

**THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Montana University System**

MINUTES

DATE: MARCH 23, 1995

LOCATION: RAMADA KLONDIKE INN
ROYAL OAK ROOM
KALISPELL, MONTANA

REGENTS PRESENT: JIM KAZE (CHAIRMAN), CORDELL JOHNSON (VICE CHAIRMAN), PAUL BOYLAN, JIM BROWN, COLLEEN CONROY, AND PAT DAVISON; COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION JEFF BAKER; GOVERNOR RACICOT (AFTERNOON SESSION)

REGENTS ABSENT: KERMIT SCHWANKE (EXCUSED)

PRESIDENTS & CHANCELLORS PRESENT: PRESIDENTS GEORGE DENNISON AND MICHAEL MALONE; CHANCELLORS LINDSAY NORMAN, SHEILA STEARNS, WILLIAM DAHLING, AND RONALD SEXTON

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

Chairman Jim Kaze called the regular meeting of the Board of Regents to order at 1:35 p.m. Roll call showed that a quorum was present.

- ▶ **Regent Davison moved that the Board approve the minutes from the December 6, 1994 conference call meeting; January 4, 1995 conference call meeting; January 19-20, 1995 regular meeting; and January 26, 1995 conference call meeting as mailed to Board members. The motion passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Staff Items

- a. **ITEM 86-1000-R0395—Staff; The University of Montana—Missoula**
- b. **ITEM 86-1900-R0395—Staff; Helena College of Technology of The University of Montana**
- c. **ITEM 86-2000-R0395—Staff; Montana State University—Bozeman**
- d. **ITEM 86-2001-R0395—Post-Retirement of Martin Faulkner, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Computer Science; Montana State University—Bozeman**
- e. **ITEM 86-2300-R0395—Staff; Agricultural Experiment Station**
- f. **ITEM 86-2301-R0395—Retirement of Richard E. Lund, Professor of Statistics; Agricultural Experiment Station**
- g. **ITEM 86-2400-R0395—Staff; Extension Service**

- h. **ITEM 86-2700-R0395—Staff; Montana State University—Billings**
- i. **ITEM 86-2701-R0395—Emeritus Status, Dr. John Dodd, Professor, Special Education and Reading; Montana State University—Billings**
- j. **ITEM 86-2702-R0395—Emeritus Status, Dr. Maurice Heidinger, Professor, Foreign Languages and Literatures; Montana State University—Billings**
- k. **ITEM 86-2800-R0395—Staff; Montana State University—Northern**
- l. **ITEM 86-2850-R0395—Staff; MSU College of Technology—Great Falls**

Chairman Kaze asked that **ITEM 86-2700-R0395** be amended to include the hiring of Dr. Ronald Sexton as the new chancellor of MSU—Billings at an annual salary of \$85,500.

- ▶ **Regent Jim Brown moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda, including the amendment to ITEM 86-2700-R0395. The motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Kaze welcomed Dr. Sexton as MSU—Billings' new chancellor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee met at 9:15 a.m. in the Royal Oak Room of the Ramada Klondike Inn in Kalispell. Committee members present included Regents Cordell Johnson (chairman), Jim Brown, and Colleen Conroy. Chairman Kaze asked committee chairman Regent Johnson to present the committee's report to the full Board.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Approval of joint program in Law and Environmental Studies at The University of Montana—Missoula (Level I change)**
- b. **Approval of program title change from Combination Welding to Welding Technology at the Helena College of Technology of The UM (Level I change)**

Regent Johnson briefly summarized the following announcements (March 22, 1995 memo from Richard Crofts on file):

- a. **Recentering of SAT scores for admission** — Statistical and technical adjustment by the College Board that revises SAT scores included in Board of Regents policies 301.1 and 301.2.
- b. **Joint resolution on American sign language** — Passed by 54th Legislature to urge the Board of Regents to recognize American sign language as a language and adopt an administrative rule authorizing each university system unit to offer an elective course. A recommendation on the issue will be brought before the Board at a future meeting.
- c. **Criminal justice/law enforcement education at Flathead Valley Community College** — Continuing discussions with FVCC and Dawson Community College concerning the focus of the two programs and the use of METNET to provide courses.
- d. **Great Falls Higher Education Center** — Steering committee meeting after Regents' meeting to discuss operating guidelines, review of needs assessment study,

consideration of new proposals, provision of general education offerings, and Board policy on higher education centers.

2. SUBMISSION AGENDA

Regent Johnson reviewed the following items:

- a. **ITEM 86-1002-R0395—Approval of Proposal to Convert the Present Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Therapy to a Master of Science Degree; The University of Montana—Missoula**
- b. **ITEM 86-1601-R0395—Authorization to Offer a Teaching Minor in Earth Science; Western Montana College of The University of Montana**
- c. **ITEM 86-301-R0395—Approval of Proposal to Implement the Associate of Applied Science Degree or Certificate of Completion in Medical Assistant; Flathead Valley Community College**
- d. **ITEM 86-001-R0395—Academic Program Review Recommendations—PHASE II; Montana University System**

The Board concurred with the committee's recommendation to move Items 86-1002-R0395, 86-1601-R0395, 86-301-R0395, and 86-001-R0395 to the action agenda at the May 1995 meeting in Great Falls.

3. ACTION AGENDA

- a. **ITEM 86-001-R0195—Academic Program Review Recommendations—PHASE I; Montana University System**

Regent Johnson said these Phase I recommendations were on submission at the January 1995 meeting. He reviewed the process used by the Commissioner's Office and the campuses to identify academic programs for retention, elimination, consolidation, or further review.

Regent Johnson suggested the Board vote on each campus' recommendation separately.

Montana State University—Billings. Regent Johnson said most of the discussion on these recommendations focused on the BA in German. MSU—Billings recommended the program be retained, and the Commissioner's Office recommended elimination. After discussion in the committee, Dr. Walter Gulick stated that MSU—Billings was willing to go along with all the Commissioner's Office recommendations, including the recommendation on the BA in German.

- ▶ **Regent Johnson moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve the Phase I recommendations for MSU—Billings. The motion passed unanimously.**

Montana State University—Bozeman. Regent Johnson said the committee recommended that the recommendation concerning the master's program in Engineering Mechanics be moved from the Phase I to Phase II recommendations for action at the May meeting. MSU—Bozeman recommended a quantitative review of the program, and the Commissioner's Office recommended elimination.

- ▶ **Regent Johnson moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve the Phase I recommendations for MSU—Bozeman with the exception of the master's program in Engineering Mechanics, which would be moved to the Phase II recommendations for action at the May 1995 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

Montana State University—Northern. Regent Johnson said MSU—Northern was in agreement with the Commissioner's Office recommendations.

- ▶ **Regent Johnson moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve the Phase I recommendations for MSU—Northern. The motion passed unanimously.**

The University of Montana—Missoula. Regent Johnson said The UM—Missoula was in agreement with the Commissioner's Office recommendations.

- ▶ **Regent Johnson moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve the Phase I recommendations for The UM—Missoula. The motion passed unanimously.**

Montana Tech of The University of Montana. Concerning the master's program in Mining Engineering, Regent Johnson said the Commissioner's Office initially recommended a quantitative review but had changed the recommendation to retention of the program instead, which was the campus' recommendation.

- ▶ **Regent Johnson moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve the Phase I recommendations for Montana Tech of The UM. The motion passed unanimously.**

ADMINISTRATIVE/BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Administrative/Budget Committee met at 9:15 a.m. in the Glacier View Room of the Ramada Klondike Inn in Kalispell. Committee members present included Regents Pat Davison (chairman), Jim Kaze, and Paul Boylan. Chairman Kaze asked committee chairman Regent Davison to present the committee's report to the full Board.

1. SUBMISSION AGENDA

a. ITEM 21-003-R0778—Appeals; Montana University System (REVISED 203.5.2)

Regent Davison said the appeals policy was being revised for consistency with restructuring provisions adopted by the Board. Some concerns were raised during the committee meeting, and Regent Davison said discussions would continue with the Commissioner's Office to address those concerns before the May meeting.

b. ITEM 86-1006-R0395—Authorization to Establish a Mandatory Student Radio Fee; The University of Montana—Missoula (including the College of Technology)

Regent Davison said this was a student request for a student radio station. The campus vote was 1,120 students in favor of the fee and 913 against. The fee would begin at \$9.00 per semester, effective fall 1995, and decrease to \$3.00 by the year 2000, when the station is expected to be substantially self-supporting.

c. **ITEM 86-1501-R0395—Authorization to Establish a Student Athletic Fee; Montana Tech of The University of Montana**

Regent Davison said a general election held by the Associated Students of Montana Tech showed that a majority of the students recommended an athletic fee of \$20 per semester for students taking seven or more credits. Student taking less than seven credits would be charged \$7.50 per semester. The fee would be effective fall 1995.

The Board concurred with the committee's recommendation to move Items 21-003-R0778, 86-1006-R0395, and 86-1501-R0395 to the action agenda at the May meeting.

2. **ACTION AGENDA**

a. **ITEM 86-101-R0195—Eligible Borrower; Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education**

Regent Davison said this item redefined and expanded the definition of an eligible borrower and was brought about partially by restructuring and changes within the state's loan servicers.

- ▶ **Regent Davison moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve ITEM 86-101-R0195. The motion passed unanimously.**

b. **ITEM 86-102-R0195—Authorization of Final State Postsecondary Review Entity (SPRE) Review Standards; Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education**

Regent Davison said this federal request required individual states to establish standards and conduct reviews of postsecondary institutions specifically identified by the Secretary of Education. Governor Racicot designated the Board of Regents as Montana's State Postsecondary Review Entity. Regent Davison said Bill Lannan, Director of the Guaranteed Student Loan Program, and others had put together SPRE standards for Montana to submit to the Secretary of Education.

Regent Davison said it was noted during the committee discussion that federal funding for SPRE activities was at risk. A problem would be created if the funding was withdrawn at the federal level but the mandate to carry out the activities was maintained. Commissioner Baker said they still needed to move forward with the process.

- ▶ **Regent Davison moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve ITEM 86-102-R0195. The motion passed unanimously.**

c. **ITEM 43-002-R0484—Residency Policy; Montana University System (REVISED 940.1)**

Regent Davison said the change in this policy resulted from previous discussions concerning the provision that grants residency to Montana high school graduates. The policy change would restrict that exception so that it applied only to U.S. citizens or resident aliens. The change would also confirm the present practices on several campuses.

Regent Davison said the committee recommended amending the policy as follows:

- (1) **Delete the last sentence beginning "Any person . . ." and replace it with the sentence under "Interpretive Note" beginning "No person"**

- (2) Delete the words "Interpretive Note."
- ▶ Regent Davison moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve ITEM 43-002-R0484 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. ITEM 86-1001-R0395—Prescott House and Campus Drive; The University of Montana—Missoula

Dr. George Dennison, President of The University of Montana—Missoula, said this item was a request to expand the spending authority for work to be done on the Prescott House and Campus Drive. The proposal was to straighten Campus Drive so it would go directly to the east of the Prescott House. After much discussion to address concerns about that approach, the proposal had been amended so that Campus Drive would not be significantly altered. However, UM would continue to work to enhance parking in that area of the campus without affecting the grounds around the Prescott House. The agenda item under question asked for the spending authority increase and also needed to be approved by the legislature because UM was asking for a waiver of state bidding requirements to have the work done in conjunction with the expansion of the Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Regent Davison said funding for the project would come from non-state funds. The Board was being asked to authorize spending authority of up to \$1,000,000 from interest earnings on the Series 1993 and Series 1995 Revenue Bond construction funds and from unobligated bond project balances.

- ▶ After discussion, Regent Davison moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve ITEM 86-1001-R0395. The motion passed 5 to 1; Chairman Kaze voted against the motion.
- e. ITEM 86-1003-R0395—Increase Student Health Fee; The University of Montana—Missoula
 - ▶ Regent Davison moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve ITEM 86-1003-R0395. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. ITEM 86-1004-R0395—Student Computer Fee Allocations; The University of Montana—Missoula [revised version]
 - ▶ Regent Davison moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve the revised version of ITEM 86-1004-R0395. The motion passed unanimously.
- g. ITEM 86-1005-R0395—Student Equipment Fee Allocations; The University of Montana—Missoula
 - ▶ Regent Davison moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve ITEM 86-1005-R0395. The motion passed unanimously.
- h. ITEM 86-2002-R0395—Authorization to Allow the Design and Construction of a Department of Defense (DOD) Curation Facility at the Museum of the Rockies; Montana State University—Bozeman

Regent Davison said the Board was being asked to authorize the planning and development of a lease for land situated next to the Museum of the Rockies on the Bozeman campus. The land would

be leased to the Department of Defense to construct and operate a federal facility that would house natural history and cultural collections currently inaccessible for research and education. The DOD would provide all expertise and professional services for the design and would oversee the project's construction. The Museum of the Rockies would provide curation and management expertise for the new facility, which would be financed entirely with federal funds. Regent Davison said the committee asked that the lease provide some type of provision to protect the state in the event that federal commitments were withdrawn or other changes at the federal level necessitated that the facility be discontinued. The committee wanted those concerns recognized in the lease.

Dr. Michael Malone, President of Montana State University—Bozeman, noted that the final lease would be brought to the Board for approval. The request under consideration asked for authorization to proceed with negotiations. He said there were no operation and maintenance liabilities, and if the federal government ever withdrew its investment, there would be no state obligation.

Chairman Kaze said the language in the agenda item was a bit misleading and suggesting amending it for clarification.

Regent Davison suggested deferring a vote on the item until later in the meeting so that appropriate language could be drafted.

i. ITEM 86-2003-R0395—Conceptual Approval for Construction of a New Athletic Complex; Montana State University—Bozeman

President Malone said MSU—Bozeman was requesting authority to seek and expend any private funds available to construct this project, anticipated to cost \$12 million. He said no state funds would be used on the project for design, construction, operations, or maintenance.

In response to a question from Regent Johnson, President Malone said the maintenance funding for the project as planned would be derived from a surcharge on tickets to the stadium. He said MSU—Bozeman planned to build operation and maintenance costs into those surcharges and did not intend to use Physical Plant funds for maintenance of the stadium.

- ▶ **After discussion, Regent Davison moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve ITEM 86-2003-R0395. The motion passed 5 to 1; Chairman Kaze voted against the motion.**

j. ITEM 86-2302-R0395—Authorization for Montana State University to Grant a Right of Way to U.S. West for a Fiber Optic Easement and Cabinet Sites on the Ft. Ellis Property; Agricultural Experiment Station

- ▶ **Regent Davison moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve ITEM 86-2302-R0395. The motion passed unanimously.**

k. ITEM 86-2703-R0395—Authorization to Expend Computer Fee Funds, Fiscal Year 1995; Montana State University—Billings

- ▶ **Regent Davison moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve ITEM 86-2703-R0395. The motion passed unanimously.**

l. ITEM 86-2801-R0395—Authorization for MSU—Northern to Continue with Plans to Purchase Energy Savings; Montana State University—Northern

MSU—Northern Chancellor Bill Daehling said this request would authorize MSU—Northern to use performance contracting as a method of purchasing energy savings. Chancellor Daehling explained performance contracting and said the procedure was used recently at Carroll College. He noted that energy savings used to fund the project would go to the state to pay for project costs. When the costs were retired, the savings would go to the state. If auxiliary enterprise facilities were included in the project, any energy savings after retirement of costs would remain with the auxiliary enterprise.

- ▶ **After discussion, Regent Davison moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve ITEM 86-2801-R0395. The motion passed unanimously.**

m. ITEM 86-1602-R0395—Approval for Construction/Renovation of Athletic Facilities; Western Montana College of The University of Montana [late agenda item]

Sheila Stearns, Chancellor of Western Montana College of The UM, said this request represented part of a strategic planning process that began last year and culminated with a collaborative planning process with community members, faculty, and students. Topping the list was upgrading the football facility and physical education arena complex. The football facility improvements included public restrooms and team locker rooms, 1,200 additional seats, a concession area, and a press box. The physical education arena project would convert a dirt floor to an all-purpose surface. Western was requesting authority to seek and expend any private funds that may be available for these projects, anticipated to cost \$450,000. Chancellor Stearns said no state funds would be used on the project for design or construction.

Regent Johnson expressed a concern about requests by the university system for exceptions to the bidding process.

Chancellor Stearns pointed out that few other agencies in state government were subjected to the expectations of the university system for private fundraising and accumulation of private support for its projects, auxiliary projects in particular.

Regent Johnson said perhaps they should come up with a separate statute instead of asking for exemptions to the law.

Regent Davison said he agreed and suggested they explore that possibility through development of future legislation.

Chairman Kaze noted that he was voting against this project and those at Missoula and Bozeman because they were not a part of the priority list for long-range building that had been developed previously.

- ▶ **After discussion, Regent Davison moved that the Board approve ITEM 86-1602-R0395. The motion passed 4 to 2; Chairman Kaze and Regent Johnson voted against the motion.**

n. ITEM 86-1901-R0395—Increase in Project Budget, Student Union Center; Helena College of Technology of The University of Montana [late agenda item; number assigned after meeting]

President Dennison said this item requested an increase in the approved project budget for the Student Union Center at the Helena College of Technology from \$600,000 to \$730,000 and authorization for The University of Montana to implement a loan agreement with the Helena College of Technology to repay \$78,000 of the increase over a period not to exceed 10 years.

- ▶ **After discussion, Regent Davison moved that the Board approve ITEM 86-1901-R0395. The motion passed unanimously.**
- o. **ITEM 86-002-R0395—FY 96/97 Tuition Rates; Montana University System**

Regent Davison reviewed the tuition item and said the proposal outlined rates for both years of the biennium. The rates initially were presented to the Board at the January 1995 meeting and were now being brought forward for action. Regent Davison said the tuition increase would average about 9 percent for the first year and 5 percent for the second year.

Regent Davison also noted that the students had come forward with a legislative amendment to House Bill 2. He asked Justin Lee, Montana Associated Students (MAS) President, to explain the amendment.

MAS President Justin Lee said the students were looking at an amendment to House Bill 2 that would change the way the legislature funded education—not just a blanket funding but funding on a per-student basis. He said Mike Greene, a student lobbyist for MSU—Bozeman, had done most of the work on the amendment and would answer questions.

Mike Greene said that Senator Daryl Toews, a member of the education subcommittee, had indicated he would carry the amendment for the students the next day in Senate Finance and Claims if it received the Regents' endorsement. Mr. Greene said if the Regents postponed a decision on the tuition item until May, the students could split the amendment into two parts because it addressed both tuition and the general fund state support level. Mr. Greene said the amendment language he had distributed to the Regents was not accurate. The students were asking the Board to endorse the Governor's budget levels on a per-student basis, which amounted to about \$4,040 per student. He said the state support that went to WUE students was taken into account, and the amendment would eventually have WUE language.

Regent Davison asked Mr. Greene to explain how he arrived at the \$4,040 figure.

Mr. Greene said they took the amount of state support that went to the system's units and divided it by the number of students projected by the system according to the rates in the executive budget. When the subcommittee made its \$17 million cut to that state support, calculations dropped the level of state support down to \$3,800 per student. Instead of figuring it that way, the three student lobbyists for MSU—Bozeman and Billings figured it out by leaving the state support at what it was and readjusting the student numbers. He said the current resident/nonresident mix in the Governor's budget was about 80/20. In anticipating the cuts, the students wanted to include some flexibility for the Regents to increase the number of out-of-state students to make up some of any budget shortfall. As a result, they changed the mix to 78/22.

Governor Racicot said he understood they were trying to convert the numbers to people. They were telling the legislature they wanted the \$18 million back in the budget and if placed back in would equate to \$4,040 per projected student. If \$18 million was going to be cut, the legislature would have to recognize that it was cutting people.

Mr. Greene said he was concerned that the subcommittee used the enrollment numbers from the Governor's budget for House Bill 2 but did not accept the level of funding needed for that number of students. He said the students were asking the Regents to decide whether the \$4,040 was good for the system, though it would tie their hands on enrollment numbers.

Commissioner Baker said he was not sure what the amendment would say.

Mr. Greene said they would replace the \$4,300 figure with \$4,040 and justify that change by including some language to explain how they arrived at the figure by acknowledging some state support did go to the 1,700 WUE students.

Commissioner Baker said he would endorse the concept of approaching the issue from the standpoint of committing to a \$4,040 approach, which was tied to the Governor's budget. However, if that necessarily meant that for every student below the \$4,040 level they started decreasing students and the options were to either increase in-state or out-of-state tuition and/or change the mix but limit the mix change up to 78/22, he did not know the impact in terms of those numbers. Before he could commit to that, he would have to know precisely the types of decision variables they would have and the impacts of those constraints. Commissioner Baker pointed out that the original \$4,300 figure was for four-year institutions, and \$4,040 represented a weighted average that included the colleges of technology and WUE students.

In the event of an \$18 million cut, Governor Racicot asked how many students at \$4,040 each would have to be cut back in projections.

Mr. Greene said it amounted to 2,500 in 1996 and about 1,700 in 1997. He said the students' amendment did not state that the Regents had to agree to limit access to 4,200 students; the amendment merely tied the number of students to the level of funding.

Commissioner Baker said if there were no movement from House Bill 2's current language in terms of state support, they were talking about a commitment to reduce the system by those numbers and their hands would be tied in terms of flexibility to manage the system. He said he would be hesitant to do that.

Mr. Greene said the students were asking that the legislature and the Regents hold the line on quality, which the students had quantified at the \$4,040 figure.

Chairman Kaze said he was reluctant to be limited to only one alternative. Other alternatives, such as access, reduction of expenditures, or a combination of reducing access, increasing tuition, and changing the mix of students could result in maintaining a \$4,040 level.

Mr. Greene said the students were coming forward because the Regents were prepared to lock in the tuition rates and did not want to restrict access. As a result, the per-student expenditures would go down. If the budget cuts were made and a choice had to be made, the students would ask that quality be chosen over access.

Commissioner Baker said his concern was locking into a number that would eliminate other options. He noted that other options existed for maintaining the equivalent of \$4,040.

Chairman Kaze agreed they should not limit their available options to one because it would eliminate the opportunity to explore other areas.

In response to a question from Regent Davison, Commissioner Baker said taking 1,700 in-state students out of the system would result in a \$5 to \$6 million reduction in in-state tuition. Instead of an \$18 million cut, they would be faced with a \$23 or \$24 million cut and would essentially have no options left to replenish that income.

Commissioner Baker suggested the Board support the \$4,040 number and embrace the concept that if the number went below that, the question of reducing access would become a way to address that. Though it took some muscle out of what the students were proposing, it would leave some of the management flexibility. He said it embraced the concept of trying to maintain the current resident/nonresident mix.

President Dennison said if they were going to proceed with a hard number, the weighting process should also take account of graduate students along with the WUE students.

President Malone said he would agree with endorsing the concept while maintaining some flexibility down the road.

After further discussion on the amendment, Chairman Kaze said although the Board would endorse the amendment in concept, they could not make the commitment to the number.

Commissioner Baker said his commitment to the tuition figures was firm. However, legislation currently in House Bill 2 included a tuition cap. He said if they approved the tuition item at that time they would run the risk of being perceived as disrespectful of the subcommittee's position and the House's position on House Bill 2. He asked the Board to delay a vote on the tuition rates until after the legislature acted on House Bill 2.

After discussion on the Commissioner's recommendation, the Board decided to postpone a decision on ITEM 86-002-R0395 until after adjournment of the legislature but before the Board's May meeting. Chairman Kaze said he would prefer that a special meeting be held in Helena as opposed to a conference call meeting.

Referring to action deferred earlier on ITEM 86-2002-R0395, Regent Davison said the following amendments were suggested:

- (1) **Change the title of the item to read: Authorization to Allow Plans to be Developed for the Lease of Land, Design and Construction of a Department of Defense (DOD) Curation Facility at the Museum of the Rockies.**
 - (2) **Insert In paragraph 1, sentence 1, after the word "authorizes": "that plans be developed for the lease of land." Insert as sentence 2 In paragraph 1: "The final plan will be brought to the Board of Regents at a later date for approval."**
- **After discussion, Regent Davison moved that the Board concur with the committee's recommendation to approve ITEM 86-2002-R0395 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.**

Regent Davison said several other items had been brought to the Administrative/Budget Committee. The committee received a report (on file) from Dave Evenson, Director of Benefits, on the evaluation results of an RFP for administrative and utilization review services for the Montanan University System's employee and retiree health benefits plans. The evaluation process had been completed, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana was selected. Information also was requested through the RFP on an insured student health plan on a statewide basis. Regent Davison said the various campuses currently had their own plans, and a report would be provided by Mr. Evenson at the May meeting.

Chairman Kaze suggested they finish the meeting that day and not meet the following morning because of legislative action underway in Helena. He asked that any reports be held until the May meeting.

Chato Hazelbaker, student body president at MSU—Billings, introduced Don Dawson, the new student body president, and Angela Campbell, the new vice president. Mr. Hazelbaker said he also wanted to thank Commissioner Baker and the Regents for their willingness to work with the students during the past year.

MAS President Justin Lee said he appreciated the way Commissioner Baker and the Regents had worked with the students and thanked them for setting a precedent to involve students in the administration of higher education in Montana.

Regent Davison said the students had played an integral role in many developments underway in the system and thanked them for their involvement.

President Malone announced that Dr. Mark Emmert, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at MSU—Bozeman, would be leaving Montana for a new job at the University of Connecticut. Chairman Kaze thanked Dr. Emmert for all his hard work on behalf of the Board and the university system.

Chairman Kaze thanked President David Beyer of Flathead Valley Community College for hosting the meeting for the Board.

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Mailed to the Board of Regents on

May 5, 1995
(Date)

Approved by the Board of Regents on

(Date)

Rose M. Bond

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Secretary to the Board of Regents

Jim Kaze, Chairman
Board of Regents of Higher Education