

MINUTES
Montana Board of Regents
UM-Western
March 8-9, 2018

Thursday, March 8th

Meeting convened at 8:15 AM.

Roll call indicated a quorum present. Regents present: Fran Albrecht, Chair; Bob Nystuen, Vice Chair; Paul Tuss; Martha Sheehy; Casey Lozar; Bill Johnstone; and Chase Greenfield. Ex officio members included Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian; Ex officio Superintendent Elsie Arntzen; and Ms. Siri Smillie represented ex officio, Governor Bullock.

Comments by Chair Fran Albrecht

Chair Albrecht welcomed all attendees and extended thanks to UM-Western for hosting the meeting. She reviewed the agenda and upcoming items of discussion. She acknowledged the service of Regent Bill Johnstone and thanked him for his time on the Board of Regents.

Welcome by Chancellor Weatherby

Chancellor Weatherby welcomed all attendees. She shared several updates related to the University Montana-Western including the celebration of their 125th year. She noted the recent ranked among the “Best Equestrian Colleges” nation-wide by ThoughtCo.com, an online education resource. Schools.com ranked UM-Western’s Early Childhood Education program 4th in the nation and Schools.com also ranked the Environmental Sciences programs of UM-Western as 5th in the nation. She noted the upcoming NWCCU evaluation scheduled for later this month. Chancellor Weatherby spoke to the continued focus on Experience One. Dr. Vicki Howards – Chair of Natural Horseman Program discussed a potential program in partnership with Blackfeet Community College, UM-Western, and Browning Public Schools Teacher training. The model is community-based, culturally based and practice based and funded by leveraging an Office of Indian Education Personnel Training Grant. She stressed that Montana needs a different approach for indigenous children.

Approval of Minutes

- January 11, 2018, Meeting Minutes

A motion for approval of the January 11, 2018 minutes was made by Regent Nystuen; motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner's and System Report

Commissioner Christian thanked UM-Western for hosting the meeting; also, he extended thanks to Regent Johnstone for his service to the Board. He recognized Dean Wolff for receiving the Athena Award. Mr. Christian noted the recently successful search for the Chancellor of MSU-Billings and welcomed Dr. Dan Edelman. He thanked and congratulated Deputy Commissioner Cech on his recent success at becoming the 18th President of Carroll College. He recognized the late Chancellor Frank Gilmore of MT-Tech who recently passed. He provided a brief update regarding Dan Bingham's recent bike incident and noted his recovery progress to date.

He spoke to the reauthorization of Higher Education Act and new progress to date. The Act started in 1965 and has not been renewed since 2008. It is very important to Montana and the MUS as it houses Pell and other federal higher education programs and the federal student loan system. He provided an update on the two efforts underway this year: We now have two bills in the works – The PROSPER act in the House and the Higher Education Act in the Senate. The PROSPER Act is out of subcommittee and is awaiting a floor vote. The bill has some positive benefits like the elimination of loan origination fees, streamlined repayment options and mandatory annual counseling for all Pell and Student Loan recipients. We also have concerns about this bill for a multitude of reasons and are working with the broader consortiums we belong to- to help lawmakers understand the potential impacts of this bill.

On the Senate side, there has been bi-partisan effort to re-work the HEA bill. What we are hearing is that both parties are agreeing that federal student aid should be simplified and shortened and that applicants should be allowed to apply earlier to get a better understanding of costs. Both sides support changes like paring down federal aid and repayment offerings to make it less confusing and opening those federal aid purses to job training programs and others, like apprenticeships, aimed at filling the skills gap. We've heard that there is bipartisan support for ideas that would allow students to earn credits by showing what they know, versus merely completing a specific number, of course, hours –competency-based learning. The committee hasn't worked on the tougher aspects of the bill, but we are working with our partners to make sure the voices of campuses and students are being heard.

The HEA was created to throw open the doors to economic and educational opportunity for all students, regardless of race, or income. While the higher education landscape has changed over time, the fundamental values of an educated society have not. I hope that the Senate can come together to focus on affordability, accountability, access and protecting the rights of students. Discussion followed.

- MSU-Billings Taskforce Update

Deputy Commissioner Cech, OCHE presented an update on the MSU-Billings Taskforce. He noted its formation in the Spring of 2017 and the makeup of the task force which included: OCHE staff, Regent representation, broad representation from the

community as well as faculty, staff and administration from the university. Goals of the task force included engaging the broader community and region in MSUB's visioning effort. The task force met monthly from April 2017 through February 2018 and gathered recommendations into the following five pillars: leadership, student success, program offerings, marketing and identity branding, and facilities/infrastructure. Next steps include forming a Chancellor's Community Advisory Board; developing an action plan from recommendations; incorporating the recommendations into our subsequent strategic planning process; communicating regularly with the community about progress and seeking additional funding for key recommendations. Discussion followed.

- Campus Reports (Linked to agenda)
- Introductions & Acknowledgements

Commissioner Christian welcomed and introduced Mr. Joe Thiel as the Director of Academic Policy & Research at the OCHE office. He also welcomed Dr. Kirk Lacy as Dean of Helena College-UM. President Cruzado extended thanks to Chancellor Ron Larsen for his service as Interim Chancellor at MSUB and acknowledged and welcomed Dr. Dan Edelman as the incoming Chancellor at MSUB. Chancellor Weatherby recognized and extended thanks to Vice Chancellor Susan Briggs for her invaluable service over the years. Chancellor Blackketter introduced Dr. Carrie Vath, Dean of Students. Chancellor Kegel introduced Dr. Neil Moisey as MSU-Northern's new Provost. MSUB recognized Ms. Trudy Collins as Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance. President Karas recognized Ms. Beckie Christiaens as FVCC's new Vice President for Finance and Administration. President Bodnar noted the hire of Ms. Kelly Webster as the new Chief of Staff at UM and acknowledged Provost Beverly Edmond for her time and assistance in the capacity of Provost at UM. Dean Coppersmith announced his transition from City College to explore new opportunities.

- Regents' Professor Nomination; MSU-Bozeman
ITEM 178-2007-R0318 | Attachment #1 (Item from ARSA Committee)

President Cruzado presented the request for the authorization to appoint Dr. Neil Cornish the rank of Regents Professor in recognition of his remarkable contributions and international recognition as a scholar, educator, mentor, and leader in Physics as well as his exemplary service to our great State and Montana State University.

Chair Albrecht noted that the Board would act as a committee of the whole and vote on this particular item. A motion to approve action item 178-2007-R0318 was made by Regent Johnstone; discussion followed. The motion passed 7-0.

- Other

Remarks by Governor Bullock (or Designee)

Ms. Siri Smillie provided an update on behalf of Governor Bullock. She discussed the strengthening of the talent pipeline through work-based learning and apprenticeships

continues to be at the forefront of the Governor's priorities. We continue to work with the National Governor's Association as part of their Work-Based Learning Policy Academy. With the NGA grant and technical assistance, we are working to expand and enhance work-based learning for youth and young adults in STEM fields. Last week, Governor Bullock announced funding community organizations, health care providers, and schools to expand current or launch new evidence-based suicide prevention programs. Funds will be used for a number of projects including improving screening and assessment in critical access hospitals, as well as helping schools to implement the PAX Good Behavior Game, which teaches children good behavior skills to help minimize disruptions and promote a productive learning environment. Research and studies have shown the program can help children cope with emotional and mental health challenges later in life, including reducing suicide rates.

Remarks by Superintendent Arntzen

Superintendent Arntzen provided an update to the Board and acknowledged the important work of the Montana Youth Academy Challenge housed here at UM-Western. She discussed the partnerships and the need for success associated with them. She discussed the importance of school safety and the need to elevate these discussions at the state levels. A review of emergency school plans, currently in place will occur to help address any areas of need or ways to improve. She stressed that OPI would be present at the table for continued discussions related to school and student safety.

What's Up, Dillon?

Mr. Carl Erb, President of MCH Board, Chairman of The Bank of Commerce Board and colt donor; Mr. Ken Westman, CEO of Barrett Hospital and Healthcare; Mr. Travis Cotton, Vice President Commercial Sales of Helix Business Solutions; Ms. Jan Rouse, Director of Montana Youth Challenge Academy; Mr. Shane Puyear, Vice President Branch Manager of Stockman Bank; and Ms. Beth Sullivan, Store Manager of Patagonia Dillon Outlet. The panel members described important relationships that exist with UM-Western which include: partnerships on performing arts, scholarship funding, community partnerships, internships programs, community advisory council participation, positive partisan relationships, the creation of opportunities for students to build their resumes, students serving as employees, and more. Discussion followed.

Two-Year and Community College Committee

INFORMATION

a. Complete College Montana Momentum Pathways Update

A panel including Mr. Erik Rose, OCHE; Dr. Deb Hedeem, UM-Western; Dr. Carrie Vath, MT Tech; and Mr. Brian French, UM-Missoula presented an update related to Complete College Montana and Montana Momentum Pathways. They noted the upcoming Momentum Pathways Academy summit taking place later this month. They provided an

overview of activities across the system as well as individual campus highlights. Highlights included: the “15 to Finish” program, guided pathways, structured schedules, co-requisite support, and math pathways. Discussion followed.

- b. Montana University System and Montana Department of Labor Apprenticeship Partnership

Commissioner of Department of Labor and Industry Mr. Galen Hollenbaugh provided background information and detail on the growth of apprenticeship programs across Montana. He presented a culmination of the efforts in partnership with higher education, on outreach across Montana. He noted that continued collaboration is essential to expand these efforts further. Discussion followed.

BUDGET, ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

CONSENT

- a. Request for Authorization to Grant an Easement to the Montana Department of Transportation-Parcel 97; MSU-Billings *ITEM 178-2709-R0318 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3 | Attachment #4 | Attachment #5*
- b. Request for Authorization to Grant Easement to the Montana Department of Transportation-Parcel 100; MSU-Billings *ITEM 178-2710-R0318 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3 | Attachment #4 | Attachment #5*
- c. Request for Authorization to Expend Student Computer Fees; UM-Western *ITEM 178-1601-R0318*
- d. Request for Authorization to Expend Student Equipment Fee Allocation; *MSU-Billings ITEM 178-2708-R0318*
- e. Request for Approval of Operating Agreement between the University of Montana and the University of Montana Foundation; UM-Missoula *ITEM 178-1003-R0318 | Attachment #1*

** Deputy Commissioner Trevor noted that this relisted given new, additional appendix information.

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- f. Beed; UM-Missoula *ITEM 178-1001-R0318*
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- h. Melland; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 178-2001-R0318*
- i. Weaver; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 178-2002-R0318*
- j. Williams; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 178-2003-R0318*
- k. Allard; MSU-Billings *ITEM 178-2701-R0318*
- l. Blackwell; MSU-Billings *ITEM 178-2702-R0318*
- m. Miller; MSU-Billings *ITEM 178-2703-R0318*
- n. Yazak; MSU-Billings *ITEM 178-2704-R0318*
- o. Coffman; MSU-Billings *ITEM 178-2705-R0318*

ACTION

- a. Request for Authorization to Increase Spending Authority for Dobbie Lambert Field Sports Facility; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 178-2008-R0318 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2*

Deputy Commissioner Trevor presented this request consistent, with the provision of MCA 18-2-102 (2) (b) and MCA 20-25-302 (1) (d), for the Board of Regents of Higher Education to authorize Montana State University to increase the existing authority for the improvement project of the Dobbie Lambert Intramural Fields on the Bozeman campus to a total of \$5,200,000. Discussion followed.

- b. Request for Authorization to Demolish the Academic Support Center; MSU-Billings *ITEM 178-2707-R0318 | Attachment #1*

Mr. Ron Muffick, Director of Operations and Administration; presented the request consistent with the provisions of BOR Policy 1003.5, for the Board of Regents of Higher Education to authorize Montana State University Billings to demolish the former Academic Support Center building.

- c. Request for Authorization to Replace the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse Scoreboard, MSU *ITEM 178-2006-R0318 | Attachment #1*

Mr. Ron Muffick, Director of Operations and Administration; presented the request consistent with the provisions of MCA 18-2-102 (2)(b), for the Board of Regents of the Montana University System to authorize MSU to replace the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse scoreboard. This authorization request is for a total of \$675,000.

- d. Request for Authorization to Lease Athletic Fields to MSUN Foundation for Phase 1 of Athletic Field Improvement Project; MSU-Northern *ITEM 178-2801-R0318 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2*

Mr. Ron Muffick, Director of Operations and Administration; presented the request before the Board of Regents seeking authorization for MSU Northern to lease athletic facilities to the MSUN Foundation for the purpose of engaging an architect and contractor to plan, design, and construct a football playing field with artificial turf, scoreboard, goal posts, and site work with utilities in accordance with this Item and the terms of MCA § 20-25-309. This phase will be the first of multiple phases of improvements for the planned Football Field and Health & Wellness Complex, contingent on a successful capital campaign funding.

- e. Hire of Chancellor; MSU-Billings *ITEM 178-2700-R0318*

Deputy Commissioner Trevor presented the staff item for finalist Dr. Dan Edelman as the incoming Chancellor of the Montana State University-Billing. Discussion followed.

Chair Albrecht noted that the Board would act as a committee of the whole and vote on this particular item. Regent Sheehy made a motion for approval for Item 178-2700-R0318; motion passed 7-0.

INFORMATION

Deputy Commissioner McRae provided a brief update on collective bargaining efforts to date. Discussion followed.

a. FY19 Budget Building Blocks (preliminary campus budgets)

Deputy Commissioner Trevor provided an update on the FY19 Budget Building Blocks which include revenue, staffing, and enrollment. He discussed revenue in terms of current unrestricted funds noting the total operating revenue for the MUS including the percentage made up by state share. Mr. Trevor discussed staffing across the MUS, noting projected expenditures for FY18 and FY19, and the student to faculty ratio. He reviewed enrollment per fiscal year by FTE which results in a slight decrease in total student FTE by -0.7%. Deputy Commissioner Trevor discussed the revenue projections, staffing, and enrollment related to the University of Montana's budget. President Bodnar explained his approach which emphasizes stewardship and sustainability to help address the structural budget imbalance. He discussed general fund strategic prioritization concerning recruiting and retention; clear, intentional strategy; and structural alignment and simplification. He discussed project simplification regarding academic core and the administrative shell as well as corresponding goals. Discussion followed. Deputy Commissioner Trevor reviewed the preliminary budgets for FY19 for all MUS campuses.

b. FY19 Performance Funding Allocations

Deputy Commissioner Trevor presented the summary for FY 2019 Performance Funding allocations for the MUS. He reviewed the breakdown for each campus across the system noting changes to undergraduate degrees awarded, retention, and graduate degrees awarded for the combined cumulative growth. He noted decreases in the totality received by Missoula College, MSU-Billings and Highlands College. Discussion followed. The Commissioner agreed to review the Performance Funding metrics and report back.

c. 2021 Biennial Budget Planning

Deputy Commissioner Trevor explained how the budget is developed for 2021, which is in the beginning stages. He discussed the base year amounts consisting of state funding and tuition revenue. He explained that FY19 would be a critical year for moving into 2021 as it makes up the base for the 2021 biennium. The primary factor driving that amount is the present law adjustment request; the level of funding needed under present law to maintain operations and services at the level authorized by the previous legislature. Other influencing factors include state appropriations (size of the lump), pay plan, new proposals, enrollment, and tuition rates. Discussion followed. Commissioner Christian discussed the intentional delay of setting some of the priorities; he noted his optimism for more latitude further down the road than there is today.

d. LRBP Draft Priority List, 2021 Biennium | Project Descriptions

Deputy Commissioner Trevor shared the preliminary draft list. This list shows the significant categories and priorities including significant construction, deferred maintenance projects, and authority only projects. Discussion followed.

e. Fee Taskforce Update | Draft Policy

Deputy Commissioner Trevor reiterated the interest from the Board for more transparency related to fees and the charge to determine if the correct mechanism was currently in place. Regent Greenfield noted the two main areas of focus by the task force: determining fee category areas and fee policy. He discussed the draft policy language for a new BOR policy – 940.3 related to mandatory fees. Discussion followed.

f. Audit Reports

1. KEMC-FM/Yellowstone Public Radio-June 30, 2017-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
2. KGLT-FM- A Public Telecommunications Entity Operated by the Montana University System-June 30, 2017-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
3. KUFM-FM Radio-Operated by University of Montana-June 30, 2017-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
4. Montana PBS-A Public Television Entity Operated by the Montana University System-June 30, 2017-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
5. MSU Consolidated Revenue Bond Report-June 30, 2017-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
6. UM-Pledged Revenue Bonds-June 30, 2017-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
7. Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program-Financial Audit-June 30, 2017-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
8. Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education-Financial/Compliance Audit-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion and No Recommendations
9. Montana State University Compliance Audit-June 30, 2017-Three Recommendations
10. University of Montana Compliance Audit -June 30, 2017-Four Recommendations

Deputy Commissioner Trevor noted all audits listed and noted there are no major audit recommendations on the list.

Public Comment

Mr. Collin Miller, President of ASMSU-Northern, spoke in support of the building a sports complex.

Meeting recessed at 5:30 pm

Friday, March 9th

The Board reconvened at 8:43 am.

Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee

ACTION

- a. Regents' Professor Nomination; MSU *ITEM 178-2007-R0318 | Attachment 1*

Members of the Board voted as a committee of the whole on March 8, 2018.

- b. Honorary Doctorate; MSU *ITEM 178-2004-R0318*

President Cruzado of MSU presented the request to the Board of Regents to grant Montana State University the authority to confer an Honorary Doctorate to a former faculty member, in recognition of many career achievements and the distinction brought to the Montana University System.

- c. Honorary Doctorate; MSU *ITEM 178-2005-R0318*

President Cruzado of MSU presented the request to the Board of Regents to grant Montana State University the authority to confer an Honorary Doctorate, in recognition of many career achievements and the distinction brought to the Montana University System.

- d. Honorary Doctorate; MT-Tech *ITEM 178-1502-R0318*

Chancellor Blackketter of MT Tech presented the request to the Board of Regents to grant Montana Tech the authority to confer an Honorary Doctorate in recognition of many career achievements and the distinction brought to the Montana University System.

- e. Honorary Doctorate; UM *ITEM 178-1004-R0318*

President Bodnar of UM presented the request to the Board of Regents to grant University of Montana the authority to confer an Honorary Doctorate in recognition of

many career achievements and the distinction brought to the Montana University System.

f. Core Themes; Helena College ITEM 178-1902-R0318

Deputy Commissioner Cech presented the request to the Board of Regents' approval of Helena College's updated core themes.

g. Level II Executive Summary | Supporting Documentation

Deputy Commissioner Cech spoke to the process related to these submissions. Each campus talked about their respective requests which include: establishing a BS degree in Environmental Engineering, MSU-Bozeman; establishing a BS in Landscape Architecture, MSU-Bozeman; establishing an AAS Precision Machining Technology Program, MT Tech; permanently authorize a Certificate in Licensed Practical Nursing, Helena College-UM; and restructuring Academic Affairs, UM-Western. Discussion followed.

h. AIMA Council Campus Work Plan

Ms. Angela McLean, Director of American Indian/Minority Achievement and K-12 Partnerships, provided an update and recommendations of the American Indian and Minority Achievement Council. The council recommends the identification of an individual at each campus to serve as a point of contact for American Indian students. Also, departmental points of contact who possess unique "cultural perspectives" to serve students more efficiently in various areas. Another recommendation includes collecting and sharing of data relative to American Indian students to help address enrollment and student success efforts. Also, the council recommends including cultural and sensitivity professional development for all faculty and staff. Discussion followed.

INFORMATION

a. National Association of System Heads TS3 High Impact Practices Initiative Overview

Mr. Erik Rose, Dr. David Singel, Dr. Stacy Sherwin, and Dr. Heidi Pasek provided an update noting the support received from NASH over the last two years. They discussed the goal and objective to identify and implement High Impact Practices (HIPs) with proven impact on student learning and development throughout curricular and co-curricular activities at each campus. HIPs would be intentionally designed to close achievement gaps so that every student experiences an average of one HIP per academic year. Discussion followed.

b. Level I Memorandum (October, December, January)

Deputy Commissioner Cech discussed the process behind these approvals; noting that they include minor changes and are approved by the Commissioner's Office via direction of the board. Discussion followed.

c. Intent to Plan Proposals (October, November, December, January)

Deputy Commissioner Cech noted the programs listed below are under development and have completed the necessary intent to plan documentation. Discussion followed.

Submitted January 2018 – Expiration – September 2019

Flathead Valley Community College

C.A.S. in Practical Nursing

Montana Tech

Master of Engineering

Master of Science in Materials Science & Engineering (MS/MSE)

Montana State University Northern

Equine Studies – Minor

Submitted December 2017 – Expiration – August 2019

Dawson Community College

Rural Organization Employee Management (ROEM) A.A.S./Certificate

University of Montana Western

B.S. Environmental Sustainability with an option in Environmental Interpretation

Submitted November 2017 – Expiration – July 2019

Montana Tech

AAS Precision Machining Technology

Submitted October 2017 – Expiration -June 2019

Montana State University Northern

Plumber/Pipefitter Associate of Applied Science

WIRE Special Focus Recommendations; MT Tech

Chancellor Blacketter, Dr. Carrie Vath, Dr. Scott Risser, Dean Dan Trudnowski, Dr. Hilary Risser and Dr. Glen Southergill presented an update on WIRE (Work Group for Institutional Realignment for Excellence) in anticipation of the designation of a special, formal focus that was approved in May of 2017. Recommendations included: MT Tech embracing the Special Focus BOR designation as a premier Science and Engineering institution dedicated to meeting the changing needs of society; having a nationally competitive applied research culture; curricula focusing on integrating problem-solving; and creating an organizational structure that supports our special focus. Next steps include exploring the potential for future relationships between Highlands College, School of Mines and Engineering, College of Letters, Science and Professional Studies, and Graduate School. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports & Action

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- o. Coffman; MSU-Billings *ITEM 178-2705-R0318*

A motion for approval of consent agenda items a. – o. was made by Regent Johnstone; motion passed 7-0.

ACTION

- a. Request for Authorization to Increase Spending Authority for Dobbie Lambert Field Sports Facility; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 178-2008-R0318 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2*

A motion for approval of action item a. Item 178-2008-R0318 was made by Regent Sheehy; motion passed 7-0.

- b. Request for Authorization to Demolish the Academic Support Center; MSU-Billings *ITEM 178-2707-R0318 | Attachment #1*

A motion for approval of action item b. Item 178-2707-R0318 was made by Regent Johnstone; motion passed 7-0.

- c. Request for Authorization to Replace the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse Scoreboard, MSU *ITEM 178-2006-R0318 | Attachment #1*

A motion for approval of action item c. Item 178-2006-R0318 was made by Regent Nystuen; motion passed 7-0.

- d. Request for Authorization to Lease Athletic Fields to MSUN Foundation for Phase 1 of Athletic Field Improvement Project; MSU-Northern *ITEM 178-2801-R0318 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2*

A motion for approval of action item d. Item 178-2801-R0318 was made by Regent Greenfield; discussion followed, motion passed 7-0.

- e. Hire of Chancellor; MSU-Billings *ITEM 178-2700-R0318*

The Board voted as a committee of the whole on this item on March 8th. The motion for approval of Item 178-2700-R0318 was made by Regent Sheehy; motion passed 7-0.

Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee

ACTION

- a. Regents' Professor Nomination; MSU *ITEM 178-2007-R0318 | Attachment 1*

The Board voted as a committee of the whole on March 8th for Item 178-2007- R0318. A motion was made by Regent Johnstone; motion passed 7-0.

b. Honorary Doctorate; MSU *ITEM 178-2004-R0318*

A motion for approval of action item a. Item 178-2004-R0318 was made by Regent Sheehy; motion passed 7-0.

c. Honorary Doctorate; MSU *ITEM 178-2005-R0318*

A motion for approval of action item a. Item 178-2005-R0318 was made by Regent Johnstone; motion passed 7-0.

d. Honorary Doctorate; MT-Tech *ITEM 178-1502-R0318*

A motion for approval of action item a. Item 178-1502-R0318 was made by Regent Greenfield; motion passed 7-0.

e. Honorary Doctorate; UM *ITEM 178-1004-R0318*

A motion for approval of action item e. Item 178-1004-R0318 was made by Regent Tuss; motion passed 7-0.

f. Core Themes; Helena College *ITEM 178-1902-R0318*

A motion for approval of action item f. Item 178-1902-R0318 was made by Regent Sheehy; motion passed 7-0.

g. Level II Executive Summary | Supporting Documentation

Regent Tuss asked that the Item 178-1600-R0318 - UM Western's request for authorization to restructure Academic Affairs Administration be segregated out. Regent Lozar made a motion for approval of item 178-1600-R0318, discussion followed motion passed 6-1.

Regent Sheehy made a motion for other items listed on the Level II Memorandum; motion passed 7-0.

h. AIMA Council Campus Work Plan

Regent Lozar made a motion to approve; discussion followed, motion passed 7-0.

Public Comment

Ms. Brenna Love, President of ASUM, spoke in support of the engagement of students related to 6 Mill Levy efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 and Board members determined no need for executive session.

Approved by the Board of Regents on

Date

Date

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

Fran Albrecht
Chair, Board of Regents