

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

August 9, 1978  
Helena, Montana  
(Conference Call)

The Board of Regents of the Montana University System convened by telephone conference call at 9:05 a.m., August 9, 1978. Present in Commissioner Pettit's office were: Commissioner Pettit, President Bowers; President George Bandy; Dr. Irving Dayton; William Lannan and Andy van Teylingen.

Regents Ted James, Lewy Evans, Mary Pace, Jeff Morrison, Laura Briney and Lola Hansen were present on the conference line. Regent Jack Peterson was absent.

Members of the press Bill Hansen, UPI, and Chuck Johnson, Great Falls Tribune, were present in the Commissioner's office.

Commissioner Pettit explained that the conference call had been set originally because of the deadline on capital construction recommendations. An extension had been requested, but approval was not received until 10:30 p.m. on August 8. Phil Hauck, Administrator, A & E, Department of Administration, had agreed to the extension if the items are turned in with descriptions. With this extension, the prioritizing of capital construction can be delayed until the September 11 meeting of the Board of Regents. Commissioner Pettit explained that by delaying the prioritizing until the September meeting, the Regents will have the recommendations of the Capital Construction Committee, his recommendations, material from the campuses, and in addition, it will give the presidents an opportunity to make presentations on their requests directly to the Regents. There are items requested that are not on either the Commissioner's recommendations, or those of the Capital Construction Committee.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Regents that Commissioner Pettit would deliver to Phil Hauck the list of capital construction items as set forth in the minutes of August 7, 1978 of the Capital Construction Committee with a statement that the Regents have taken

no action on prioritizing this list, and will discuss it at the September 11, 1978 Board meeting. The necessary forms will be completed. but no recommendations as to priorities are made at this time.

Commissioner Pettit then stated that President Bowers was present to explain the three items from U of M which require Board action immediately:

1. Purchase of the property at 616 Eddy Avenue

Funds would come from the building fee account. The agreed on price is \$62,500 which includes closing costs and prorated taxes. The Capital Construction Committee recommended approval. It was so moved. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Authority to spend \$26,500 for moving furnishings, books and equipment in the library, U of M. Funds will come from building fee account. The Capital Construction Committee recommended approval. It was so moved. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Authorization to expend funds for furnishings, Law Library, U of M.

Estimated cost: \$200,000. Funding will be from proceeds from the Law School Fund Campaign. It was moved that this be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pettit explained that one more item had been brought to him which needs immediate consideration by the Board. The auto-diesel building at Northern, approved by the Regents and the legislature, needs additional funds authorized because the bids came in over the appropriated money. Funds would come from the excess revenues of the housing and dining system in the amount of \$35,000. Bill Lannan added that the total budget amendment would be \$60,000 - \$25,000 from private donations, \$35,000 from excess revenues of the housing and dining system. The bid extension deadline is August 21, 1978 on the bids taken some time ago.

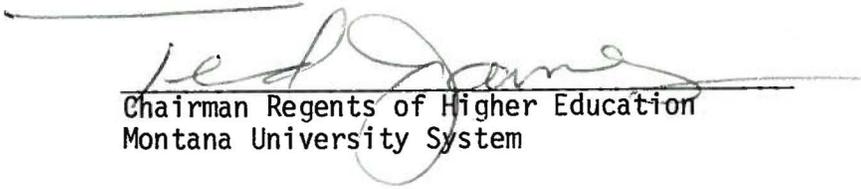
After discussion concerning the amount in student building fee accounts, Jeff Morrison moved that authority be granted to Northern to expend up to \$35,000 of the excess revenues of the housing and dining system, but with the stipulation that a report be provided the Regents

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showing a breakdown of the housing and dining system account. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pettit said that the Budget Committee would have to meet prior to the September 11 Board meeting. He mentioned the probability of an early November Board meeting in Missoula. Information on this will be mailed shortly. In response to a request by Mary Pace on Board Committee assignments, Commissioner Pettit said an updated list would be mailed to each regent. There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Chairman Regents of Higher Education  
Montana University System



Secretary