



MINUTES
Montana Board of Regents
City College at MSU Billings
Great Room – Health Sciences Building
September 17-18, 2014

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

- Meeting convened at 8:00 AM.

Roll call indicated a quorum present. Regents present: Chair Paul Tuss, Regents Major Robinson, Jeff Krauss, Fran Albrecht, Martha Sheehy, Bill Johnstone and Student Regent Mariah Williams. Ex Officio members present: Commissioner of Higher Education, Clayton Christian; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Denise Juneau - represented by Mr. Steve York and Governor Steve Bullock - represented by Dr. Shannon O'Brien.

Chair Tuss thanked the host campus for holding the meeting. He provided an update on the Missoula College building and the ground breaking that took place this summer. He noted the updates taking place at MSU-B related to the launching of a capital campaign in Billings to raise the private match to a state appropriation for the project. He announced the launching of the PBF first academic year. A portion of the board's allocation of general funds to the campuses this year was derived by each campus's performance in student retention and completion. This supports a critical component to our goals of the Complete College Montana initiative; a major drive of our state goal to increase the percentage of Montanans who hold a college credential from 40% to 60%.

Approval of Minutes and Introductions

- July 10, 2014 Conference Call Minutes

Regent Albrecht motioned for approval. Motioned passed 7-0.

MSU – Extension 100 Year Anniversary

Jeff Bader, MSU - Extension spoke on behalf of the upcoming 100 year anniversary of extension services. He shared a video depicting the many services and outlets in which it has enhanced the quality of life.

Commissioner's and System Report

Commissioner Christian noted the work to date related to the research initiative and continued collaboration and coordination of university research programs. He discussed the current research leadership across the MUS and the excellent work being done. He spoke to the matter of efficiency, job growth, and the economic potential research holds. During July MSU, UM and MT Tech hosted a full research tour and presentations that were attended by many dozens of legislators, business leaders, educators, students,



civic leaders and local government members. This opportunity was used to start a meaningful dialogue with legislators and the Governor to let them know that the MUS stands ready to help move the state forward however we can through research.

- SWAMMEI Update

Dr. Cech noted that this award is for \$25 million dollars and was awarded this time, last year. The grant focuses on creating fundamental shifts in two-year education and the awarding of CAS and AAS and providing on and off ramps for students. These credentials have been embedded in the curriculum across the system. Consistent core outcomes and industry recognized credentials across the state, such as welding, industrial maintenance, diesel technology, machining, industrial safety, and entrepreneurship. Over 100 businesses and industries are now involved with the SWAMMEI project; to be convened next week. The work of SWAMMEI has also been worked into three aspects of Main Street MT – manufacturing, Energy, and Utilities. Dr. Cech will be reporting results going forward.

- Update on Ever-Fi Implementation

Ron Muffick touched on the three key issues of alcohol, sexual assault and financial literacy. Ron gave an update on the successful implementation of the Ever-Fi programs across the system.

- Campus Reports
- Other

Governor's Update

Dr. Shannon O'Brien gave a brief update on Main Street Montana Project, specifically Pillars 1 and 5. She stated that Pillar 1 – train and educate tomorrow's workforce today is the main priority and focuses on preschool through adulthood; while Pillar 5 focuses on nurturing and encouraging industries. She noted the correlation between research and economic development. These efforts coordinate well with the SWAMMEI grant. She updated the board on the smart schools initiative. These are incentives for energy efficiency and health. She also updated the board on the Mobile App Challenge. She discussed the recently completed Back to School Tour that focused on innovation and opportunities within the public school system. She stated that efforts are underway to better serve in STEM areas as well as looking at increasing professional development opportunities. She discussed dual credit and stated that school administrators and teachers are responding well to the incentive and agree that it will help serve the needs of rural communities. She thanked the Board for their work on PLA and College Application Week.

10:00 AM Museum of the Rockies Presentation

Angie Weikert, Director of Education and Public Programs; Pat Leggi, Administrative Director and Shelly McCamey, Executive Director discussed the far reaching impacts of the Museum of the Rockies. The Museum was founded in 1957 and is a Montana state



college historical museum with over 500,000 objects to share. They noted that the MOR is a federal repository for paleontological findings. The museum is accredited and funded by a unique public-private partnership, established in 1965. Additional space renovations helped expand the opportunities for the museum to host other collections as well as the Explore Yellowstone Children's Museum. Recent funding was provided for the Taylor Planetarium which reopened in 2013 and has advanced new opportunities for MSU researchers and students.

Ms. Weikert noted that the MOR focuses closely on accessibility for people from all financial backgrounds. This takes shape in forms of Explore Bozeman passes, scholarships, free field trips for all Montana K-12 students, and bus cost reimbursement. She noted the work that is being done in conjunction with OPI to get Montana school children excited about science at an early age. MOR provides employment and internship opportunities to students across the MUS. MOR partners with MSU to further research in education and paleontology both of which are faculty and student driven.

Mr. Leggi spoke on the worldwide impact of the MOR. Recently the MOR has had pieces of its collection displayed at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in DC, National History Museum and on a global scale. They recently worked with the Mifune Dinosaur Museum, which opened with great success, and led to two sister museum relationships in Japan. He discussed a research site in Pompeii that was experiencing amazing findings. These findings will be presented at the MOR in June of 2016. Mr. Leggi recapped that the MOR services more than 10,000 school students each year. Currently this equates to a cost savings of 21% of MSU students in various capacities.

Regent Robinson spoke in support of the MOR and noted the excellent management of the Planetarium. He asked about the specifics with outreach to Native American populations. Ms. Weikert noted several examples of how the MOR engages the Native American population. Chair Tuss noted the importance of reiterating that the MOR contributes \$48 million annually to Gallatin County; he encouraged the MOR to continue to highlight these resources they continue to provide to the state. Regent Sheehy asked about the curriculum development and encouraged some communication with K-12 schools before the curriculum is fully developed.

ACTION

11:15 AM Two-Year and Community College Committee *(and action)*

Dr. Cech provided a brief recap from last year's work plan which included: implementation of developmental education task force recommendations and progress on Math Pathways. He discussed the goal of improving transfer through MUS via the tuning process as well as the increased focus on growing dual enrollment opportunities. The FY 2015 work plan focuses on the following areas: Developmental Education Council Goals (Joint 2-year/4-year College Goals); Growth and Enhancement of Dual Credit Opportunities; Pillar 1 of Main Street Montana: Train and Education Tomorrow's Workforce Today; Establishment of Two-Year Education Metrics for Performance Based Funding; as well as, Prepare for Carl D. Perkins Pending Reauthorization. Discussion followed.



Regent Krauss motioned for approval for Item 164-101-R0914; motion passed 7-0.

INFORMATION

a. Dual Credit/Credit for Credit Program

Ms. Amy Williams, MUS Dual Credit Coordinator, noted the success dual credit is experiencing including: successful partnerships within the Governor's Office, OPI and Higher Education. She discussed the substantial growth that has taken place since the May BOR meeting. Across Montana teachers are interested in the incentive program, which rewards certified dual credit teachers with a waiver/coupon for additional postsecondary education.

b. Carl D. Perkins/Big Sky Pathways High School to College Attachment #1 | Attachment #2

Mindi Askelson, Big Sky Pathways & Perkins Program Manager, updated the Board that the Perkins IV will be reauthorized to Perkins V sometime in the spring of 2016 and will focus on mainly building career pathways. Mr. TJ Eyer discussed the data pieces related to the funding equation and its intent to assist with a seamless transition from secondary to postsecondary institutions. Mr. Scott Anderson spoke in support of these efforts to date. Discussion followed regarding tracking of students and accountability for how funds are spent.

c. Developmental Education Reform (EdReady/Math Pathways)

Dr. Cech provided a brief update on the Montana Digital Academy Rollout, which has already impacted 976 students across the state. President Engstrom spoke in support of the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation and expressed thanks for the assistance they have provided.

Public Comment: None.

1:30 PM Administrative, Budget, and Audit Oversight Committee

DISCUSSION

Budget Presentation & Discussion - *Robinson/Trevor*

Deputy Commissioner Tyler Trevor provided the board with a system perspective on the budget. Four main topics of the budget presentation include the MUS System Initiatives and timeline; budget profile, operating budget metrics, and Board directives. He briefly noted the three primary goals of the BOR Strategic Plan. He recapped the two funding eras 1) flat/declining era, marked by increased tuition revenue and 2) tuition freeze era. Non-resident tuition, as a percentage of total tuition revenue, increased from 41% in 2005 to 51% in 2014. When taking into consideration inflation, as well as resident and non-resident tuition and enrollment, the tuition freeze era recorded the highest level of



educational revenue. He explained that the State percentage share has dropped from 77% in 1992 to 39% in 2015. Enrollment in the MUS declined by 686 student FTE from FY 2013 to FY 2014. Enrollment has grown by approximately 3,700 FTE (10%) in the past ten years, with the majority of growth occurring between 2008 and 2011. Tyler noted that we are seeing growth in non-resident waivers, veterans population, etc. Commissioner Christian commented that instruction expenditures is an area that will require some additional focus. Discussion followed regarding waiver reporting and usage.

Campus Presentations

Campus	Topic	Presenter
MSU Introductory Comments		President Cruzado
MSU-Bozeman	Student Advising/Instruction	President Cruzado
Extension Service	Public Service	Director Jeff Bader
MSU-Billings	Alcohol/Sexual Assault Training	Chancellor Mark Nook
MSU-Northern	American Indian Student Success	Interim Chancellor Kegel
Great Falls College-MSU	Workforce Development	Dean Susan Wolff
UM Introductory Comments		President Engstrom
UM-Missoula	Research	President Engstrom
MT Tech	Dual Credit	Chancellor Blacketter
UM Western	Veteran's Success	Interim Chancellor Evans
Helena College	Competency Based Education	Dean Bingham
Community Colleges	Developmental Education Reform	Presidents Karas, Simon, Klippenstein

Representatives from each campus gave a brief update on the topic listed next to their campus.

CONSENT

- a. Authorization to execute a Right-of-Way at the intersection of South 19th Avenue and Garfield Street; MSU ITEM [164-2006-R0914](#) | [Attachment #1](#)
- b. Authorization to enter into an Inter-local Agreement for Fire Safety Services; MSU ITEM [164-2007-R0914](#) | [Attachment #1](#)
- c. Authorization to execute easement/ right-of-way agreement between Hill County Electric Cooperative and the Northern Agriculture Research Center; MSU ITEM [164-2009-R0914](#) | [Attachment #1](#)
- d. Revision of Board of Regents Policy 501.3, Governor's Post-Secondary Scholarship Program; OCHE ITEM [164-107-R0914](#) | [Attachment #1](#)

ACTION

- a. FY 2015 MUS Operating Budgets; OCHE [ITEM 164-105-R0914](#)
 - [All Funds Summary](#)
 - MUS Operating Budgets – [System Summary Information](#) and [Campus Specific Information](#)



This item contains the operating budgets of all fund groups for the institutions and agencies of the Montana University System for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014, as submitted by each of the units, recommended by the Commissioner of Higher Education, and summarized in the system and campus budget schedules.

Commissioner Christian noted the ultimate system need for the Board to approve the fiscal budget for FY 2015. He explained that this is a multi-step process and elaborated on how it works. A presentation has been compiled to show a system level view of these expenditures and where the budget is.

- b. Acquisition of Real Property by Gift; Revision of Easement for Wildlife Habitat Conservation to United State Department of Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service; UM ITEM 164-1012-R0914

Perry Brown, Provost of UM, reported that this item is to acquire by gift from The Nature Conservancy ("TNC") which consists of two pieces of real property: a 160-acre parcel located in Powell County, Montana and a 6-acre parcel located in Missoula County, Montana. The terms of these gifts and the conservation easement have been reviewed and found acceptable by the University of Montana Legal Counsel. He further clarified that there will be no additional costs in acquiring these properties.

- c. Authorization to Construct Museum of the Rockies Collection/Storage Facility; MSU ITEM 164-2008-R0914 | Attachment # 1

Terry Leist, Vice President of Finance at MSU, explained this request for authorization to construct a collection/storage facility for the Museum of the Rockies at MSU. This request is for a total of \$3,500,000 in non-state dollars for additional storage facility.

- d. Authorization to Repair/Replace Student Union Building Roof; MSU-Billings ITEM 164-2704-R0914 | Attachment #1

Terri Iverson, Chancellor of Finance at MSU-B, explained this request for authorization to repair/replace the existing roof for the Student Union Building. This request is for a total of \$850,000.

- e. Authorization to Proceed with Heritage Property Status; MSU-Billings ITEM 164-2705-R0914 | Attachment #1

Terri Iverson, Chancellor of Finance at MSU-B, explained this request for authorization for Montana State University Billings to proceed with a historic nomination and heritage property status for McMullen Hall. Regent Krauss asked if it retains its utility; Terri answered yes. Regent Williams asked if any restrictions are enforced on the property if listed. Terri answered yes, it must be pristine order and kept in its current condition. Chair Tuss asked if there were any concerns associated with being on that list and renovations or change of use down the road. Chancellor Nook noted that it was originally constructed as the original administrative building and could not really be renovated to be a classroom or similar.



budgets

Deputy Commissioner McRae spoke to information items “a.” and “b.” for a review of how the state appropriation for wages is being implemented to various employee groups in the Montana University System. The Legislature, in House Bill 13, appropriated \$23.6 million to the MUS (\$19.6 million for the educational units) for the two-year budget biennium that ends June 30, 2015. Approved labor agreements for faculty and staff contain pay raises effective October 1st in each year of the biennium of 2.25% plus \$250. The \$250 piece, equivalent to 12 cents per hour for hourly wage earners, is intended to provide for slightly larger percentage increases on the lower end of the pay scale to benefit employees in that manner.

House Bill 13 provided enough money for about half of the pay raise because slightly more than half of the appropriation went toward increased employer contributions to employee health insurance. The raises of 2.25% plus \$250 provide for annual pay raises in the MUS averaging 2.8%. House Bill 13 provided funding for raises of approximately 1.4% and the campuses had to make difficult internal budget decisions on how to come up with the other half of the raise. About one-third of the MUS workforce consists of classified support staff in positions such as administrative support, accounting support, custodial, dining services, residence life, and maintenance. About two-thirds of the MUS workforce consists of term-contract faculty, non-faculty professionals, and administrative employees. The wage and salary adjustments for all groups are being implemented in the same manner – the raise of 2.25% plus \$250.

Mr. McRae reviewed past actions by the Board to increase faculty and staff wages during a state employee pay freeze, and other investments in faculty and staff wages, to illustrate the high priority of the Board on recruiting, retaining, and compensating faculty, staff, professionals, and administrators.

c. Future review and update of personnel policies

Mr. McRae noted that this is one function of the staff/comp committee to ensure that personnel policies are reviewed regularly. He indicated that the Board may be seeing a few of these updates in the coming meetings.

8:40 AM

CONSENT

Staff Items

- a. Staff; OCHE ITEM 164-100-R0914
- b. Staff; UM ITEM 164-1000-R0914
- c. Staff; MT Tech ITEM 164-1500-R0914
- d. Staff, UM-Western ITEM 164-1600-R0914
- e. Staff; MSU-Northern ITEM 164-2800-R0914
- f. Staff; Great Falls College-MSU ITEM 164-2900-R0914
- g. Staff; MSU-Billings ITEM 164-2700-R0914
- h. Staff; MSU-Extension Service ITEM 164-2400-R0914



- i. Staff; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 164-2000-R0914
- j. Professor Emeritus; Anderson, UM ITEM 164-1001-R0914
- k. Professor Emeritus; Balch, UM ITEM 164-1002-R0914
- l. Professor Emeritus; Flores, UM ITEM 164-1003-R0914
- m. Professor Emeritus; Gannon, UM ITEM 164-1004-R0914
- n. Professor Emeritus; Hutto, UM ITEM 164-1005-R0914
- o. Professor Emeritus; Jones, UM ITEM 164-1006-R0914
- p. Professor Emeritus; Reider, UM ITEM 164-1007-R0914
- q. Professor Emeritus; Rose, UM ITEM 164-1008-R0914
- r. Professor Emeritus; Sheriff, UM ITEM 164-1009-R0914
- s. Professor Emeritus; Moore, UM ITEM 164-1013-R0914
- t. Professor Emeritus; Jacobsen, MSU-Bozeman ITEM 164-2001-R0914
- u. Professor Emeritus; Wolfe, MSU-Bozeman ITEM 164-2002-R0914
- v. Professor Emeritus; Smith, MSU-Bozeman ITEM 164-2003-R0914
- w. Professor Emeritus; Bowers, MSU-Bozeman ITEM 164-2004-R0914
- x. Professor Emeritus; Jesaitis, MSU-Bozeman ITEM 164-2005-R0914
- y. Professor Emeritus; Groseth, MSU-Billings ITEM 164-2703-R0914

Chair Tuss moved item y. Professor Emeritus; Groseth, MSU-Billings ITEM 164-2703-R0914 from the consent agenda to be an action item. President Cruzado spoke in support of this item and expressed thanks to Dr. Groseth for his 37 years of devoted service.

8:50 AM Public Comment

Marco Ferro, MEA –MFT, introduced Tammy Pilcher who will be working on bargaining and contract maintenance.

Trigg “Spike” Magelssen of MSU-Northern spoke to the past year salaries earned for Chancellors, Provosts, and Administrative and the discrepancies amongst institutions.

9:00 AM Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee *(and action)*

ACTION

- a. Policy Revision 301.1; OCHE ITEM 164-102-R0914 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2

Deputy Commissioner Moisey reported that the Developmental Education Task Force made recommendations to the Board in their final report at the May 2013 meeting. The Developmental Education Council has since worked on the implementation of those recommendations. These revisions to Policy 301.1 consolidate (along with the proposed revisions to Policy 301.17 and 301.18) the policy language relative to admissions, placement, and developmental coursework.

- b. Policy Revision 301.17; OCHE ITEM 164-103-R0914 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2



Deputy Commissioner Moisey reported that the Developmental Education Task Force made recommendations to the Board in their final report at the May 2013 meeting. The Developmental Education Council has since worked on the implementation of those recommendations. These revisions to Policy 301.17 consolidate (along with the proposed revisions to Policy 301.1 and 301.18) the policy language relative to admissions, placement, and developmental coursework.

c. Policy Revision 301.18; OCHE ITEM 164-104-R0914 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2

Deputy Commissioner Moisey reported that the Developmental Education Task Force made recommendations to the Board in their final report to the Board of Regents at the May 2013 meeting. The Developmental Education Council has since worked on the implementation of those recommendations. These revisions to Policy 301.18 consolidate (along with the proposed revisions to Policy 301.1 and 301.17) the policy language relative to admissions, placement, and developmental coursework.

d. Mission Review; UM ITEM 164-1011-R0914 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2

President Engstrom explained that this update shows how UM is meeting their current mission. Provost Brown stated that this agreement helps guide the system and the institution in developing strategic directions that build on distinctive strengths and the leadership role that the University of Montana contributes. He shared the following core themes and strategic issues of the institution: 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. The following values support UM's mission: leadership, engagement, diversity and sustainability. He shared enrollment and programmatic highlights as well as the extensive collaboration and unique consortia.

e. Mission Review; MSU ITEM 164-2012-R0914 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2

Provost Potvin reported the MSU mission statement as: the state's land-grant institution, educates students, creates knowledge and art, and serves communities by integrating learning, discovery and engagement. She addressed the Carnegie Classification the institution holds and updated the Board on the current academic profile as well as the unique degrees and programs that are offered. She reported on the increases in enrollment and lack of decrease in student quality as well as an increase in first year retention rate. She noted the growth of Gallatin College-MSU and the benefits associated with their success. This mission will be best achieved by integrating learning, discovery and engagement.

f. Approval of Updated Core Themes; MSU ITEM 164-2010-R0914

Provost Potvin, presented MSU's new strategic plan which was presented to the Board at the November 2012 meeting. Since that time it has become apparent that MSU has



two very similar, but not identical planning documents. This approval would allow for an update to be made to the Core Themes to bring them into alignment with the goals of MSU's strategic plan.

<u>Current Core Themes</u>	<u>Strategic Plan Goals</u>
1. Educate students	Learning
2. Create Knowledge and Art	Discovery
3. Serve Communities	Engagement
4. Integrate Learning, Discovery and Engagement	Integration
	Stewardship
	Access

Commissioner Christian made several general comments to mission review. He noted that the mission of our institutions and their review are directly tied to the role of the governing board. The Board charges institutions with allocating resources across the system and focuses on how the institutions' mission relates to the systems mission. Allocation of resources tie closely with what the various institution will be throughout the state and the system. He spoke to the importance in taking care with changing mission statements; either the mission changes or the institution has strayed from the original mission and needs to realign itself with it. He noted this is a critical decision and the board needs to know why we are changing mission statements.

9:45 AM

CONSENT

- a. Level II Memorandum (from May submission)

Chair Tuss pulled MSU-Bozeman's item, MSU: Request for Authorization to Establish a Center for Mental Health Research and Recovery ITEM # 163-2005-R0514, and moved to action for further discussion.

This item is a request to establish a new center called the Center for Mental Health Research and Recovery (CMHRR). This Center will combine the best basic, translational, behavioral and clinical science and be centered at Montana State University with collaborating institutions and organizations statewide including outreach/public awareness groups and clinical mental health care units. The Center is congruent with the mission of the Montana Office of Rural Health (MORH) which was established at Montana State University in 1987.

President Cruzado discussed the importance of this proposal. She spoke to the importance of mental health and the room for coordination and collaboration between MSU & UM. Dr. Frances Lefcort, Interim Director at MSU, made a few comments related to this issue in our state and the costs applied across the nation. She also spoke to the many opportunities to collaborate and coordinate with many other entities across the state, including UM. President Engstrom spoke in support of this proposal and emphasized this opportunity for collaboration. Chair Tuss spoke in support of this item and was pleased to hear the efforts to coordinate; however, he expressed concern about duplication. President Cruzado discussed the differences among these two research centers and the complexity of the program; each respective institution will be focusing on different areas or collaborating where needed to avoid overlap.



Commissioner Christian noted the number of discussions that have been had and will continue as this project moves forward. He stated that OCHE will ensure that collaboration exists and that work is being done under the leadership of both flagship institutions. Steve York, OPI discussed the seriousness of suicide throughout Montana and the focus that OPI is applying to this situation. He extended OPI's participation and cooperation on this effort.

Public Comment:

Matt Kuntz, Executive Director for NAMI-MT, spoke in support of this item.

Clementine Lindley, Executive Director of NAMI-Billings, spoke in support of this item.

Bobbie Evans, Dean of Phyllis J. Washington Foundation, spoke in support of this item.

b. MRPIP Candidates; OCHE ITEM 164-106-R0914 | Attachment #1

Dr. Moisey shared the list of applicants for program participation. These applicants were carefully reviewed by the committee and found to meet the requirements of the program. Sufficient program funding exists to extend the loan repayment incentive to these doctors.

INFORMATION

a. AIMA Update

Brandi Foster, Director of AIMA, updated the Board on the efforts to date to convene a statewide council and determine how best to advance and support the Native American student population. This council will be made up of representatives from two-year and four-year institutions, tribal colleges and the Office of Public Instruction; students will also be included. This council will focus on three main areas: ensuring that communications and action demonstrate a commitment to diversity, which will include mapping programs, projects, and initiatives to determine connections and opportunities to enhance connections, reviewing existing system policies to ensure clear vision and messaging; reinforcing campus climates that are welcoming by reviewing best practices for recruitment, orientation, and retention for students and faculty/staff as well as engaging the community in learning about equity and inclusion; and enhancing academic programming and pedagogy that is inclusive thorough understanding and defining what Indian Education for All means for the Montana University System.

b. Level I Memorandum

Dr. Moisey reiterated the process behind the Level I Memorandum process.

c. Level II Memorandum (for action in November)

Dr. Moisey reiterated the process behind the Level II Memorandum process; this will



appear again at the November meeting for Action.

d. Notifications

i. Withdrawal of Bachelor of Science Education in General Science (5-12) from Moratorium; MSU Northern ITEM 164-2803+R0914

ii. Withdrawal of Bachelor of Science Education in Health and Physical Education (K-12) from Moratorium; MSU Northern ITEM 164-2804+R0914

iii. Notification of Implementation of Associate of Science Registered Nurse Degree; Great Falls College MSU ITEM 164-2901+R0914

iv. BOR Policy 303.7 Report Online Learning Report | Attachment # 1

Dr. Moisey explained the process for withdrawing programs from moratorium. Chair Tuss asked Chancellor Kegel asked about the recent change of why this was placed in moratorium and then pulled back so quickly. Provost Rugg, MSU-Northern, noted the recommendations for termination last fall and immediate outcry from the community. Regent Robinson spoke to program prioritization with the last administration and asked how the reintroduced of these courses fit within that. Provost Rugg noted that the concept of reintroducing these programs is that they shouldn't have been placed in moratorium in the first place. Regent Albrecht asked about plans to promote this program to ensure that interest and enrollment is attained in order to sustain the program. He answered that advertising and promotion efforts are underway.

e. Changes to the WWAMI Medical Education Program; MSU | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2

Provost Potvin, MSU-Bozeman, updated the Board on the proposed structure for the WWAMI Medical Education Program at MSU. Beginning with the cohort of students in Fall 2015, the WWAMI Medical Education Program will include 18 months at MSU as opposed to the current 2 semesters; the remainder of the program will continue to take place at the University of Washington (UW) and other regional sites. There will be no additional costs to the students.

f. State Authorization Report

g. Accreditation Reports Update

Dr. Moisey spoke briefly about the new reciprocity agreement that was signed in July which changes how institutions outside of Montana can offer online courses to Montana residents. There will be updates to the Board as these agreements are fully implemented. The accreditation report provides an update on MUS institutional accreditation status with Northwest Commission for Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). The NWCCU reaffirms the accreditation status for all MUS institutions. The report also outlines the accreditation review schedules for MUS institutions for the 2014-15 academic year.



- h. Academic Program Prioritization
- i. Student Affairs Update - Financial Literacy Education Program Update

In the interest of time items h. and i. will be postponed to the November BOR meeting.

10:50 AM Public Comment

None.

11:00 AM **COMMITTEE REPORTS, DISCUSSION & ACTION**

Two-Year and Community College Committee (*action taken during committee*)

9/17/2014: Regent Krauss motioned for approval for Action item 164-101-R0914; motion passed 7-0.

Administrative, Budget, and Audit Oversight Committee

9/18/14 Motion for approval of Consent items a. – d. made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.

9/18/2014 Motion for approval of Action item a. FY 2015 MUS Operating Budgets; OCHE Item 164-105-R0914 was made by Regent Robinson; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.

9/18/2014 Motion for approval of Action item b. Acquisition of Real Property by Gift; Revision of Easement for Wildlife habitat Conservation to United State Department of Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service; UM Item 164-1012-R0914 was made by Regent Johnstone; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.

9/18/2014 Motion for approval of Action item c. Authorization to Construct Museum of the Rockies Collection/Storage Facility; MSU Item 164-2008-R0914 was made by Regent Sheehy; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.

9/18/2014 Motion for approval of Action item d. Authorization to Repair/Replace Student Union Building Roof; MSU-Billings Item 164-2704-R0914 was made by Regent Williams; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.

9/18/2014 Motion for approval of Action item e. Authorization to Proceed with Heritage Property Status; MSU-Billings Item 164-2705-R0914 was made by Regent Sheehy; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.

Staff and Compensation Committee

9/18/2014 Motion for approval of Consent items a.- x. was made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.



9/18/2014 Motion for approval of Action item y. Professor Emeritus; Groseth, MSU-Billings Item 164-2703-R0914 was made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused. **Chair Tuss pulled this item from consent and moved to action.

Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee

Consent Item a. The Level II Memorandum contained Item 163-2005-R0514; Montana State University-Bozeman: Request for Authorization to Establish a Center for Mental Health Research and Recovery which was pulled from the Level II Memorandum and moved to Action.

9/18/2014 Motion for approval of the consent agenda was made by Regent Johnstone; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.

9/18/2014 Motion for approval of Action item a. Policy Revision 301.1; OCHE item 164-102-R0914 was made by Regent Robinson; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.

9/18/2014 Motion for approval of Action item b. Policy Revision 301.17; OCHE item 164-103-R0914 was made by Regent Williams; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.

9/18/2014 Motion for approval of Action item c. Policy Revision 301.18; OCHE item 164-104-R0914 was made by Regent Robinson; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.

9/18/2014 Motion for approval of Action item d. Mission Review; UM item 164-1011-R0914 was made by Regent Robinson; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.

9/18/2014 Motion for approval of Action item e. Mission Review; MSU item 164-2012-R0914 was made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.

9/18/2014 Motion for approval of Action item f. Approval of Updated Core Themes; MSU Item 164-2010-R0914 was made by Regent Johnstone; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.

9/18/2014 Motion for approval of Action item g. Request for Authorization to Establish a Center for Mental Health Research and Recovery; MSU-Bozeman item 163-2005-R0514 was made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed 6-0. Regent Krauss was excused.

11:30 AM Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41am



MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Approved by the Board of Regents on

Date

Date

Clayton T. Christian
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