



## Montana Board of Regents

Conference Call Meeting

June 10, 2015

11:00 AM

**Wednesday, June 10, 2015**

The meeting convened at 11:00 am

Roll call indicated a quorum present.

**Regents Present:** Paul Tuss, Chair; Fran Albrecht, Vice Chair; Bill Johnstone; Martha Sheehy; and *Ex officio* member Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian, all by phone. *Ex officio* Governor Bullock, *Ex officio* Superintendent Juneau and Regent Mariah Williams were excused.

Sites represented by phone were: Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE), MSU-Billings, MSU-Bozeman, MSU-Northern, UM-Western, UM-Missoula, Budget Office, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, and Yellowstone Public Radio

### ACTION

- a. Campus Allocation Recommendations; OCHE *ITEM 167-101-C0615 | Allocation Summary | MSU | UM*

Commissioner Christian summarized that as required by BOR Policy 970.1 – Biennial allocation of State Funding to Montana University campuses, the allocation of state funding is calculated using the average of the resident student FTE count for the most recent three consecutive years, as recorded in the official Montana University System enrollment reports. Each President is then responsible for recommending their allocation of funding to their respective campuses.

President Engstrom discussed the methodology used which included a percentage of the lump sum being allocated based on an FTE enrollment model. He noted the campus comparison with peer institutions that was conducted last year to see how the allocations measure up according to the per-student funding model. This review led to some minor adjustments with the allocations. Discussion followed.

Terry Leist, Vice President of Administration and Finance stated that MSU established a new model prior to the 2013 biennium. This involved going back and benchmarking each campus for financial review. They evaluated campuses during a stable period with even enrollment growth rather than post-recession figures. FY 2015-FY2009 was reviewed as were the allocations per campus as a whole. This model incorporates some adjustments for directing campuses back to where they were in FY 05-FY09 over a period of time. He noted the shift in FTE, based on MUS calculations. Any adjustments are applied based on the percent of total allocations for each campus. Discussion followed.



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Public Comment: None.

Regent Johnstone motioned for approval. Motion passed 4-0. (Regent Williams excused)

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM

Approved by the Board of Regents on

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Clayton T. Christian  
Commissioner of Higher Education  
and Secretary to the Board of Regents

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Paul Tuss  
Chair, Board of Regents