



MINUTES
Montana Board of Regents
Flathead Valley Community College
Arts and Technology Building, Room 139
May 19-20, 2011

Thursday, May 19, 2011

The board convened at 8:00 AM.

Roll call indicated a quorum present.

Regents present: Chairman Clayton Christian, Regents Lynn Hamilton, Stephen Barrett, Todd Buchanan, Teresa Borrenpohl, Major Robinson, and Angela McLean, Commissioner Sheila Stearns *ex officio*.

The board held executive session for reasons of individual privacy.

Executive Session Arts & Technology building, Room 144 A/B

- Regents' Professor Nomination
- Annual Evaluations: President Waded Cruzado and Commissioner Sheila Stearns

The board recessed briefly to move to Room 139 for the main meeting.

Also present:

Ex Officio members Governor Brian Schweitzer was represented by Policy Advisor Dan Villa and Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau.

Regent Angela McLean moved approval of the April 15, 2011 minutes. Motion approved 7-0.

Commissioner's and System Report

Commissioner Sheila Stearns announced her upcoming retirement, effective spring of 2012. She will continue to serve as commissioner through late spring, 2012

- FY11 Enrollment Report

Tyler Trevor, Associate Director of Research and Technology: Enrollment growth in the Montana University System (MUS) continues at an accelerated rate, with over 40,000 FTE now being served, with an increase of 3,000 FTE at the COTs since 2010.

- President Royce Engstrom

The President highlighted the UM campuses' strategic planning report, including grant funding from the National Science Foundation that focuses on increasing bandwidth capabilities for UM campuses, as well as collaborating with FVCC, MCC, and some tribal



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colleges in Montana. The UM campuses will continue to meet twice a year focused on various strategic planning goals.

- Board of Regents Meeting Schedule 2014-2015
- MUS Writing Assessment

Dr. Jan Clinard, Director of Montana University System Writing Assessment (MUSWA) reported on the history the project's efforts to reduce remediation, and its move to the UM-Helena-COT.

- Campus Issues and Reports
- Other

Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau addressed the board on K-12 issues. She distributed a letter indicating specific efforts by OPI in the areas of writing and mathematics standards. She also distributed a letter to Governor Brian Schweitzer related to common core standards and seamless transitions from K-12 to higher education.

STAFF AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

ACTION

Appointment of MT Tech Chancellor; UM-Missoula *ITEM 151-1010-R0511*

President Royce Engstrom recommended approval of the appointment of Dr. Donald Blacketter as the Chancellor of MT Tech.

CONSENT

Staff Items

- a. MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 151-2000-R0511*
- b. MSU-Billings *ITEM 151-2700-R0511*
- c. MSU-Northern *ITEM 151-2800-R0511*
- d. MT Tech *ITEM 151-1500-R0511*
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- f. Professor Emeritus of Watershed Management: Potts; UM-Missoula
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- g. Chancellor Emeritus: Gilmore; MT Tech; *ITEM 151-1501-R0511*
- h. Professor Emeritus of Philosophy: Allard; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 151-2001-R0511*
- i. Professor Emeritus of Agronomy: Jackson; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 151-2002-R0511*

Labor Agreement

MSU-Billings Faculty *ITEM 151-105-R0511*

INFORMATION

Compensation Discussion



Kevin McRae, Director of Labor Negotiations and Communication, requested guidance from the regents regarding upcoming labor negotiations, salary levels and bargaining philosophy. Discussion followed noting the need for increased compensation levels, especially in comparison to similar states, its importance in recruitment and retention efforts, and the impact on students of maintaining high quality faculty and staff to provide quality education.

Regent Todd Buchanan indicated the board needs to keep in mind how they are going to meet all of the system's needs. Regent Christian stated he is also concerned with the "how," but he believes the board needs to "find the how" in order to maintain quality and competitiveness and to be fair. Regent McLean stated she believes the regents need to support our students by providing the best campus personnel possible; she also wishes to send a message to employees that they are valued.

a. MUS Comment

Campus CEOs noted that determination of compensation levels is one of the most important decisions of the regents for the impact of competitive compensation in recruitments, and in maintaining the high quality of faculty, staff and researchers the campuses want to recruit; Competitive compensation is needed for the economic stability of the state, and to maintain academic quality and campus morale.

Faculty noted the importance of compensation levels to retain excellent faculty and appropriate funding to maintain the departments in which they work.

Blake Biornsen, ASMSU President, expressed the importance of maintaining high quality faculty and staff and the impact of the services those employees provide to the students.

b. Public Comment

Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT, Kathy Crego, MPEA, and Jennifer Gursky, MAS President, all spoke in support of the need for higher levels of compensation.

The Board recognized the service of student Regent Teresa Borrenpohl, whose term expires July 1, 2011.

ADMINISTRATIVE, BUDGET AND AUDIT OVERSIGHT

CONSENT

- a. Telephone Easement/Right of Way Agreement; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 151-2006-R0511*
- b. Easement for Installation of Power Lines; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 151-2007-R0511*
- c. Authorization to Change Name of Old J-School to Stone Hall; UM-Missoula *ITEM 151-1007-R0511*
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- g. Authorization to Expend Student Computer Fees; MT Tech *ITEM 151-1502-R0511*
- h. Authorization to Expend Student Computer Fees; UM-Western *ITEM 151-1602-R0511*
- i. Authorization to Expend Student Computer Fees; UM-Helena COT *ITEM 151-1902-R0511*

ACTION

- a. Authorization to Construct Biomass Gasification Steam Plant; UM-Missoula *ITEM 151-1001-R0511*

President Engstrom noted the importance of the biomass project for environmental and economic reasons, and specifically to reduce the carbon footprint while actively involving students and using a sustainable fuel source from the Lubrech forest.

Bob Durringer, UM Vice President for Administration and Finance, noted that goals for the project include developing leadership, reducing carbon footprint, providing local jobs, and providing unique educational opportunities. Mr. Durringer said UM will ensure the new plant is compliant with air quality standards. He told the board the biomass risk reserve will ensure steady biomass funding. Faculty and students have been involved throughout the process.

Representatives from McKinstry, the company working with UM on the project, spoke to specific aspects of the project and answered questions. Jon Rhone, McKinstry, explained the technology of the UM biomass project, which involves combining technology with fuel handling and power production equipment processes. Angela Farr, U.S. Forest Service, noted that the biomass project at UM-Western is 1/7 the size of the project at UM. Chancellor Richard Storey, UM-Western said the project saves his campus nearly \$100,000 per year in fuel costs.

Jeff Chafee, Bison Engineering, noted he is working on the air quality permit for UM. He assured the board the public will have nine opportunities for public comment throughout the permit process.

The board expressed concern about the accuracy of estimating fuel costs years in advance.

Rosi Keller, UM Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance, said neither the project nor the bonds would go forward without the approval of the regents. UM will use tax exempt bonds as well as Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (QECB's) for financing of the project.

Tim Tollman, McKinstry, verified that if the contracts are signed at this time, UM will have the option of backing out in the fall if the appropriate permitting is not obtained.



Public Comment:

John Schnively, Missoula retired dentist, and Jan Hoem, Missoula resident spoke against the biomass plant project.

- b. Authorization for Planning of Student Success/Athletic Department Facilities Master Plan; UM-Missoula *ITEM 151-1005-R0511*

Deputy Commissioner Robinson indicated this facility was an information item at a previous meeting concerning upgrading portions of the Adams Center facility. He noted a concern related to financing attached to the academic components of the project.

President Engstrom clarified that the athletic fee being requested for UM is not associated with this project.

- c. Authorization to Proceed with Design of Residence Hall Improvement Projects; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 151-2004-R0511*

Deputy Commissioner Robinson indicated this proposal was brought to the BOR as an information item in November, 2010. He noted a portion of the proposal related to a new dorm facility at MSU-Bozeman. The project plan and a recommendation for a financing option will come to the board at a future meeting.

- d. Amend Stadium End Zone Project Lease; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 151-2005-R0511*

Deputy Commissioner Robinson indicated this is an expansion of the stadium lease, will impact the track facility, and donations to fund the project have already been received.

- e. Renovation of Student Union Building; MSU-Billings *ITEM 151-2701-R0511*
- f. Repair Alterowitz Gymnasium; MSU-Billings *ITEM 151-2702-R0511*

Deputy Commissioner Robinson explained that item f requests authority to utilize student fees to pay for part of the project; the remaining funding has already been budgeted by MSU-Billings from general operating funds.

- g. Bookstore Renovation; MSU-Billings *ITEM 151-2704-R0511*

Mr. Robinson noted that the bookstore renovation would be funded by net bookstore revenues.

- h. Authorization to Plan New Residence Hall; MT Tech *ITEM 151-1503-R0511*

Deputy Commissioner Robinson indicated this proposal was presented to the board as an information item at the November 2010 meeting. He noted the possibility of combining a



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bond financing for this project with the bonding for the UM-Missoula biomass project if that is approved.

- i. Authorization to execute the Purchase of Property; UM-Western *ITEM 151-1603-R0511*

Mr. Robinson indicated this was brought to the board in November 2010 as an informational item. The campus has been interested in this property for several years.

INFORMATION

- a. Authority Reports – Building Projects; UM Campuses
- b. Authority Reports – Building Projects; MSU Campuses

Deputy Commissioner Robinson said the authority reports are for the board's information.

- c. Review of Grow Eastern Montana Tuition Pilot Project – Miles CC

Deputy Commissioner Robinson said this project was approved by the board two years ago as a pilot project, with the results to be reported back to the board. President Stefani Hicswa expressed interest in continuing this pilot project and requested approval for two additional years to gather more data regarding the outcomes of the project.

The Administrative, Budget and Audit Committee recessed until Friday morning.

ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CONSENT

- a. Revision of BOR Policy 303.7 – Distributed Learning; OCHE
ITEM 151-101-R0511
- b. Revision of BOR Policy 702.7 – Faculty, Emeriti; OCHE
ITEM 151-102-R0511
- c. Level II Consent Items (from March submission)

ACTION

Mission Revision; UM-Helena COT *ITEM 151-1901-R0511*

Dean Daniel Bingham requested approval for the revised mission statement.

INFORMATION

- Financial Aid and Affordability Dashboard Indicators

Associate Commissioner Tyler Trevor, OCHE, gave a presentation focused on price, financial aid, and affordability and how it relates to the MUS Strategic Plan and measures. He noted trends in financial aid regarding costs and affordability for students to attend



college. The price of attendance represents the total cost for students to attend each academic year, including tuition, fees, room and board, and books and supplies. He noted that over that past ten years, Montana has increased tuition and fees at a lower and slower rate than any other state.

Commissioner Stearns noted that this gives background information for the tuition decisions the board will make the following day.

Regent McLean requested sending slide #9, along with a letter, to the congressional delegation.

- Level I Memorandum (approved at OCHE)
- Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana (proposed)

Larry White, Director of Family Western Residency, explained that Montana has the lowest number of graduate medical residents in the country, which indicates that Montana does not have the ability to meet the need for family physicians in the state. The proposed organization structure consists of an advisory board, with faculty and residents to be employed by The University of Montana, with no cost to the university system. Mr. White noted that any medical student across the country could apply to the program.

Deputy Commissioner Sylvia Moore said this is a good option for medical students and noted that the WWAMI trust organization would encourage WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Arizona, Montana and Idaho) students to do their residencies in this program, which will increase the likelihood of the doctor staying in Montana following his/her residency.

President Engstrom told the board his campus would come back to the board to request approval to be the host campus for this project.

- a. MUS Comment
 - Campus Compact, Dean McGovern

Dean McGovern, UM, gave a presentation related to the Campus Compact, in connection with which campus members volunteer in civil engagement and public service. Priorities are to enhance national leadership by expanding civic engagement efforts and increase the positive impact of higher education.

- b. Public Comment

TWO-YEAR AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMITTEE

ACTION

Proposed Statewide Mission/Vision for Public Two-Year Education in Montana;
OCHE *J. Cech, D. Bingham, J. Schaffer* ITEM 151-103-R0511



Deputy Commissioner John Cech requested that the board adopt a comprehensive mission and vision for two-year education for the State of Montana. Dr. Cech explained how the adoption of the statewide comprehensive two-year education mission and vision will serve to guide the five revised strategies of the College!Now initiative including Strategy #1 which is to extend the comprehensive two-year education mission and vision to the five COTs and rebrand them by Fall 2013. Regent Lynn Hamilton noted that the comprehensive mission will accommodate the different campuses' organizations.

INFORMATION

Update on Revised College!NOW strategies and goals; OCHE

Update on Carl D Perkins; OCHE

Dr. Cech said the US Dept of Education has experienced budget reductions and has eliminated all tech prep funding across the country. Dr. Cech is working with the Carl Perkins State Executive Leadership Team (SELT) to strategically plan for the implementation of the budget reductions which will impact secondary and post-secondary institutions receiving Carl Perkins funding. The SELT will meet this summer to discuss strategies and develop a plan for moving forward in the best manner possible.

Update on Gallatin College Program; MSU

Dean Bob Hietela, MSU Gallatin College Program, gave a presentation on the progress of the Gallatin College Program since its approval in May 2010. Facilities, technology and financial aid services are provided by existing MSU campus services. Community support for the program continues, with the city of Bozeman providing initial monetary support for the new programs. The Gallatin College Program intends to expand dual enrollment offerings and work toward the development of the transfer degree. Challenges moving forward include dedicated classroom space and ongoing funding for new programs.

FVCC Board of Trustees Introduction and Current Issues

The FVCC trustees commented on the learning experience during the recent trustee election process, noting the respect of the community toward FVCC, community support and involvement, the affordability of FVCC, and workforce training opportunities. The trustees indicated appreciation for the increased communication between the two boards and noted improvement in the issues related to their shared governance of the community colleges. Trustees Bob Nysteun, Chair, Tom Harding, Mark Holston, Tom McElwain, and Shannon Lund met with the board.

b. Public Comment

UM-Missoula students Steven Mumblow and Christopher Williams noted that although the students did not pass the fee for MontPIRG, the members of the group will remain active and will encourage participation by other students.

The board recessed at 5:30 PM.



Friday, May 20, 2011

The board reconvened at 8:30 AM.

Legislative Summary Report

Commissioner Stearns gave an update on priorities in the legislative session for the MUS. Priority bills supported included:

1. HB 2, General Appropriations Act
2. HB 13, State Employee Pay Plan
3. HB 439, General Obligation Bonds for Long Range Building Projects. Construction projects from the regents' priority list were included in the bill.
4. SB 280, Authorize Commissioner of Higher Ed to Develop Self-Insured Student Health Plan

Commissioner Stearns noted that it was a challenge to get the full Governor's budget out of the legislature and the results were disappointing for the university system.

Regent Hamilton recommended discussing MUS legislative requirements at a board meeting in the near future.

ADMINISTRATIVE, BUDGET AND AUDIT OVERSIGHT *(Continued)* Fees and Tuition

ACTION

- a. Authorization to Provide for an Indexed Increase in the Associated Students of the University of ASUM Activity Fee; UM-Missoula *ITEM 151-1009-R0511*

Jen Gursky, ASUM, noted that this fee was approved by the student government and general student body.

Regent Hamilton indicated she did not think the administrative charges should be charged to this student fee. She expressed concern regarding the need for transparency in the total costs for students.

Bob Durringer, UM, said the campus charges an administrative fee to all non-general fund campus activities.

Chairman Christian moved approval of ITEM 151-1009-R0511. Motion passed 7-0.

- b. Program Tuition for Natural Horsemanship B.S. and A.A.S. Degrees; UM-Western *ITEM 151-1604-R0511*

Deputy Commissioner Robinson noted that this would be a cost saver in the future and will address safety issues because the students will not have to transport their horses back and forth from the quartering facility to the training facility.



Chancellor Storey said this is a model of cooperative programming with private businesses, the campus, and the community. The facility will be used academically in providing opportunities for students to manage the facility as well as for possible future vet tech programs.

Chairman Christian moved approval of ITEM 151-1604-R0511. Motion passed 7-0.

c. FY12 and FY13 Tuition and Fees; OCHE *ITEM 151-104-R0511*

Deputy Commissioner Robinson explained the guidelines to be as conservative as possible with the use of fees and costs related to fees. The process included working with campuses on a two percent threshold, and looking in depth at any fee request over two percent, as well as any new fee requests.

President Engstrom explained the athletic fee increase is related to UM's efforts to remain in compliance with Title 9 requirements related to gender equity issues in athletics. UM needed to add a women's sport and with the advice of students and the Montana Higher School Association, UM selected women's softball.

Deputy Commissioner Robinson explained campus mandatory fees, and provided justifications from the campuses regarding the purpose of increasing particular fees. Mr. Robinson received extensive documentation from the campuses on any course fee increases requested. He worked with the individual campuses on the requests and worked out any issues prior to the meeting.

Regent Hamilton voiced concerns pertaining to the UM athletic fee and transparency of the end costs to students.

Public Comment

Jennifer Gursky, ASUM President, said the students want to ensure that the fee goes toward Title 9 compliance and will not to be used for other expenses in the athletic department.

Regent McLean moved to approve the UM athletic fee and to be used to address the Title 9 issues including women's softball. President Engstrom assured the board the funding would be used only for the Title 9 compliance issues.

Motion passed 6-1, with Regent Buchanan voting no.

Regent McLean made a motion to approve the remaining fees in the fee matrixes in the agenda.

Motion passed 6-1, with Regent Buchanan voting no.

Regent Barrett moved approval of the tuition matrix for the community colleges.



Regent Hamilton noted that the board needs to be mindful of the total two-year cost, being approved.

Motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Stearns recommended a tuition increase of 5% the first year and 5% the second year for resident students at the four-year campuses and recommended a 0% increase at the two-year campuses. She noted that the two priority areas to be funded are student services (number of faculty, number of course offerings, along with associated services) and compensation levels for recruitment and retention. The proposed tuition increase would provide a lower level of funding than would be needed to keep services at the current level. Commissioner Stearns noted that funding for increased enrollment was not addressed in the legislative appropriation.

President Cruzado said the campuses cannot continue to do the same quality level of work without funding increases. She noted that students expect and deserve to have services available to them and it is unfair to expect the campuses to not provide certain services because of lack of funding, which could then put the campus at risk regarding meeting accreditation requirements.

President Engstrom supported the tuition increase proposal of 5% and 5% as stated. He reminded the board that MUS tuition increases have been the lowest in the country in past years and noted the importance of maintaining our investment in higher education, balanced with access and affordability.

Student representatives stated concern regarding the level of tuition increase proposed, while recognizing the importance of maintaining quality education and associated student services.

Regent Buchanan spoke against the tuition increases, stating that the difficulties in the private sector and with students and their families resonate with him and stated he didn't like where our tuition is relative to Montana's median income. He suggested that the regents review the allocation of its resources before raising tuition. Regent Christian noted that the proposed tuition increases get the system only part-way to filling the funding deficit and Commissioner Stearns clarified that, even with the proposed tuition increases, the system will be approximately \$13M behind this biennium's funding level for each year of the upcoming biennium.

Chairman Christian reviewed the timing and process of the development of the budget that is presented to the legislature, beginning with the board review of campus budgets in the fall, presenting the MUS budget to the governor, the governor determining what level of executive budget to submit to the legislature, then legislative activity determining final allocations. He stated that the bulk of new funding needs to be used to address human resource needs on the campuses.

Regent Hamilton expressed concern with having no tuition increase at the two-year campuses, and thus, essentially transferring unmet costs to the four-year campuses. She noted when the board holds tuition constant, the campuses are inhibited from maintaining



facilities and providing services. Regent Hamilton said she will support the proposal of 5% and 5%, but wants to consider fairer tuition funding models for the two-year campuses.

Regent Barrett noted that campuses will decrease many services if tuition is not increased and that the quality of education would suffer.

Regent Barrett moved for approval of tuition increases of 5% and 5% in the four-year campuses and 0% and 0% at the two-year campuses for the biennium.

Public Comment:

Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT, Jay Hale, MSU-Great Falls COT student, Jeffrey Edmunds, ASUM, Kathy Crego, MPERS, Blake Bjiorsen, ASMSU, and Tyler Wines, MAS, urged support for the tuition increases as proposed.

Commissioner Stearns told the board that even with a 5% and 5% tuition increase at the four-year campuses, the total revenue to the university system would still be approximately \$13 million less than expenditure projections. [FY12 Projected expenditure pressures (\$22.6 million) less the FY12 revenue increase from a 5% tuition increase (\$9.5 million) = \$13.1 million)

Motion passed 6-1, with Regent Buchanan voting no.

In response to Regent Hamilton's request for a system approach in budget allocations, Commissioner Stearns said she would be delegating the lump funds to the two presidents of UM and MSU to coordinate with their campuses and to work together to present a joint recommendation for the board's consideration and decision.

Chairman Christian clarified that the board will review the campuses' suggestions prior to final approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, DISCUSSION & ACTION

a. Administrative, Budget, and Audit Oversight Committee Report

CONSENT

- a. Telephone Easement/Right of Way Agreement; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 151-2006-R0511*
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Regent Buchanan moved approval of the consent agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

ACTION

- a. Authorization to Construct Biomass Gasification Steam Plant; UM-Missoula *ITEM 151-1001-R0511*

Regent Buchanan moved approval of item 151-1001-R0511. Mick Robinson clarified that the authorization is contingent on the issuance of an air quality permit and the assignment of the qualified energy conservation bonds (QECB). Motion passed 7-0.

- b. Authorization for Planning of Student Success/Athletic Department Facilities Master Plan; UM-Missoula *ITEM 151-1005-R0511*
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- g. Bookstore Renovation; MSU-Billings *ITEM 151-2704-R0511*
- h. Authorization to Plan New Residence Hall; MT Tech *ITEM 151-1503-R0511*
- i. Authorization to execute the Purchase of Property; UM-Western *ITEM 151-1603-R0511*

Regent Buchanan moved approval of action items b-i of the action agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

Regent Buchanan moved approval of items a-c of the action agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

b. Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee Report

CONSENT

- a. Revision of BOR Policy 702.7 – Faculty, Emeriti; OCHE *ITEM 151-102-R0511*
- b. Level II Consent Items (from March submission)

Regent Barrett moved approval of items a & b of the consent agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

ACTION



Mission Revision; UM-Helena COT *ITEM 151-1901-R0511*

Regent Barrett moved approval of ITEM 151-1901-R0511. Motion passed 7-0.

c. Staff and Compensation Committee Report

ACTION

Appointment of MT Tech Chancellor; UM-Missoula *ITEM 151-1010-R0511*

Chairman Christian moved approval of the appointment of Dr. Donald Blacketter, currently Dean of mechanical Engineering at the University of Idaho, as the new chancellor of MT Tech. Motion passed 7-0.

CONSENT

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- i. Professor Emeritus of Agronomy: Jackson; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 151-2002-R0511*

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

Labor Agreement

MSU-Billings Faculty *ITEM 151-105-R0511*

Chairman Christian moved approval of the MSU-Billings Faculty contract. Motion passed 7-0.

d. Two-Year and Community College Committee Report

ACTION

Proposed Statewide Mission/Vision for Public Two-Year Education in Montana;
OCHE *J. Cech, D. Bingham, J. Schaffer ITEM 151-103-R0511*



Regent Buchanan moved approval of ITEM 151-103-R0511 with the amendment that Deputy Commissioner John Cech will work with the campus leaders to provide updates through the Two-Year and Community College Education Committee on the progress of implementation as outlined in the five College!NOW strategies. Motion passed 7-0.

Board of Regents Appeal

Chairman Christian explained the decision today is whether or not to hear the appeal. If a motion is made and passed, then the board will hear the appeal at a later date. If no motion is made, then the appeal will not be heard. No motion was made; therefore, the commissioner’s decision in the matter will stand as the final administrative decision of the university system.

Election of Officers

Regent McLean nominated Regent Clay Christian as chairman of the board. Motion passed 6-0, with Regent Christian abstaining.

Regent Barrett nominated Regent Buchanan as vice-chair of the board. Motion passed 6-0, with Regent Buchanan abstaining.

12:45 PM Executive Session

- Annual Evaluation of President Royce Engstrom Room 144 A/B

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM. upon completion of the executive session.

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

