracts from a variety of funding sources to make this program possible and additional grant funding is pending.

President Dennison told the board the focus has been on critical language instruction and critical cultural studies. He said the federal government wants these programs developed now so they are ready when they are needed.

Public Comment: Ashley Williams, President of the Association of Students, spoke in strong support of this program. She said the Association of Students passed a resolution in support of an Arabic minor.

CONSENT

Level II Memorandum (from summer 2010)

- a. Offer an Associate of Applied Science in Welding Technology; Dawson Community College *ITEM #148-201-R0710*
- b. Offer Paraprofessional Education Certificate of Applied Science; Miles Community College *ITEM #147-418-R0510*
- c. Offer a Certificate of Applied Science in Construction Technology – Carpentry; MSU-Billings *ITEM #148-2701-R0710*
- d. Offer an Associate of Applied Science – Dietetic Technician; MSU-Great Falls COT *ITEM #147-2901-R0510*

INFORMATION

- a. Level I Memorandum (approved at OCHE)

Dr Moore pointed out that the Level I Memorandum is one that is approved by OCHE. She pointed out that there is a termination of a program included in the memorandum.

- b. EPSCoR Update; OCHE

Dr. Moore told the board EPSCoR did not get the grant renewal this year, but that they did receive bridge funding to maintain the current efforts. She said the decision was made to move the oversight and coordination of EPSCoR to the OCHE office and that MSU Professor Mark Young has been selected to head this up.

- c. College Readiness Report; OCHE

Dr. Clinard, OCHE, gave a presentation entitled College Readiness Report demonstrating how data is related to the admission standards. She spoke on the value of the rigorous core, college readiness, consistent admissions policies and the importance of working



together with the high school teachers and the students to ensure the 'go to college' message is getting out to students.

Joyce Silverthorne, OPI, explained that OPI has submitted a legislative budget request as part of the executive budget process that would require all Montana high school juniors to take the ACT test, including the ACT writing assessment. Ms. Silverthorne told the board that, if the request is granted, the future need for the Montana University System Writing Assessment (MUSWA) could be affected. She acknowledged that this decision will be made by the legislature.

Regent Pease and President Cruzado spoke on the value of the MUSWA project and how MUSWA helps build seamless pathways for K-20.

d. Partnering for Student Success Update; UM-Missoula

Provost Engstrom explained the project intended to move graduation rates to those of top quartile research campuses. UM-Missoula has implemented an Office for Student Success to advise students on transferring from the colleges to the universities. This project also includes strategies for timely completion, implementing the productivity allocation model that focuses on course completion, and improving the College of Technology infrastructure. He added that this is not about keeping students out of UM, but rather, it is about keeping students in UM once they start.

Commissioner Stearns questioned if UM-Missoula and MSU-Bozeman should have a 15% exemption pool. Presidents Dennison and Cruzado both stated the need to continue a 15% exemption pool (to allow non-qualified students to enter the four-year institutions without remediation).

Regent Hamilton requested seeing an update of the admissions data on retention and graduation rates.

e. Student Financial Aid; MGSLP

Commissioner Stearns explained the financial aid services that the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program (MGSLP) provides. She reported that MGSLP had the lowest default rate in the nation of 1.8%. OCHE is streamlining the role of the guaranteed student loan program in grant and scholarship administration, financial literacy and outreach, default prevention for students and schools, financial aid, policy coordination and oversight, and oversight of the Montana Family Education Savings Program. Deputy Commissioners Moore and Robinson will share coordination and oversight of these functions.

f. Southwest Montana Western Horsemanship Center; UM-Western

Chancellor Dick Storey explained that UM-Western proposes to rent the facility and the owners will manage the facility. This was brought forth due to safety reasons primarily as the current facility is farther from campus and requires additional driving time for students.

g. Level II Memorandum (for approval in November 2010)



Regent Barrett requested having a different level of dialogue on the Level II memorandums in the future, especially in light of limited resources.

Staff and Compensation Committee

ACTION

- a. UM Presidential Search – Possible Action

Chairman Christian explained there is a recommendation from the search committee and commissioner for the UM presidential position and that there will be salary parity with the MSU-Bozeman president.

- a. Regents Professor: Rob Thomas; UM-Western *ITEM 148-1608-R0910 Certificate of Appointment*

CONSENT

Staff Items

- b. UM-Missoula *ITEM 148-1000-R0910*
- c. MT Tech *ITEM 148-1500-R0910*
- d. UM-Western *ITEM 148-1600-R0910*
- e. MSU-Northern *ITEM 148-2800-R0910*
- f. MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 148-2000-R0910*
- g. OCHE *ITEM 148-100-R0910*
- h. Professor Emeritus of Mathematics: Curt Vogel; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 148-2001-R0910*
- i. Professor Emeritus of French: Christopher Pinet; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 148-2002-R0910*
- j. Chancellor Emeritus: Ronald Sexton; MSU-Billings *ITEM 148-2702-R0910*
- k. President and Professor Emeritus: George Dennison; UM-Missoula *ITEM 148-1001-R0910*
- l. Professor Emeritus of Health and Human Performance: Thomas R. Whiddon; UM-Missoula *ITEM 148-1007-R0910*

Kevin McRae, Director of Labor Relations and Communication, OCHE, explained a stipend is generally for additional duties and responsibilities that are actually above the duties the person was hired for.

Public Comment

Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT, said his office has been tracking data on the steady decline of the percentage of the current unrestricted budget that is focused on faculty. Mr. Ferro encouraged the board to continue to address this issue.

The Board recessed at 4:15 PM.

Thursday, September 22



The Board reconvened at 8:30 AM

Administrative, Budget and Audit Oversight Committee

CONSENT

- a. Renew Lease on Ft. Ellis Research Station; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 148-2003-R0910*
- b. Food Lab Renovation, Herrick Hall; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 148-2005-R0910*
- c. Expend Computer Fees; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 148-2004-R0910*
- d. Expend Equipment Fees; MSU-Billings *ITEM 148-2703-R0910*
- e. Expend Computer Fees; MSU-Great Falls COT *ITEM 148-2901-R0910*
- f. Expend Equipment Fees; MSU-Great Falls *ITEM 148-2902-R0910*

ACTION

- FY11 MUS Operating Budgets; OCHE *ITEM 148-101-R0910*
- All Funds Summary
 - State Funds Summary
 - MUS Operating Budgets

Deputy Commissioner Mick Robinson explained this item authorizes the various funding types for the MUS, including the campuses, educational units, community colleges, and OCHE. He told the board the stimulus funding is not included in state funding. Therefore, the state funding in these documents will appear to be lower than previous fiscal years.

DISCUSSION

- a. Review of MUS Budget Metrics – Historic Trends / Future Forecast
 - Bud 300
 - Bud 200
 - Enrollments – FTE by Resident Status
 - Program Definitions
 - Bud 220 – MUS Educational Units Comparison
 - Bud 220 – MUS Agencies Comparison
 - 4-year Comparison by Program
 - Expenditures per Program – FY11 Budget
 - Expenditures per Student – FY11 Budget
 - Per Student Funding
 - Reserve Balance Summary

The community colleges explained the increase in personal services were due to increased enrollment and staffing alignments.

Mr. Robinson reminded the board that the MUS campuses have been fiscally conservative. He addressed increased enrollment on the campuses and what the research agencies did as a result of the large reductions that were made during the past fiscal year.



President Cruzado pointed out that the research agencies have had cumulative 23% funding reductions over the past several years. If that level of reductions continues, she is concerned about the ability of the research agencies to maintain the excellent level of services and to carry out their missions.

Dr. Stearns responded that the new funding model needs to take into account the other factors, such as cost of programs and coursework and costly equipment needs.

Deputy Commissioner Robinson pointed out that's why formula funding is so complicated and needs to include total revenue sources and expenditures as well as the relationship between state funding and tuition. He recommended campuses continue to create reserve funds for the purposes of payouts for annual leave, retirement, scholarships, and stipends.

President Cruzado invited Regent Hamilton to participate in discussions on the MSU campus on this topic.

b. Funding Formula Update

Deputy Commissioner Robinson reported that this document reflects the results of the College Affordability Plan (CAP) agreement. He said the university system is expecting an increase in unfunded resident students which raises concerns of how to allocate state appropriations among the campuses. Mr. Robinson said the board needs to look at the allocation model as a starting point and address what increase in funding is needed on the campuses to avoid affecting the quality of education and the education experience.

Chairman Christian recommended including components of FTE, increased enrollment, and 'base plus' in the funding model.

Commissioner Stearns said the campuses have been working together in reviewing options for an updated allocation model. Faculty leaders will be consulted as well.

c. Community College 2013 Biennium Budget Request

Deputy Commissioner Robinson explained that the funding formula for the community colleges is based on budgets from the previous year and their information cannot be submitted to the executive office until the previous year's budgets have been closed.

Public Comment:

William Marcus, PBS, thanked the board for the opportunity to video stream the board meeting. Commissioner Stearns advised the board that video streaming the four main board meetings each year is a good investment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, DISCUSSION & ACTION

a. Administrative, Budget, and Audit Oversight Committee Report

CONSENT



MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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- f. Expend Equipment Fees; MSU-Great Falls *ITEM 148-2902-R0910*

Regent Buchanan moved approval of consent agenda a-f. Motion approved 7-0.

ACTION

- FY11 MUS Operating Budgets; OCHE *ITEM 148-101-R0910*
- All Funds Summary
 - State Funds Summary
 - MUS Operating Budgets

Regent Buchanan moved approval of item 148-101-R0910. Motion approved 7-0.

b. Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee Report

ACTION

- a. Mission/Vision Statements
 - UM-Western *ITEM #147-1603-R0910*
 - MT Tech of UM *ITEM #147-1503-R0910*
 - MSU-Billings *ITEM #147-2701-R0910*
 - MSU-Northern *ITEM #147-2801-R0910*

Regent Barrett moved approval of the mission/vision statements in Item a. Motion approved 7-0.

- b. Consolidated admissions; OCHE *ITEM #148-104-R0910*

Regent Barrett moved approval of Item 148-104-R0910. Motion approved 7-0.

- c. Create the Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center (CASWAS); UM-Missoula *ITEM #147-1007-R0510*

Provost Engstrom explained that UM is using vacant positions and reallocation of funding for meet the staffing costs for this program.

Regent Barrett moved approval of ITEM 147-1007-R0510. Motion passed 7-0.

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Regent Barrett moved approval of the consent agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

c. Staff and Compensation Committee Report

ACTION

1. UM Presidential Search

Chairman Christian explained that the board was ready to offer terms of employment to Dr. Royce Engstrom. He said the deferred compensation component has not been finalized yet because a president needs to be in place prior to finalizing the deferred compensation.

Chairman Christian moved approval to authorize the commissioner to enter into an employment contract, according to the terms of employment, with Dr. Royce Engstrom as President of The University of Montana. Motion passed 7-0.

President-elect Engstrom said he is honored to be selected and he looks forward to working with UM's four campuses and collaboration with MSU and the community colleges. President-elect Engstrom recognized President Dennison's legacy.

Chairman Christian spoke in appreciation of the service and twenty-year legacy of President Dennison.

2. Regents Professor: Rob Thomas; UM-Western *ITEM 148-1608-R0910*

Chancellor Storey introduced the nomination of Professor Rob Thomas as a regents' professor.

Chairman Christian moved approval of item 148-1608-R0910. Motion passed 7-0.

CONSENT

Staff Items

- a. UM-Missoula *ITEM 148-1000-R0910*
- b. MT Tech *ITEM 148-1500-R0910*
- c. UM-Western *ITEM 148-1600-R0910*
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- j. President and Professor Emeritus: George Dennison; UM-Missoula
ITEM 148-1001-R0910
- k. Professor Emeritus of Health and Human Performance: Thomas R. Whiddon; UM-Missoula *ITEM 148-1007-R0910*

Chairman Christian moved approval of consent agenda, items a-k. Motion passed 7-0.

d. Two-Year Education and Workforce Development Committee Report

ACTION

MUS Dual Enrollment Operational Guidelines; OCHE *ITEM 148-103-R0910*

Regent Hamilton moved approval of ITEM 148-103-R0910. Motion passed 7-0.

Public Comment:

Chancellor Frank Gilmore, MT Tech, read a letter announcing his retirement, effective June 30, 2011. Chancellor Gilmore commented on issues he would like the board to consider regarding the chancellor position at MT Tech.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

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Approved by the Board of Regents on

Date

Date

Sheila M. Stearns
Commissioner of Higher Education
and Secretary to the Board of Regents

Clayton Christian
Chair, Board of Regents