

May 24-25, 2012

**ITEM 155-1901-R0512**

**Authorization to Expend Student Computer Technology Fees; The University of Montana–Helena College of Technology**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents authorizes, in accordance with Montana University System Policy 940.23, the expenditure of up to \$100,000 of previously collected student computer technology fees for the purchase of 40 laptops and docking stations for faculty, and 20 classroom/lab computers for student use.

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**EXPLANATION**

UM-HCOT purchases classroom/lab computers twice a year as part of our rotation schedule to keep our student use computers at no more than three years old. UMH COT also replaces faculty laptops on a three year rotation cycle. Each faculty member is provided laptops to facilitate and promote the use of electronic media in the classroom.

UM-HCOT offers many classes that utilize newer programs that require current computer technology for delivery of class related material. Replacing these aging computers will benefit the student body and help raise the technology level of our classes to today's standards.

The recycled faculty laptops will be used to replace 6 year old computers used for a mobile student computer lab and for Adjunct instructors' use in classrooms. The computers taken out of the labs will be used to replace other aged and/or failed computers around the campus on an as needed basis.

UM-HCOT's Student Senate has approved this purchase – the meeting minutes are attached, along with the request from IT to spend the funds.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

ASUM-H Minutes – April 3, 2012