



**MINUTES**  
**Montana Board of Regents**  
**Montana State University - Billings**  
**September 21-22, 2011**

**Wednesday, September 21, 2011**

Roll call indicated a quorum present.

Regents present: Chairman Clayton Christian, Regents Todd Buchanan, Stephen Barrett, Major Robinson, Angela McLean, Joe Thiel, and Commissioner Sheila Stearns *ex officio*. Superintendent of Public Instruction, Denise Juneau, *ex officio*, was excused and Governor Brian Schweitzer, *ex officio*, was represented by Dan Villa. Chairman Clayton Christian stated that Regent Lynn Hamilton had resigned as a regent, effective immediately, and noted her exceptional work on behalf of the Montana University System (MUS).

Regent Stephen Barrett moved approval of the August 2, 2011 Board of Regents meeting minutes. Motion passed 6-0.

Chancellor Rolf Groseth played a documentary *The Next Chapter*, portraying the Pathways to Self Sufficiency program, a service learning project where MSU-Billings students work with incarcerated women.

Chairman Christian noted he had signed an agreement with the search firm, Greenwood Asher, to conduct the search for the next Commissioner of Higher Education. Chairman Christian noted that the final decision for selecting the commissioner will be made by the seven voting members of the Board of Regents. The committee for the recruitment and selection of the new commissioner will consist of the seven voting regents, with the *ex officio* members (or one designated representative each) eligible to participate in all search committee activities under the same confidentiality prohibitions, with the final decision being made by the seven voting regents.

**System Issues Reports and Action**

- System and Campus Dashboard Indicators

Associate Commissioner Tyler Trevor explained that the dashboard indicators consisted of two nationally used measures, expenditures per completion and completions per FTE and stressed that these need to be viewed in combination with each other. He noted that expenditure per completion involves current unrestricted expenditures, which are directly related to state funding and funding received from tuition.

- American Indian Heritage Day Resolution

Commissioner Stearns recommended board support for the resolution and commended the campuses for recognition of this and for the numerous ways they each recognize the event.



Regent Major Robinson supported the resolution and requested amending the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the resolution to read, "recognize the importance of American Indian history and culture in Montana."

The resolution was passed unanimously by consensus as amended by Regent Robinson, 6-0.

- Campus Reports

Commissioner Sheila Stearns noted the growth in tutoring and student services at UM-Helena COT, as well as the level of focus on student success across the campuses.

- Other

Commissioner Stearns noted that she has been holding listening sessions across the state, covering topics including the success of College!NOW, the need for educational outreach and workforce training to communities in eastern Montana, reaching out to first-generation college students and immense efforts focused on increasing college attendance and completion.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE, BUDGET AND AUDIT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **CONSENT**

- a. Authorization to Expend Student Equipment Fees; MSU-Bozeman  
*ITEM 152-2007-R0911*
- b. Authorization to Expend Student Computer Fees; MSU-Bozeman  
*ITEM 152-2008-R0911*
- c. Authorization to Expend Student Equipment Fees; MSU-Billings *ITEM 152-2701-R0911*
- d. Authorization to Expend Student Equipment Fees; MSU-Great Falls COT *ITEM 152-2904-R0911*
- e. Authorization to Expend Student Computer Fees; MSU-Great Falls COT *ITEM 152-2905-R0911*
- f. Authorization to Expend Student Computer Fees; UM-Western *ITEM 152-1601-R0911*
- g. Operating Agreement Between UM-Western and UM-Western Foundation; UM-Western *ITEM 152-1603-R0911*
- h. Revision of Policy 1004.1, Naming of Buildings; OCHE *ITEM 152-129-R0911*
- i. Revision of Policy 1003.6, Transfers of Interests in Real Property, and Repeal of Policy 1007, Leases of Campus Property; OCHE *ITEM 152-130-R0911*
- j. Fire Training Advisory Council Appointments; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 152-2011-R0911*

### **ACTION**



- a. Construction of New Residence Hall, Renovation of Existing Halls and Bond Issue for Projects; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 152-2010-R0911*

Terry Leist, MSU interim Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation entitled *MSU Bozeman Series M Bond Request*, reviewing the finances and facilities of the MSU-Bozeman housing enterprise. He noted justification for the project included high occupancy rates, lack of privacy options, and the fact that the outdated facilities do not meet the expectations of students and parents. Facility improvements include adding additional bed space, modernizing spaces, and energy efficiencies. Mr. Leist noted the proposed debt has a 16-year repayment schedule and that this project does not include refinancing of existing debt.

Regents Steve Barrett and Joe Thiel noted strong student support for this project.

Regent Major Robinson requested additional detailed financing and expenditure information when the campus proceeds with the project.

Deputy Commissioner Mick Robinson strongly recommended approval of this project and said the campus has the ability to satisfy the debt service.

- b. Authorization of COT Street Resurfacing; MSU-Billings *ITEM 152-2703-R0911*

Chancellor Groseth explained this request for additional spending authority is for maintaining the main drive at the MSU-Billings College of Technology and will commit a combination of non-state funds and auxiliary revenues.

- c. Authorization to Renovate IT Metals and Authorization to Include Reverted Appropriation in Funding; UM-Western *ITEM 152-1602-R0911*

Chancellor Richard Storey noted this will help to improve promotion of the arts while increasing safety in the building.

- d. Authorization to Enter Into Off-Campus Lease for Extension Housing Program Facility; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 152-2009-R0911*

Deputy Commissioner Robinson explained that the lease has been in existence for several years and this item requests approval for the extension service to enter into a new five-year lease with the option of an extension of three additional years. He noted the program utilizes federal dollars and, if those federal dollars do not materialize, then the lease can be discontinued.

- e. FY 12 MUS Operating Budgets; OCHE *ITEM 152-111-R0911*

Deputy Commissioner Robinson explained that this is the all-funds budget for the Montana University System (MUS). He noted that the summary focuses on the current unrestricted funding, with \$3.7 billion of total funding. Mr. Robinson explained the funding categories and noted that increases in the budget revenues are from the tuition increase since no new state funding was received. He noted that campuses are asking for increased spending authority when requesting approval for projects and in



anticipation of possible increases in federal grant funding.

### INFORMATION

- a. Update Bio-Fuels Research Project; MSU-Northern

Chancellor Joe Callahan updated the board on the current status of the project. He noted the campus received approval from the U.S. Department of Energy, but the project bids were higher than expected. Consequently, Chancellor Callahan recommended paring back the project and re-bidding the project accordingly.

- b. Curry Health Center Renovation; UM-Missoula

President Royce Engstrom noted this is to renovate current space in the Curry Health Center for reasons of privacy issues, and primarily to improve the delivery of health care to students. It is the intention of UM-Missoula to finance \$3 million and pay the debt service on that portion of the \$4 million project.

- c. MAEDC Dissolution Impact on MonTEC; UM-Missoula

President Engstrom noted the board approved the formation of MonTEC (Montana Enterprise Technology Center) in combination with MAEDC (Missoula Area Economic Development Corporation) in 1999. MAEDC has recently dissolved; therefore the partnership with MonTEC no longer exists. President Engstrom proposed the board give consideration to authorizing UM-Missoula at a future date to oversee MonTEC and MonTEC to repay the campus as cash flow becomes available.

### DISCUSSION

- a. Review of MUS Budget Metrics – Robinson

Deputy Commissioner Robinson reviewed the operating budget metrics.

- MUS Enrollment

Mr. Robinson noted 3.7% overall growth in MUS enrollment.

- Expenditures Per Student

Mr. Robinson noted the effects of the federal stimulus funds on student expenditures.

- Expenditures by Program

Deputy Commissioner Robinson related the metrics to the MUS Strategic Plan and referenced that the campuses are maintaining investment for O&M (operation and maintenance) purposes. He noted that the community colleges do not have access to the Long Range Building Program (LRBP), and therefore, depend on local support and bonds for building and deferred maintenance needs. He noted that the board policy specifies that the campuses are allowed a level of 2% in the number of non-resident



waivers, 4% waivers for graduate students and 6% for resident students.

b. Budget Conversation

President Engstrom noted that the campuses make assessment driven decisions as a result of continual planning processes in place, which address planning, budgeting and implementation. Strategic issues addressed include partnering for student success, education for the global century, discovery and creativity to serve Montana and the world, dynamic learning environment, and planning-assessment continuum.

President Cruzado indicated the MSU campuses have implemented similar processes that also address financial aid, degree completion, and the quality of students attending the campuses. She noted their single-campus initiative for advising and sharing information.

President Stefani Hicswa, MCC, noted the campus implemented initiatives to increase graduation rates and academic integrity.

**ACADEMIC, RESEARCH, and STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**CONSENT**

- a. Revision of BOR Policy 303.7 – Online Learning; OCHE  
*ITEM 152-120-R0911*
- b. Revision of BOR Policy 404 – Indirect Cost (F & A) Policy; OCHE  
*ITEM 152-121-R0911*
- c. Revision of BOR Policy 940.1 – Residency; OCHE *ITEM 152-128-R0911*
- d. MR PIPP Approval of Participants; OCHE *ITEM 152-101-R0911*

**ACTION**

- a. New Mission Statement; MSU-Northern *ITEM 152-2803-R0911*

Chancellor Joe Callahan noted this item is a revision of MSU-Northern mission statement.

- b. Sponsorship for the Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana *ITEM 152-1002-R0911*

President Engstrom said there is an acute need in Montana for medical residents, this is consistent with the UM-Missoula mission, and the campus would not incur any net costs associated with the program. He clarified this item is for post-medical school residency for the purpose of developing primary care residency positions to meet Montana's need for physicians.

Larry White, MHA Research Associate Professor and Director, Western Montana AHEC, gave a presentation entitled *Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana*. Mr. White assured the board the hospitals pay all the incurred costs and that UM would



have no financial risk.

Dr. Ned Vazquez, Western Montana Clinic physician, gave an overview of the graduate medical education (GME) residency. He noted that this is education after medical school and that there is no connection of this program with WWAMI, which is a cooperative medical program of the University of Washington School of Medicine and the states of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho. There is a critical need for medical residents in Montana, as Montana is currently last in the country regarding the number of medical residents it has. The Montana AHEC (Area Health Education Center) committee concluded UM-Missoula had provided the best model to oversee this program, and it would serve as a neutral entity to bring all the hospitals together. He noted the accreditation application is due mid-October.

Craig Eddie, Kalispell physician and healthcare attorney, said the importance of this program cannot be overemphasized. He needs six primary care physicians in Kalispell alone, and others need more.

Dr. Rano, Missoula Community Medical Center, noted that the close association with the university is a more attractive offering for medical students.

Dr. Jonathan White, emergency physician, noted the long-term need for physicians in the area.

John Felton, President of Riverstone Health, Billings, noted that 70% of residency program graduates end up practicing in the states in which they did their residency. He explained that their residency is structurally different, that his program works closely with the WWAMI program, and that he is happy to collaborate with this proposed program.

Regent Buchanan urged support of this item.

- c. Level II Item (from August submission)
  - Systems Ecology Graduate Program (MS and PhD) *ITEM 152-1002-R0811*

Provost Perry Brown, UM, explained this strategic program is a component of the EPSCoR proposal that would help signal Montana as a national leader in ecological science.

## INFORMATION

- a. Level I Memorandum (approved at OCHE)

Deputy Commissioner Moore noted this contains information that is approved at the Commissioner's office.

- b. Update on Advising – Best Practices and Strategic Plans at UM Campuses

Sharon O'Hare, UM Office of Student Success, gave a presentation entitled *The*



*Freshman Registration Initiative* and noted the changes implemented in the orientation process to provide equal access to courses and to work toward the goal of putting college freshmen on a four-year graduation path in their first semester.

- c. Research Update – new awards and matching funds

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

- d. Affordability Sub-Committee Report– Tyler Trevor, Bill Muse, Jim Rimpau

Associate Commissioner Tyler Trevor explained the charge to the committee to utilize data to recommend strategies for improving affordability; to recommend approaches for improving communication and outreach about affordability in Montana; and to recommend policies to facilitate a more coordinated higher education system. He noted the work plan included data and analysis, policy review & strategies, and policy recommendations. Mr. Trevor noted that Montana ranks 5th highest in the nation in borrowing-to-credential ratio. Montana has a very low percentage of students enrolling in higher education part-time and many students are borrowing more because “they can,” and are sometimes borrowing more than needed.

Bill Muse, Associate Vice President of Planning, Budgeting & Analysis, UM-Missoula, spoke on why Montana’s students borrow more money than the national average. Mr. Muse noted Montana student loan amounts are growing at a faster rate than the cost of education.

- e. State Authorization Update
- f. October 11th Educational Summit – Missoula
- g. Update on Internationally Offered Programs

The two research campuses will provide a summary to OCHE.

- h. Discussion on Developing PhD Programs at Montana Tech of UM

President Engstrom noted that faculty and staff at MT Tech have an interest in providing doctoral education and are cognizant that the issue is complex and will require serious discussions before a decision is made by the board.

Chancellor Donald Blackketter noted that this would assist the campus in recruiting faculty and staff, would enhance the metallurgic engineering program, could perhaps qualify for research funding, and would allow MT Tech to partner with Missoula on PhD programs.

Discussion followed in which the following concerns were raised:

- When a campus starts changing some of the programs it offers, then it is going to have to change the type of faculty it has.
- Additional faculty will be needed.



- Additional funding will be needed to support the program.
- Concerns of duplication.
- Although it may be good for MT Tech, it may not necessarily be good for the university system as a whole.
- The board would need to determine what is the greater good for the state and the system.

Dan Villa, governor's office representative, and Regent McLean urged support of this item.

- i. Accreditation Report; OCHE

Dr. Moore reminded the board this is a seven-year process.

- j. Level II Memorandum (for action at November 2011 BOR meeting)

## **TWO-YEAR EDUCATION and COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **INFORMATION**

- a. Panel from Lumina National Productivity Conference; OCHE *S. Stearns*  
Panel members– Steve York, OPI, and Brandi Foster, OCHE

John Cech gave an overview of the Lumina National Productivity Conference attended by several Montana representatives and which address performance-based funding, business models and efficiency.

Regent Robinson noted that communicating what they do and how to retain and maintain programs was stressed at the conference.

Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI), addressed the need to focus on transitions from high school to college and said the conference referenced performance based-pay in K-12, with a certain percentage of funding to be distributed to schools that make certain improvements. The method allows the base budgets to remain in place, while providing schools incentives to move forward.

Brandi Foster, Director of Minority Achievement, OCHE, noted performance-based funding and mission differentiation, stating the importance of allowing the campuses to remain unique and to remain true to their priorities.

- b. Update on Comprehensive Mission Committee; OCHE *J. Cech, R. Groseth*

Chancellor Rolf Groseth, MSU-Billings, explained that the committee had conducted an assessment of the comprehensive mission status on each of the two-year campuses



and had contracted with Dr. Pamela Fisher to develop an assessment tool on the mission status on each of the two-year campuses. He pointed out that the results indicated the two standalone COT's are already offering the majority of the comprehensive two-year missions and the three other embedded COT's are at various evolutionary stage of offering the comprehensive two-year mission. Chancellor Groseth noted that some of the COTs are presently engaged in partnerships with local Adult Basic Education/GED providers in their respective communities.

- c. Review of Current COT Status Assessment Report
- d. Update on Planned Listening Sessions

Deputy Commissioner John Cech noted that he will be conducting listening sessions in Billings, Missoula, Butte, Helena, and Great Falls which included the UM and MSU campuses with colleges of technology. The listening sessions are primarily focused on extending the comprehensive two-year mission to each of Montana's five colleges of technology and the renaming and rebranding process for each which is part of the College!NOW initiative.

- e. Update on COT Rebranding/Renaming Planning

Dr. Cech said Commissioner Stearns created a Comprehensive Mission Task Force to guide the process of extending the comprehensive two-year mission to the COTs, which includes rebranding and renaming the COTs. This task force is co-chaired by Deputy Commissioner Cech and Chancellor Groseth with membership including the deans of each of Montana's five colleges of technology.

- f. Update on MUS/OPI Big Sky Pathways Initiative; OCHE *J. Cech, S. York, OPI*

Dr. Cech noted that strong partnerships with K-12 have been formed, and that workshops will be held across the state, engaging secondary and post-secondary people. Over 400 pathway templates have been developed thus far.

Steve York, OPI, explained that the templates lay out all the courses students need to take for a certain pathway, with the courses being aligned from high school to college in order to guide them in accomplishing their career goal.

- g. Update on Innovative Delivery of Curricula; OCHE *J. Schaffer, R. Hietala*

This update was postponed until the November Board of Regents meeting.

Public Comment:

Kevin Olson, Billings, urged the board to be diligent in following the intent of funds intended for higher education.



Dave Peck, UM-Missoula, commended the board for addressing the high student loans taken out by students.

Trish Foreman, MSU-Billings student, noted that many students are self-supporting, thus resulting in higher student loan levels.

### **Thursday, September 22, 2011**

The board met in executive session for the purposed of individual privacy.

#### **Executive Session**

- Building Naming
- Completion of CEO Evaluations
- System Award

The Board reconvened at 10:20 AM.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS, DISCUSSION & ACTION**

#### **a. Staff and Compensation Committee Meeting and Report**

*\*This committee took action during the committee meeting.*

#### **DISCUSSION**

##### **a. Collective Bargaining Update**

Kevin McRae, Director of Labor Negotiations, Personnel, and Communications, noted the summary of labor agreements and staff items are at the levels discussed and agreed upon by the regents in earlier meetings, including meaningful improvements in compensation levels to help recruit and maintain the high quality faculty and staff. He said Item T needed to be pulled from the agenda and removed from any subsequent motions because no ratification had been reached yet. The labor agreements include a 1% increase plus \$500 the first year, followed by a 2% increase plus \$500 the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Mr. McRae noted that faculty and staff items that are not under the labor agreements all have identical pay raises. He noted that 80% of the labor agreements have been reached to date and that approximately 67 - 73% of the increase in tuition revenue has been applied to the compensation increases.

Commissioner Stearns said while good progress has been made, the campuses still have big challenges in the area of compensation levels.

#### **Public Comment:**

Marvin Lansverk, UM Faculty, expressed appreciation to the board and noted the continual challenge in competing nationally with campuses offering much higher compensation.



Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT, applauded BOR commitment to focusing on and offering increases in compensation. He noted the need to be cognizant that bargaining agreements have effects far into the future.

Jen Gursky, MAS President, noted sacrifices made by students regarding the increase in tuition and was pleased that the intent of improving human compensation was being met.

Kevin Thane, MSU Staff Senate, expressed appreciation to the board in recognizing the importance of faculty and staff, especially at a time when the work load has increased greatly as a result of increased enrollment.

- b. Status of Commissioner Search
  - ✓ Opportunity for Public and Campus Comment on CHE

Chairman Christian noted there will continue to be opportunities for public input on the commissioner search throughout the search process.

Commissioner Stearns noted that, during the listening sessions she is conducting throughout the state, the attending regent leads discussions pertaining to the search. Regent McLean noted two themes expressed during this portion of the listening session: first, keep the public apprised of the progress of the search, and secondly, to continue to allow public input.

Chairman Christian verified that the search firm will actively conduct a national search.

## CONSENT

### Staff Items

- a. UM-Missoula ITEM 152-1000-R0911
- b. UM-Western ITEM 152-1600-R0911
- c. MT Tech ITEM 152-1500-R0911
- d. MSU-Bozeman ITEM 152-2000-R0911
- e. MSU-Bozeman Extension Service ITEM 152-2400-0911
- f. MSU-Northern ITEM 152-2800-R0911
- g. MSU-Great Falls COT ITEM 152-2900-R0911
- h. MSU-Billings ITEM 152-2700-R0911
- i. OCHE ITEM 152-100-R0911
- j. Professor Emeritus of Management: Nancy Dodd; MSU-Bozeman  
ITEM 152-2001-R0911
- k. Professor Emeritus of Music: Alan Leech; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 152-  
2002-R0911
- l. Professor Emeritus of Industrial Engineering: Edward Mooney; MSU-  
Bozeman ITEM 152-2003-R0911
- m. Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering: Robert Oakberg; MSU-  
Bozeman ITEM 152-2004-R0911



- n. Professor Emeritus of Marketing: Richard Semenik; MSU-Bozeman  
*ITEM 152-2005-R0911*
- o. Professor Emeritus of Nursing: Clarann Weinert; MSU-Bozeman  
*ITEM 152-2006-R0911*

Regent McLean moved approval of staff items a-i. Motion passed 5-1, with Regent Buchanan voting no.

Regent Barrett moved approval of staff items j-o. Motion passed 6-0.

Labor Agreements

- a. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; OCHE *ITEM 152-102-R0911*
- b. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; OCHE *ITEM 152-103-R0911*
- c. Montana Public Employees Association OCHE *ITEM 152-104-R0911*
- d. International Union of Operating Engineers at Colleges of Technology; OCHE *ITEM 152-105-R0911*
- e. United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters; OCHE *ITEM 152-106-R0911*
- f. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; OCHE *ITEM 152-107-R0911*
- g. International Union of Operating Engineers at the Four-Year Campuses; OCHE *ITEM 152-108-R0911*
- h. MSU Teamsters; OCHE *ITEM 152-109-R0911*
- i. Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters; OCHE *ITEM 152-110-R0911*
- j. International Union of Operating Engineers for Mechanic Shop Employees at MSU; OCHE *ITEM 152-112-R0911*
- k. Graphic Communication Union; OCHE *ITEM 152-113-R0911*
- l. Maintenance Painters Union; OCHE *ITEM 152-114-R0911*
- m. UM Teamsters Union; OCHE *ITEM 152-115-R0911*
- n. Montana Nurses; OCHE *ITEM 152-116-R0911*
- o. Laborers International Agreement; OCHE *ITEM 152-119-R0911*
- p. MT Tech Agreement; OCHE *ITEM 152-123-R0911*
- q. UM-Helena COT Agreement; OCHE *ITEM 152-124-R0911*
- r. Vocational Technical Educators (VTEM); OCHE *ITEM 152-125-R0911*
- s. MSU-Billings; OCHE *ITEM 152-126-R0911*
- t. MSU-Northern; OCHE *ITEM 152-127-R0911*
- u. UM-COT Faculty; OCHE *ITEM 152-134-R0911*

Regent Barrett moved approval of the labor agreements a-u, with the removal of item t, due to Mr. McRae's explanation that an agreement had not been reached as of yet on Item T. Motion passed 6-0.

**b. Academic, Research and Student Affairs Report**

**CONSENT**



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Regent Buchanan moved approval of consent items a-d. Motion passed 6-0.

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  - Systems Ecology Graduate Program (MS and PhD)  
*ITEM 152-1002-R0811*

Regent Barrett noted that in the future, he would prefer to have discussions on items, such as item b earlier in the process.

Regent Christian moved approval of action items a-c. Motion passed 6-0.

### **c. Administration, Budget and Audit Oversight Committee Report**

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Regent Barrett moved approval of action item a. Motion passed 6-0.

Regent Barrett moved approval of action item b. Motion passed 6-0.

Regent Robinson moved approval of action item c. Motion passed 6-0.

Regent Robinson moved approval of action item d. Motion passed 6-0.

Regent Christian moved approval of action item e. Motion passed 6-0.

**d. Two-Year and Community College Report**

This committee had no action items to be voted on.

**Public Comment:**

Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT, invited the board to the upcoming Educator Forum to be held in Helena on September 30, 2011 to be focused on partnership with K-12 and higher education.

Kevin Nelson, Billings, voiced concerns about textbooks costs and the high level of student loans being taken by the students.

Jen Gursky, President of MAS, encourage the board to study where students spend their money.

Ray Forman, MSU-Billings student, noted the books for upper level classes are more difficult to locate and are more costly.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

**Approved by the Board of Regents on**

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

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Chair, Board of Regents