

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

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Helena, Montana

The Board of Regents of Higher Education convened in executive session at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 11, 1978, in the Commissioner's conference room, Helena, Montana, to consider the recommendation of the Northern Montana College Presidential Search Committee.

The Board convened in open session at 1:35 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted James. Also present were: Miss Laura Briney, Mr. Lewy Evans, Mr. Jeff Morrison, Ms. Mary Pace, Mr. John Peterson and Dr. Lawrence K. Pettit.

On motion of Commissioner Pettit the minutes of the January 16 and February 21, 1978 meetings were approved.

Chairman James introduced Miss Laura Briney from Western Montana College, the new student Regent.

Commissioner Pettit moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Northern Montana College Presidential Search Committee to appoint Dr. James H. M. Erickson as president of Northern Montana College, effective in either July or August at a salary of \$35,000 per year. The motion carried.

On motion of Commissioner Pettit the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Dr. H. Warren Gardner has been Interim President of Northern Montana College since July 1, 1978, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gardner has represented Northern Montana College with distinction and outstanding effectiveness in the legislature, before the Board of Regents, and in the Council of Presidents, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gardner has displayed an exemplary attitude toward cooperation within the System, both with the Commissioner and his staff, and with other campuses, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gardner has succeeded in establishing several important new academic programs at Northern Montana College consonant with the institution's role and scope, and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Gardner has created a new spirit of cooperation and loyalty between the campus and the community, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gardner has reestablished the endowment foundation at Northern Montana College in the interest of providing financial support for excellence,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION that we commend Dr. Gardner for an outstanding job as Interim President, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge Dr. Gardner to remain part of the Montana University System.

Dr. Gardner expressed his gratitude for the support the Board had given him during his service as Interim President at Northern Montana College.

Mr. Peterson moved that Commissioner Pettit be given a contract for the period of July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978 at a salary of \$46,600 per year and for the period of July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979 at a salary of \$48,000 per year. The motion carried.

Mr. Jeff Morrison, Chairman of the Budget Committee, reported the Committee had considered requests for budget amendments and transfers for the Agricultural Experiment Station, Commissioner's Office and Western Montana College. He moved that Item 20-902-R0478, Budget Amendments and Transfers, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, be approved. The motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Morrison Item 20-601-R0478, Resolution, Western Montana College, was approved.

On motion of Commissioner Pettit, the following items recommended by the By-laws and Policy Committee were approved:

- Item 19-001-R0178, Performance Evaluation; Campus Personnel
- Item 19-002-R0178, Recruitment, Campus Personnel
- Item 18-005-R1077, Fee Waiver (REVISION)
- Item 6-004-R0974, Appointment of Presidents (REVISION)
- Item 19-202-R0178, Naming Buildings, Montana State University (REVISION)

On motion of Commissioner Pettit the following items were deferred, as recommended by the By-laws and Policy Committee:

- Item 20-001-R0478, Leaves, Administrative Personnel
- Item 20-002-R0478, Leaves Without Pay
- Item 20-003-R0478, Sabbatical Assignment
- Item 11-002-R1275, Vacation Leave, Academic-Ranked Faculty (REVISION)

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Item 20-004-R0478, Vacation Leave; Non-Faculty Staff

Commissioner Pettit moved that Item 20-901-R0478, Promotion of Campus Administrative Staff to Positions in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, be approved with the following amendments: in paragraph 2, line 3, delete the period, add a comma and add the words "after discussions between the Commissioner and the appropriate president;" in paragraph 3, line 1, delete the word "believes" and insert the word "decides". Motion Carried.

On motion of Commissioner Pettit the following items recommended by the By-laws and Policy Committee were approved:

- Item 3-016-R0174, Local Executive Boards (REVISION)
- Item 2-001-R0973, Curriculum Proposals (REVISION)
- Item 17-007-R0777, Continuing Education; Credit Programs (REVISION)
- Item 17-008-R0777, Continuing Education; Non-Credit Programs (REVISION)

Commissioner Pettit moved that Item 11-006-R0376, Admission Fee (REVISION), be approved as amended to delete paragraph 3 until the Council of Presidents have an opportunity to discuss this provision further. The motion passed.

Commissioner Pettit moved that Item 15-901-R1276, Policy for Filling Vacancies on the Staff of the Commissioner of Higher Education, be rescinded, as recommended by the By-laws and Policy Committee. Motion passed.

Mr. Lewy Evans, Chairman of the Capital Construction Committee, reported that President Bowers had given the Committee a status report on the Science Building at the University of Montana.

Mr. Evans moved that Item 20-501-R0478, Resolution Authorizing an Undertaking Concerning Long-range Building Program Bonds Pursuant to Chapter 507, Laws of Montana 1977, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, which was an addition to the agenda, be approved. The motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Evans Item 20-201-R0478, Construction of Married Student Housing Units, Montana State University, was approved as amended in the title to delete the word "Construction" and insert the word "Planning"; to make the same change on line 3 of paragraph 1, and

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in paragraph 2, line 2, following the word "with" to insert the words "the planning for".

On motion of Mr. Evans Item 20-102-R0478, Authorization to Plan and to Complete Parking Lot, University of Montana, was approved.

Ms. Pace reported that the Joint Budget and Curriculum Committees discussed the possibility of revising the Physical Therapy Program at the University of Montana to offer the clinical portion. She stated that Montana State University had mentioned a possible WAMI based program in the same field and the Committees requested that MSU and the University of Montana discuss the possibility of a coordinated effort. She added that the Committees agreed to consider a formal proposal at a future meeting.

Mr. Peterson reported that, as Chairman of the Collective Bargaining Committee, he had some reservations about continued discussions with the Faculty Council since four of the six units of the University System had voted to bargain collectively. Chairman James recognized Dr. Kenneth Brett, Chairman of the Faculty Council, who was in the audience. Dr. Brett discussed the memorandum dated April 10, 1978 from the Faculty Council which stated this body wished to continue to function for the purpose of discussing systemwide, mutual concerns. Dr. Brett expressed his feelings that it is unfortunate the Board did not feel they could consult with this group in the future, at least as a resource for useful information which could be provided by the campuses. Mr. James agreed that this was an unfortunate situation but that any further dialogue between the Board of Regents and the Faculty Council could be construed as negotiating in some sense and therefore it should be discontinued. Mr. Peterson moved that members of the Faculty Council from Montana State University and Montana Tech be encouraged to present to the Board of Regents matters dealing with these two units exclusively. The motion carried.

Neither the Council of Presidents nor the Student Advisory Council had anything to report.

Commissioner Pettit introduced several members of the Northern Montana College Presidential Search Committee who were in the audience.

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The Commissioner reported that in light of the recent change in membership on the Board, new committee assignments had been made as follows:

Budget Committee: Jeff Morrison, Chairman - Lewy Evans - Mary Pace
By-laws and Policy Committee: Ted James, Chairman - Mary Pace - Laura Briney
Capital Construction Committee: Lewy Evans, Chairman - Jack Peterson,
Lola Hansen - Jeff Morrison
Collective Bargaining Committee: Jack Peterson, Chairman - Jeff
Jack Peterson - Laura Briney
Curriculum Committee: Mary Pace, Chairman - Laura Briney - Lewy Evans

Commissioner Pettit asked Dr. Irving Dayton to introduce Dr. Robert Canfield from the University of Washington. Dr. Dayton introduced Dr. Canfield, stating that he would be making a presentation on a regional dental education program at a meeting with staff from the University of Montana, Montana State University and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education immediately following the Board of Regents' meeting.

Dr. Kenneth Morrison, Associate Dean of the University of Washington, was also introduced. The Commissioner stated it should be mentioned that there has been no decision made as to where a program of this nature would be located if it is to be implemented. Mr. Peterson stated that a firm proposal should be prepared for the next legislative session if the Board decides to be involved in this program by 1979. The Commissioner stated his staff should have a recommendation for the Board in the next few months. Both Presidents Tietz and Bowers acknowledged their interest in the program.

Commissioner Pettit called on President Bandy to present a report of the UM/WMC Joint Program Planning Committee. Dr. Bandy indicated that both he and Dr. Bowers concurred in the recommendations. He mentioned that the chairmen of both committees, Dr. Dale Tash and Dr. Howard Rheinhart, were present to answer any questions the Board might wish to ask them. Dr. Bandy explained that the first year the committee addressed itself to programmatic decisions, but it is now looking at administrative relationships to be considered. He said that part of his concern as Interim President was to restore the sense of initiative to the Western Montana College community. President Bowers added that he concurred

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with the recommendations of the committee and that a great deal of benefit had accrued to the University of Montana in this effort. He expressed his belief that the entire integration effort had been of benefit to the students of both institutions. He said he would encourage the Board to continue the effort. Mr. Morrison stated that it may need to be continued at least until after the next legislative session.

Commissioner Pettit asked Bill Lannan to report on some of the deliberations of the Community College and Vocational Education Committee. Mr. Lannan briefed the Board on proposed community college legislation and possible changes in the governance structure of the postsecondary vocational technical centers. He distributed copies of a report made to the Interim Subcommittee on Education and called attention especially to pages 21-25 which specify the responsibilities of the Board of Regents to the community colleges. Mr. Lannan advised the Board that the Interim Subcommittee directed its staff to draft a bill that would recodify the community colleges' statutes without making substantive changes and a bill that would amend the statutes to incorporate the changes recommended in the report. Mr. Lannan also distributed copies of the testimony presented to the Subcommittee on the governance of vocational education. He said he had recommended to the Subcommittee that the centers be governed in a manner similar to the community colleges and that for coordination and supervision they be placed under the Board of Regents. He urged the Board of Regents' Committee to consider the alternatives and make some recommendation to the Board. Mr. Peterson stated he would be calling a meeting of the Committee in July for this purpose.

Commissioner Pettit distributed copies of a report on the Committee for the Continuation of the Six Mill Levy prepared by Mr. Hal Stearns, Campaign Director.

On motion of Commissioner Pettit the following items were approved:

- Item 20-700-R0478, Staff, Eastern Montana College
- Item 20-500-R0478, Staff, Montana College of Mineral
Science and Technology
- Item 20-200-R0478, Staff, Montana State University
- Item 20-300-R0478, Staff, Agricultural Experiment
Station

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Item 20-400-R0478, Staff, Cooperative Extension Service
Item 20-800-R0478, Staff, Northern Montana College

On motion of Commissioner Pettit, Item 20-100-R0478, Staff, University of Montana, was approved as amended to include the revised pages three and five.

Commissioner Pettit moved that Item 20-101-R0478, Health Service Fee and Addition of Dental Service Fee, University of Montana, be approved. It was reported that about 2,000 students were polled and they were in favor of this item. The motion carried.

Item 20-600-R0478, Staff, Western Montana College, was approved on motion of Commissioner Pettit.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVED:


Chairman, Regents of Higher Education
Montana University System


Secretary