

TENTATIVE MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

July 9, 1973
Helena, Montana

The Board of Regents of Higher Education met at 4:30 p.m., Monday, July 9, 1973 in the conference room of the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena, Montana.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John French, who stated he would act as chairman until such time as a chairman was elected by the Board. The roll was called by the Secretary. Present were: Mr. John French, Mr. Gary Gallagher, Mr. T. T. Heberly, Mr. Ted James, Mr. Lewy Evans, Jr. and Mr. Wayne O'Brien. Absent was Mrs. Mary Pace.

Since the Board did not meet as scheduled on June 25, 1973, it was reported that the minutes of the May 21, 1973 meeting would stand approved as submitted.

On motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, the minutes of the telephone conference of July 2, 1973 were approved.

Mr. French stated that since the new constitution and the current legislation provided that the Board select its own chairman, this should be the first order of business.

Dr. Lawrence Pettit, Acting Commissioner of Higher Education, pointed out that until by-laws are adopted, the Board can operate only with temporary officers. Copies of the existing by-laws of the Regents were distributed and after a short discussion they were adopted insofar as they apply, on motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Evans. It was requested that the Commissioner's staff bring these up-to-date and mail them to the Board for their review.

Mr. Evans nominated Mr. Ted James for Chairman of the Board of Regents and since there were no further nominations he was elected by a unanimous vote.

On motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, the Board recessed

at 4:45 p.m., to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 1973.

The Board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, 1973, with the same members present. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ted James, Chairman, and on motion duly made and seconded the Board recessed to an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 10:45 a.m. with the same members present.

Mr. Evans moved that Dr. Lawrence Pettit be retained as the Commissioner of Higher Education at a salary of \$32,500 annually and that his duties encompass the recommendations of the Executive Reorganization Office with any necessary modifications to be made by Dr. Pettit for further discussion and action at a future meeting. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Heberly then moved that the appeal requested by Dr. Beal Mossman, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Eastern Montana College, be denied. Mr. French seconded the motion and it carried.

Item I-002-R0773, Authorization for Transmitting Amended Operating Budgets to the Department of Administration, was added to the agenda and copies were distributed.

Item I-001-R0773, Authorization to Invest Non-Treasury Funds Through the Board of Investments, Montana University System, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item I-002-R0773, Authorization for Transmitting Amended Operating Budgets to the Department of Administration, was approved on motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Item I-700-R0773, Staff, Eastern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item I-701-R0773, Appointment of Members of the Security Department, Eastern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded by

Mr. Heberly.

Item I-702-R0773, Purchase of Real Property, Eastern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item I-710-R0773, Degrees, Eastern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

A substitute for Item I-500-R0773, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was distributed and approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Copies of the Butte Learning Center Proposal were distributed and Item I-501-R0773, Authorization for Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology to Cooperate with Butte School District #1 to Establish a Learning Center, was discussed briefly. Mr. O'Brien moved approval of the item but the motion died for lack of a second. After further discussion during which Board members indicated their reluctance to imply approval of an expansion in institutional scope until after the Commission on Post-Secondary Education has reported, it was agreed that the item be withdrawn and a substitute item be prepared authorizing Montana Tech to enter into final negotiations with the Anaconda Company on the land grant only.

Item I-502-0773, Finishing Area in Student Union Building, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item I-510-R0773, Degrees, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, was approved on motion of Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

Item I-200-R0773, Staff, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Items I-201-R0773, Retirement of Assistant Professor Richard D. Bollard, Montana State University, I-202-R0773, Retirement of Professor W. Edwin Booth, Montana State University, I-203-R0773, Retirement of Professor Cyril H. Conrad,

Montana State University, I-204-R0773, Retirement of Assistant Professor Elva A. Cowan, Montana State University, I-205-R0773, Retirement of Professor Ormonde I. Jackson, Montana State University, I-206-R0773, Retirement of Professor Robert E. Lowney, Montana State University, I-207-R0773, Retirement of Professor Frances Senska, Montana State University and I-208-R0773, Retirement of Associate Professor James W. Van Winkle, Montana State University, were approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item I-209-R0773, Authorization to Disburse Greekway Restricted Plant Funds, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item I-210-R0773, Degrees, Montana State University, 1972-73, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item I-211-R0773, Authorization to Increase Women's Residence Hall Social Fee, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Item I-212-R0773, Fee for Reading Improvement Laboratory, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item I-213-R0773, Study in Mexico Fee, Montana State University, was approved as amended in the last line to delete the words "Winter Quarter, 1973" and add "July 1, 1973", on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item I-214-R0773, To Purchase Equipment for Creative Arts Complex, Montana State University, was approved on motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

Item I-215-R0773, Designation of the New Stadium at Montana State University - The "Reno H. Sales Stadium", was approved on motion of Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item I-300-R0773, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station, was approved

on motion of Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

Items 1-301-R0773, Retirement of Professor George T. Davis, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station and 1-302-R0773, Retirement of Professor Layton S. Thompson, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station, were approved on motion of Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item 1-400-R0773, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item 1-401-R0773, Retirement of Mr. C. W. Vaughn, Cooperative Extension Service, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item 1-800-R0773, Staff, Northern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. French, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Item 1-801-R0773, Student Activity Fee Increase, Northern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 1-810-R0773, Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates, Northern Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Evans.

Item 1-100-R0773, Staff, University of Montana, was approved on motion of Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Heberly.

Items 1-101-R0773, Resolution Concerning the Retirement of Ruth Maurine Clow, Associate Dean of Students and Professor of Psychology, University of Montana, 1-102-R0773, Resolution Concerning the Retirement of Vernon O. Sletten, Professor of Education, University of Montana and 1-103-R0773, Resolution Concerning the Death of Dr. James R. Templeton, University of Montana, were approved on motion of Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item 1-104-R0773, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physics and Astronomy, University of Montana, was referred to the appropriate committee on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. French.

There was some discussion regarding the handling of curriculum matters in the past and it was pointed out that there were several which had been pending

action for some time. Mr. James stated that since this Board is so few in number, perhaps all members could act as the Curriculum Committee when necessary. He suggested that the committee make an attempt to get together sometime before the next meeting to discuss these pending items, and stated he would ask Dr. Pettit to put them on the agenda for consideration. Copies of the policy items with regard to curriculum matters were distributed.

Item I-105-R0773, Move of KUFM Transmitter and Antenna to Big Sky Mountain, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item I-110-R0773, Degrees, University of Montana 1972-73, was approved on motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Item I-600-R0773, Staff, Western Montana College, was approved on motion of Mr. Heberly, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Item I-610-R0773, Degrees, Western Montana College, 1972-73, was approved on motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. James reported that it was the feeling of the Board that all matters should be handled strictly in accordance with the law insofar as open meetings are concerned--that only personnel problems would be discussed in executive session.

Dr. Pettit reported that Montana State University wanted to present a problem with regard to collective bargaining. Dr. McIntosh explained the problems regarding the craft union employees and the impasse which has resulted in trying to negotiate a new contract for the year beginning July 1, 1973 in light of strict budget constraints. He introduced Mr. C. C. Dye, Director of Personnel Services at Montana State University, and Mr. Robert Heath, a Bozeman attorney who has been negotiating for the university over the past year, who discussed the problem further. A letter from Mr. Virgil Buettner, Secretary of the M.S.U. Employee Craft Council, was brought to the attention of the Board. Mr. Buettner had requested that a delegation from the Council be given an

opportunity to meet with the Regents to discuss this matter. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. James requested that the Commissioner advise Mr. Buettner that, even though the Regents recognized that the financial restraints placed on the university were such that it would prevent them from exceeding the salary increase limitations upon which the current budget and appropriations were predicated, they would be happy to meet with a delegation from the Craft Council at their next meeting.

Dr. Larry Blake, President of Flathead Valley Community College, reported that he was present as a representative of the community colleges to state that there was still some confusion as to where the actual authority for their governance lies. He extended an invitation to the Board to meet with the boards of trustees of the community colleges at any time to discuss the statutes and the constitutional provisions with regard to their institutions. He also urged the Board to re-establish the Community College Committee in order that the coordination and supervision might be more effective. He extended an invitation for the new commissioner to meet with the community college boards of trustees at any time and stated he was ready to assist the Board and the commissioner in any way possible.

Item I-501-R0773, Authorization for Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology to Enter into Final Negotiations with the Anaconda Company on a Land Grant, was re-submitted and approved on motion of Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

Mr. James suggested that President DeMoney continue his discussions with the Butte School District #1 regarding a proposal for a Learning Center and when it is finalized, present it to the Board for consideration.

President McIntosh distributed a copy of a report on the Museum of the Rockies, which had been requested previously.

The next meeting was scheduled on the statutory date of Monday,

September 10, 1973 in the conference room of the Office of the Commissioner
of Higher Education at 9:00 a.m.

On motion duly made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.