

September 11-12, 2019

**ITEM 184-1601-R0919**

**Authorization for The University of Montana Western and the UMW Foundation to enter into an Operating Agreement**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents authorizes The University of Montana Western and the UMW Foundation to enter into an Operating Agreement that outlines their relationship and defines appropriate Foundation activities.

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**EXPLANATION**

The Montana Board of Regents is responsible for ensuring the integrity and reputation of the University and its programs and must be assured that the independent University affiliated Foundation will adhere to ethical standards appropriate to such organization.

The University and the Foundation recognizes that the MUS is trying to have each campus Foundation Agreement approved in January of even numbered years and remain on a consistent two-year approval cycle. Board of Regents' policy 901.9 requires each agreement to be reviewed and approved by the Board every two years. UM Western's current agreement expires in September 2019. In order to comply with the two-year approval requirement and be on the new cycle, this item will be placed on the January 2020 Board agenda again. Paragraph 11 of the attached operating agreement reads: "This Agreement shall be in effect from the approval of the Board of Regents at the September 2019 meeting until rereview at the January 2020 board meeting and thereafter will run until January 31, 2022 unless terminated by an agreement in writing and signed by both parties."

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment # 1 – Proposed Operating Agreement between The University of Montana Western and the UMW Foundation