

MINUTES OF BOARD OF REGENTS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION
MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

September 10, 1979
Helena, Montana

The Board of Regents of Higher Education convened at 1:30 p.m. Monday, September 10, 1979, in the conference room of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena, Montana. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted James. Also present were: Mr. Jeff Morrison, Mr. John Peterson, Ms. Mary Pace, Ms. Lola Hansen, Mr. Lewy Evans, Ms. Shelley Hopkins, and Commissioner of Higher Education John A. Richardson.

Commissioner Richardson introduced Dr. Robert H. Thomas, the new President of Western Montana College, and welcomed him to the Montana University System.

Chairman James read the following corrections to the June 25, 1979 meeting minutes:

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Item 24-900-R0679, Staff, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

Strike: "Non-Renewal"
Insert: "Retirement"
Strike: "Effective 6/30/79"
Insert: "September 21, 1979"
Strike: "**Thirty day notice period ends July 21, 1979."

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Insert: Item 24-600-R0679, Staff, Western Montana College
Item 24-610-R0679, Degrees, Western Montana College

Amend: Item 24-800-R0679, Staff, Northern Montana College

Following "800"
Insert: "B"

The minutes of the June 25, 1979 meeting were approved with the above corrections.

Also approved were the following minutes:

July 13, 1979 - Conference Call Meeting
August 15, 1979 - Conference Call Meeting
August 28, 1979 - Conference Call Meeting

Chairman James introduced Mr. John LaFaver, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, who gave a presentation on the interim study of University System funding to be made by the Legislative Finance Committee. At the conclusion of Mr. LaFaver's presentation, Chairman James assured Mr. LaFaver that the committee would have the full cooperation of the campuses, and asked that the office of Commissioner of Higher Education be kept fully informed of the committee's information requests, scheduling, etc., during the course of the study.

Jeff Morrison, Chairman of the Budget Committee, reported that the Budget Committee recommended that Item 25-4001-R0979, Indistrict Tuition Increase; Miles Community College, be approved; that Item 25-003-R0979, Returned Check Fee, Montana University System; Non-resident Summer Session Fee, Montana University System, (REVISED) be approved with the proviso that the summer session fee should include a statement of the semester equivalency rate; and that Item 25-002-R0979, Inventory and Validation of Fees, Montana University System, be amended as follows and approved:

Amendment:

Western Montana College

<u>Married Student Housing</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
One-Bedroom Apartment	\$110.00
Two-Bedroom Apartment	\$120.00

He so moved. The motion carried.

Mr. Morrison further reported that a Computer Acquisition Status Report was submitted to the committee by Montana State University.

Shelley Hopkins reported that the By-Laws and Policy Committee recommended that the following items be approved:

Item 3-014-R1273, Residency Policy
Montana University System (REVISED)

Item 25-001-R0979, Moratoria; Removal,
Montana University System

Ms. Hopkins reported that the committee recommended that Item 3-020-R0174 Capital Improvements Projects; Montana University System (REVISED) be deferred. She so moved. The motion carried.

Ms. Hopkins reported that the discussion of use of architects for maintenance projects was also deferred pending receipt of a list requested by Chairman James of the last 10 - 15 architects hired by the System. The list should show the amounts paid to the architects

and the plans drawn should be submitted to the Board.

The Policy Committee recommended that the Commissioner's office undertake further analysis of the campus reports on institutional organization, and report back to the Board.

Ms. Hopkins reported that the committee had discussed the matter of the Commissioner of Higher Education serving on the Board of Directors of MERDI and receiving honoraria. The committee agreed there was no problem with staff or presidents of the Montana University System receiving honoraria provided full disclosure is made to the Commissioner's office and the Board. Further, the By-Laws and Policy Committee recommended that the Commissioner's office review the existing consulting policy and suggest any needed new policy items respecting honoraria. She so moved. The motion carried.

Lewy Evans, Chairman of the Capital Construction Committee, reported that the committee recommended that the following items be approved:

Item 25-101-R0979, Acceptance of Grant of Flathead Lake Lookout Site, University of Montana

Item 25-801-R0979, Authorization to Amend the Amount Authorized for Repairs to the Armory Gymnasium, Northern Montana College

He so moved. The motion carried.

Mr. Evans reported that Item 25-201-R0979, Request Approval of the Following Names for the Montana State University Campus, had been withdrawn at the request of President Tietz.

Mr. Evans reported that the committee had discussed the subject of bid openings in which the lowest bid received has been consistently in excess of the estimated cost of the project. The committee recommended this subject be referred to the Council of Presidents. It also requested the Council of Presidents to consider developing a facilities master plan for scheduling the development of new facilities and maintenance projects. He so moved. The motion carried.

Mr. Evans reported further that there was an addition to the committee agenda. Mr. van Teylingen distributed a memo from the Department of Administration on the renovation project for handicapped accessibility at Western Montana College which stated that

the plans and specifications on the project were returned without action because the work was neither authorized nor funded by the legislature as part of the building program for handicapped accessibility. The committee recommended this be referred to legal counsel in the Commissioner's office. He so moved. The motion carried.

John Peterson, Chairman of the Collective Bargaining Committee, reported that the committee recommended ratification of the AFSCME contracts for Northern Montana College and the Livestock and Range Experiment Station at Miles City, and recommended ratification of the MPEA contract at the University of Montana, Montana State University, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, and Eastern Montana College. He so moved. The motion carried.

Mary Pace, Chairman of the Curriculum Committee, reported that the committee recommended that the following items be approved:

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| Item 25-701-R0979, | <u>Organization of the School of Business and Economics;</u>
<u>Eastern Montana College</u> |
| Item 25-702-R0979, | <u>Degree Programs in Accountancy and Business Administration;</u>
<u>Eastern Montana College,</u>
with the exception of the Bachelor of Science in Accountancy |
| Item 25-703-R0979, | <u>Transfer of Economics Faculty from the School of Liberal Arts to the School of Business and Economics,</u>
<u>Department of Economics and Management;</u>
<u>Eastern Montana College</u> |
| Item 25-704-R0979, | <u>Establishment of a School of Extended Studies and Community Service;</u>
<u>Eastern Montana College</u> |
| Item 25-705-R0979, | <u>Name Change from Department of Social Science to Department of Sociology and Political Science;</u>
<u>Eastern Montana College</u> |

She so moved. The motion carried.

Commissioner Richardson reported that the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges would hold its 1979 National Trustee Workshop in Dallas, Texas on October 29-30, 1979, and asked that any Regent interested in attending let him know.

Commissioner Richardson spoke briefly on the federal funding problems regarding the social work programs at Montana State University and the University of Montana. At the request of the Commissioner, Dr. Stuart Knapp, Montana State University, summarized the problem stating that the program had been funded for the last seven years, and the grant proposal was submitted this year at the regular time and sent by SRS to the regional office of Health, Education and Welfare in Denver. MSU was not notified until July 23, 1979 that it was in non-compliance and would not be funded. This was after faculty contracts had been let and students enrolled in the program. Dr. Knapp outlined steps taken to correct the situation and explained that an addendum would be attached to the grant proposal which would put MSU in compliance. It was reported also that Dr. Knapp and Dr. Raymond Murray from the University of Montana will attend a workshop in Cheyenne, Wyoming on compliance regulations.

President Bowers reported that the University of Montana is in compliance, and will receive less money than they have in previous years, but will be able to maintain the program with some reallocation of other funds.

Commissioner Richardson presented two proposed schedules of Board meeting dates for the next year. Included on the schedule were two suggested dates for a Regents' workshop. After brief discussion, Lewy Evans moved that the workshop be scheduled in October, with the Commissioner to set the location. Motion carried.

Jeff Morrison then moved that the following calendar of meeting dates be adopted for the Board of Regents:

November 2 & 3, 1979
January 7, 1980
March 10, 1980
April 14, 1980
June 16, 1980
July 7, 1980
September 8, 1980

The motion carried.

Commissioner Richardson next reported that the following persons were recommended for membership on the Guaranteed Student Loan Advisory Council:

Private Educational Institution

Recommendation: Don Killin
Director of Admissions and Financial Aid
Rocky Mountain College

Public Educational Institution

Recommendation: Keith Clawson
Financial Aid Officer
Northern Montana College

Public Higher Education-Postsecondary Vocational/Technical Center

Recommendation: Dr. Alex Capdeville, Director
Helena Vo-Tech Center

Approved Lenders

Recommendations: Dale Anderson, President
Great Falls Northwestern Bank
William E. Thorndal, President
Central Bank, Great Falls

Full-time Student Registered at an Eligible Educational Institution

Recommendation: Garth Jacobson
Student, University of Montana
Missoula

Representative of the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

Recommendation: William J. Lannan
Director of Special Projects and
Community College Coordinator

Upon motion of Mary Pace, the Commissioner's recommendations to the Guaranteed Student Loan Advisory Council were approved.

Commissioner Richardson next informed the Regents that applications have been made by Montana Tech, MSU and WMC to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for low-interest loans to assist in the construction of student housing projects. The Commissioner noted this was supplied for informational purposes only and that if any of the applications are approved by HUD they would be brought to the Regents for approval before the loans were taken or construction planned.

Next Commissioner Richardson discussed the poll taken of the Regents to establish priorities for program review. The Commissioner reported that the following three programs were identified at the Regents' Billings workshop as the Regents top priority for review.

They are repeated here with the Regents' concerns noted:

Film and Television, Journalism and related programs (UM and MSU)
(Duplication)

Elementary education (UM, MSU, EMC, NMC, WMC)
(Quality)

Home Economics (UM and MSU)
(Duplication and Quality)

Commissioner Richardson then stated that a composite of the responses to the poll identified the following programs for review in priority order with concerns noted:

1. Social Work (UM, MSU)
(Duplication)
2. Graduate programs in education (UM, MSU, EMC, NMC, WMC)
(Need, Quality)
3. MA in Philosophy (UM)
(Low enrollment)
4. MFA in Art (UM, MSU)
(Duplication, Quality)
5. Ph.D. in History (UM)
(Moratorium)
6. Environmental Engineering (MSU, Tech)
(Program content, Overlap)
7. Agricultural technology and farm mechanics (NMC), and
Mechanized agriculture (MSU)
(Program content, Overlap, Transfer of Credits)

Commissioner Richardson stated that unless advised to the contrary, the Commissioner's office will set up the reviews in the priority identified.

Commissioner Richardson reported briefly on the progress of the educational information project. The program is now called the Montana Learning Services. The program will computerize learning resources information and software is being acquired. The system will be ready by April of next year. A strong interest in its availability has been expressed throughout the state.

President Bowers discussed program review procedures at the University of Montana, requesting that the Board of Regents reconsider its action of June 25, 1979 to institute an immediate review of the Religious Studies program. He indicated that under the collective bargaining agreement recently concluded, Section 18.530 provides retrenchment procedures in which the president must prepare a

retrenchment plan and submit it to a faculty review committee, or the Commissioner, after a systemwide review, recommends discontinuance.

President Bowers indicated the University of Montana would be more comfortable following the procedures outlined in the collective bargaining agreement. Since the Board's request was made shortly after the agreement was signed and most faculty are not on campus during the summer months, there had been no opportunity for the necessary consultation.

Mr. Morrison asked if there was any doubt the University of Montana would have to institute retrenchment procedures in the next twelve months. Because of the amount of time which the review process requires, Mr. Morrison stated it was imperative that a retrenchment plan be drafted as soon as possible.

President Bowers stated that he would have a plan prepared detailing how the University of Montana would meet its budgetary obligations for the next fiscal year. Mr. Morrison reiterated his belief that the University of Montana should draft a retrenchment plan or prepare a plan to meet its budgetary responsibilities.

After further discussion, Mr. Evans moved that the Board of Regents rescind its request of June 25, 1979 for a review of the Religious Studies program at the University of Montana with the understanding that President Bowers provide a proposal to the Regents at the November meeting detailing how the University plans to meet its budgetary responsibilities next year. The motion carried.

The Council of Presidents had no report.

Cary Holmquist, President of the Student Body at the University of Montana, introduced the new president and vice president of the student body at Eastern Montana College. Mr. Holmquist expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Richardson for the Commissioner's participation in a meeting with the students held earlier in the day. Mr. Holmquist noted that the students are planning a conference close in time to the Regents' workshop in October and plan to discuss such matters as the Montana Student Lobby, financial aid, and the direction student government should be taking. The Regents will be invited to participate. Mr. Holmquist concluded the report of the Student Advisory Council by thanking the Regents for establishing the Guaranteed Student Loan Advisory Council.

Item 25-800-R0979
Pat Davidson, ASMSU, spoke on the subject of parolees on campus, stating that Montana State University has begun a process to invite the parole board to a forum for further discussion, and the Regents are invited to participate in that forum.

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Commissioner Richardson discussed the Dale Fredlund appeal which is before the Board. Mr. Fredlund is appealing the rejection of his master's thesis by the University of Montana. He appealed that decision to the Commissioner of Higher Education, and that appeal was denied by former Acting Commissioner Bandy. Commissioner Richardson stated his recommendation is that the Board not entertain the appeal on the grounds that the appeal has been thoroughly considered and there are no special circumstances which warrant another review. Mr. Peterson moved that the Board not entertain Mr. Fredlund's appeal and that Mr. Fredlund be informed that he has exhausted his administrative remedies. The motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, the following items were approved:

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Item 25-100-R0979, Staff, University of Montana
amended on page 5 as follows:

Robert W. Fields, Ph.D; Salary amended from \$26,477 to \$26,637

Item 25-200-R0979, Staff, Montana State University

Item 25-300-R0979, Staff, Agricultural Experiment Station

Item 25-400-R0979, Staff, Cooperative Experiment Station

Item 25-500-R0979, Staff, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology

Item 25-510-R0979, Degrees, Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology

Item 25-500A-R0979, Staff, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

Item 25-600-R0979, Staff, Western Montana College

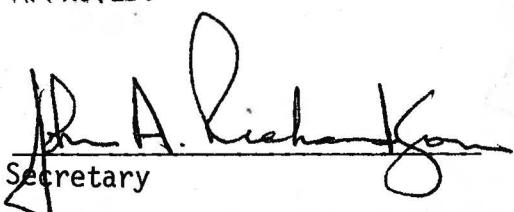
Item 25-700-R0979, Staff, Eastern Montana College

Item 25-810-R0979, Certificates and Degrees, Northern Montana College

ADD: Item 25-800-R0979, Staff, Northern Montana College

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

APPROVED:


John A. Richardson
Secretary


Ed James
Chairman, Regents of Higher Education
Montana University System