



MINUTES
Montana Board of Regents
The University of Montana-Missoula
November 18-19, 2010

Thursday, November 18

The board convened at 8:30 AM.

Roll call indicated a quorum present.

Regents present: Chairman Clayton Christian, Vice-Chair Janine Pease, Regents Lynn Hamilton, Stephen Barrett, Todd Buchanan, Teresa Borrenpohl, and Angela McLean. Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns *ex officio* was also present. Governor Brian Schweitzer, *ex officio*, was represented by Dan Villa. Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau, *ex officio*, was represented by Joyce Silverthorne.

Regent Angela McLean moved approval of the minutes of the September 22-23, 2010, October 6, 2010 conference call, and October 21, 2010 conference call meetings. Motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Clay Christian noted the governor and the governor's budget office have demonstrated long-standing commitment to higher education.

President Royce Engstrom told the board he has initiated the search for the new chancellor at Montana Tech due to the upcoming retirement of Chancellor Frank Gilmore.

System Issues Reports and Action

- Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Sheila Stearns told the board she is reviewing the themes heard in each of the 17 listening sessions she and others conducted across Montana, and which themes relate to the BOR Strategic Plan. Themes include response to workforce needs, development of the regional college programs, the importance of the regional college programs to entire areas of the state, dual enrollment, importance of legislative support and collaboration, operating guidelines regarding dual enrollment, tuition costs for dual enrollment, and transferability progress and issues.

- Fall 2010 Enrollment Report

Tyler Trevor, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE), presented the Fall 2010 Enrollment Report, indicating a 5.4% enrollment increase from 2009. He reminded the board that there was also an increase last year of more than 5%. An increase of 7.8% growth in incoming freshman is encouraging.

- Strategic Plan: Distance Learning

Mr. Trevor listed major accomplishments, including development of the website for



single point of access to on-line courses and programs, and reminded the board that the MUS has nearly 100 degree programs with 80% of the program course content being available on-line. He reported that the MUS: adopted common learning management systems for all MSU and UM campuses; instituted system-wide strategic planning and assessment of distance learning efforts; eliminated on-campus fees for “solely” on-line students; and centralized advertising efforts for on-line courses and programs. Discussion followed regarding the role of distance education and issues involving distance education for different campuses and regions across the state.

UM and MSU spoke on collaborative relationships between their campuses in the area of distance education and noted the popularity of distance education with older non-traditional students.

- Transfer Initiative Update and Award

Mr. Trevor explained the document Common Course Numbering Transfer Guide, which includes over 50 academic disciplines.

Mr. Trevor awarded the Regents Award for Excellence to Tim Irmen, UM-Missoula, for his integral work on the transferability project. Mr. Irmen’s work was paramount in the success of the project, making it possible to convert thousands of courses electronically instead of manually, one by one.

ADMINISTRATIVE, BUDGET AND AUDIT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Mick Robinson, Deputy Commissioner of Fiscal Affairs, OCHE, reminded the board that when enrollment increases, there is additional tuition revenue from those students, but there are also costs associated with those additional students, direct costs, such as additional sections of courses, but also indirect costs the campuses experience. The campus Revised Operations Budgets indicate how they expect to manage those increased enrollments, revenues, and expenditures.

CONSENT

- a. Montana Family Education Savings Program, Amendments to the Policy and Procedures Manual; OCHE *ITEM 149-105-R1110*
- b. Distribution of Timber Sales Revenue *ITEM 149-103-R1110*
- c. Revised Operating Budget – FY2011; UM-Missoula *ITEM 149-1003-R1110*
- d. Revised Operating Budget – FY2011; MT Tech *ITEM 149-1501-R1110*
- e. Revised Operating Budget - FY2011; UM-Western *ITEM 149-1601-R1110*
- f. Revised Operating Budget – FY2011; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 149-2010-R1110*
- g. Revised Operating Budget – FY2011; MSU-Billings *ITEM 149-2701-R1110*
- h. Authorization to Expend Student Computer Technology Fees; UM-Helena COT *ITEM 149-1901-R1110*

ACTION

- a. National Solar Office Grant Proposal; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 149-2002-R1110*



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Tom McCoy, Vice President for Research, Creativity and Technology Transfer, MSU, indicated that this item requests approval to assemble a competitive bid for the facility, which will include both academic and programmatic components, encouraging interaction with the campus and students.

- b. Authorization of MSU Bobcat Stadium End Zone Project and Related Financing *ITEM 149-2011-R1110*

Michael Stevenson, Interim President of MSU Foundation, explained the End Zone project that will also increase scholarships and strengthen athletic programs. MSU will repay the \$4 million loan over a period of 15 years.

Regent Lynn Hamilton asked if the student athletic fees are part of the pledged athletic revenue for this project. MSU athletic director Peter Fields responded that the student athletic fees will not be used as part of the payment for this project.

- c. Renne Library Commons Renovation; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 149-2003-R1110*

Craig Roloff, Vice President of Administration and Finance, MSU-Bozeman, explained the intent of this project is to enhance the main floor of the library and to provide additional space for the students.

- d. Leon Johnson Renovation; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 149-2006-R1110*

Mr. Roloff explained the utilization of a federal research grant for the purpose of renovation to the Leon Johnston 6th floor lab.

- e. Matching Funds for Montana Technology Enterprise Center (MonTEC); UM-Missoula *ITEM 149-1002-R1110*

President Engstrom explained the impact of UM-Missoula on the local economy, workforce development, and job creation. He said UM-Missoula requests approval to develop an enhanced partnership with MontTEC, through a matching federal grant that will be used for infrastructure renovation and expansion. MonTEC is a business incubator center used by new companies.

- f. Revision of Policy 940.31 – Policy Statement on Tuition; OCHE *ITEM 149-106-R1110*

Mick Robinson noted that tuition for graduate assistants has been in discussions with the regents and campuses for two years. President Engstrom reminded the board that graduate student enrollment did not increase this past year, and this item will help the campuses in attracting graduate students from across the country. Mr. Robinson clarified that approval of this proposal will have a minimal financial impact on campus.

President Engstrom noted that these are students doing research work and other work for the faculty, and those contributions need to be considered as well and that nearly every other state in the country already charges tuition levels as proposed in this item.



Interim MSU Provost Joe Fedock told the board that MSU feels this policy change is an appropriate way to assist the institution to advance and recognize the important role graduate students play on the campuses.

Chairman Christian stated recognition of the importance of the graduate research and development to the economy. He said it is imperative for Montana to participate in this as 47 other states already do in order to remain competitive.

Regent Barrett said it is important for the campuses to have this flexibility.

Commissioner Stearns clarified this is for the subset of non-resident students that are research and teaching assistants and not for every non-resident graduate student.

Neil Moisey, UM Faculty Senate, said the faculty senate strongly supports this proposal. There is a very competitive market for graduate students and this helps to demonstrate the value of the graduate students.

INFORMATION

a. UM-Missoula – Biomass Project Proposal

Bob Duringer, UM, described the UM Biomass Project as a large high tech steam boiler, which will reduce natural gas consumption by approximately 80%. The plant will be located on campus, is designed to meet all applicable emission standards, and is projected to reduce carbon imprint by 25%. Mr. Duringer said this is about continuing environmental leadership, economic development, forest health, and educational opportunities, including an energy efficiency education program on the COT campus. He said the intent is to come back to the board for approval to move this project forward. Mr. Duringer explained that the amount of steam used will be billed to the different entities on campus based on usage.

Public comment:

Angela Farr, U.S. State and Private Forestry, spoke in support of the biomass project.

Regent Barrett expressed concern regarding the complexity of the project and suggested that approval of this may be more appropriate for something more than a conference call meeting.

Regent Todd Buchanan said he will work with UM regarding their business plan and summary for this project to get the information to the board.

b. MT Tech – Student Housing Proposal

Provost Doug Abbott told the board the student housing proposal came as a result of the Northwest Accreditation visit recommendations to provide additional housing to meet Mt Tech's requirement that freshman students live on campus. Mt Tech will continue analysis on this project and will come to the BOR with a request for approval in the future.



Mick Robinson said this student housing proposal is connected to the UM biomass project in regards to financing. In order to move forward with this project, a bond issue will be needed. This will be brought forth with the UM biomass project so that the two projects can join together with respect to bonding. Provost Abbott indicated initial figures estimate the housing proposal cost will be approximately \$7 million.

c. UM Western – House Purchase Proposal

Chancellor Dick Storey explained this is a property within the board-approved UM-Western Acquisition Zone that the campus has been watching for years. Purchase of this property will address some parking needs and allow the campus to put their equine program facility on this piece of property.

d. MSU-Bozeman – Student Housing Proposal

Vice President of Student Success, Alan Yarnell, gave historical background information on this item that came about as a result of concern and comments from parents regarding the current state of housing on the campus. This proposal is for both renovation and new housing space for students.

Craig Roloff, MSU Vice President for Administration and Finance, gave a presentation on the housing proposal, demonstrating the need for this project. Roloff said students' needs and expectations now are different from what they were years ago and it is necessary to do this to satisfy the demands of the students.

Regent Hamilton supported UM collaborating on the bonding for their projects with their campuses and she asked if it would be possible for MSU to collaborate on bonding with the MSU campuses. Mr. Roloff responded that they explored the possibility of combining this with the bonding proposal of UM, but the differences in the indenture of the bonds made this too difficult to combine.

Public Comment:

Nancy Hinman, UM faculty, and Andrew Wilcox, assistant professor UM, spoke in support of ITEM 149-106-R1110, the Revision of Policy 940.31 – Policy Statement on Tuition.

Amanda Diehl, AMSU students, spoke in support of the MSU End Zone Project.

e. Review of 2013 Biennium Executive Budget

Dan Villa, Governor's Education Policy Adviser, explained the executive budget process, saying that the governor said the best thing they could do for the economy in Montana is to increase funding for education. Mr. Villa told the board that the governor attached conditions to be met before funding for dual enrollment funding would be delegated to the MUS. Conditions included having one portal, one admission place, and one tuition structure. The governor also recommended that the Pay Plan be funded at 80% state share.



f. Review of 2013 Biennium Executive Long Range Building Program

A minimal level of funding was available for the State Long Range Building Program.

ACADEMIC, RESEARCH, AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACTION

2 Plus 2 Honor Scholarship; MGSLP *ITEM #149-104-R1110*

Dr. Sylvia Moore, Deputy Commissioner of Academic, Research, and Student Affairs, explained that this item expands the community college scholarships to all two-year campuses in the system, changes where applications are submitted and makes clarifications. Regent Barrett said this change was needed and clarified that the total dollar amount does not change, it is simply expands this opportunity to additional campuses.

Regent Hamilton expressed concern about the requirement to be a full time student and the impact on adult learners and recommended addressing how to incentivize adult learners in the future.

President Hicswa recommended not making a distinction between on-line students and those that are on campus.

Mick Robinson clarified that a waiver for any campuses is a revenue loss to that particular campus. That campus is absorbing those students without additional revenue for those students.

Dr. Stearns said this policy allows the campuses to give more waivers to excellent students at the two-year campuses.

CONSENT

Level II Action Items (from September submission)

- a. Establish a Minor in Mechatronics; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 148-2006-R0910
- b. Establish an accelerated alternative post-baccalaureate in the BS in Nursing; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 148-2008-R0910
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- Option in Environmental Interpretation with its three Related Areas (sub-options); UM-Western ITEM 148-1603-R0910
- f. New B.S. Major in Biology with Options in Molecular Bioscience; Wildlife Ecology; and Integrative Biology. Proposing to eliminate the BA: Biology Option with its six associated Related Areas; UM-Western ITEM 148-1604-R0910
 - g. New B.S. Major in Mathematics with three options in Mathematical Biology; Mathematical Ecology; and Mathematical Geology. Discontinue its B.A. Option in Mathematics with its five Related Areas; UM-Western ITEM #148-1605-R0910
 - h. New B.A. Major in English with three Minors in Creative Writing, Professional Communications, and Literature. Discontinue its B.A. Option in Literature and Writing with its three Related Areas (sub-options); UM-Western ITEM # 148-1606-R0910

Regent Barrett read a letter from student Nathan Boll, UM-Western, urging support of the curriculum proposals.

INFORMATION

- a. Level I Memorandum (approved at OCHE)

Deputy Commissioner Moore reminded the board that the FVCC approval marked the third campus participating in the Health Information Technology collaborative program.

- b. Program Review

Dr. Moore emphasized the extensive campus processes regarding program reviews and significant amount of data compiled by the campuses. She said the review process is not structured to address all the programs at one time.

Regents Hamilton and Barrett stated concerns about the graduation completion rates and asked for clarification on why some programs are kept if a particular program has a low graduation rate.

President Engstrom explained that, following the program reviews, the campus decides whether or not to keep a program and whether any program improvements or program modifications are needed. Arlene Walker-Andrews, Associate Provost, oversees the program reviews at UM and explained that, as part of the process, the department is asked to conduct a study on the program, bring an outside reviewer who visits with the department, faculty, and students, followed by a review by the graduate council. Dr. Walker-Andrews said the committee then meets with the department to determine the action that should take place. She assured the board that the campus looks at data regarding how many students have taken the course, as well as how many degrees are in the programs over a ten year period. When the campuses report to the BOR, they only report how many students are enrolled in that major and how many graduate in that program, and that does not give the whole picture of the number of students participating in that program.



Dean Joe Schaffer pointed out that in the review process, the campus follows a series of steps and identify very specific performance indicators.

c. RFP for Scholarship Management

Deputy Commissioner Moore explained the purpose of this is to invest in a software package to help manage the dilemma of increased enrollment, scholarships and student aid, including WICHE and WWAMI. She said this RFP would be for the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program to purchase the necessary software.

Regent McLean said this would be a beneficial tool for students, parents and high school counselors.

Public Comment:

John Neumeier, Department of Physics, MSU, spoke on the program review discussion. He noted that, although the numbers of graduates in some programs may look small, the numbers can be deceiving. For example, the Department of Physics at MSU is a vibrant department with 90-100 undergraduate majors and 50 graduate students. The department graduates 15-20 undergraduates per year, and 2-5 Ph.D. students. The department also generates over 8 million dollars of externally-supported research per year and a great number of service courses. As an example of one faculty member, John Neumeier has taught over 1800 during a period of 8 years and brought in over 2 million dollars of federal funding during this same time frame.

d. Native American Heritage Month Report

Kasie Murphy-Brazill, OCHE, spoke on the success of over 500 Native American students in the MUS in recognition of Native American Heritage month which began as a joint congressional resolution signed by President George W. Bush.

Sandy Merdinger, Director of Montana GEAR UP, introduced UM student Chelsea Morales, from Harlem. Chelsea recognized the importance of GEAR UP in her life and the transition as she came to UM-Missoula.

STAFF AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

ACTION

Regents' Workgroup Recommendations (revision to "Success Agenda"); OCHE
ITEM 149-102-R1110

Regent Buchanan explained this revision recognizes the importance of high quality faculty on the campuses and the intent is to involve faculty, staff and students in strategic planning.

Public Comment: Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT, spoke in support of this item and the strong support of faculty and staff.



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INFORMATION

Regent Christian told the board that he has been meeting with the Retention and Recruitment Taskforce in preparing message that will be carried forward from the group.

CONSENT

Staff Items

- a. MSU-Billings *ITEM 149-2700-R1110*
- b. UM-Missoula *ITEM 149-1000-R1110*
- c. OCHE *ITEM 149-100-R1110*
- d. MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 149-2000-R1110*
- e. Authorize Request for Employee Participation in Company Under Policy 407; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 149-2001-R1110*

Regents McLean and Buchanan raised concerns about some of the salary increases contained in the consent agenda and the message this might send to faculty and staff across the state.

Regent Christian explained that the regents need to give guidance and parameters to the commissioner and campus CEO's prior to the time of recruitment.

Public Comment: Michelle Mitchell, Montana Indian Education Association, spoke on the commitment to improving educational opportunities for American Indian students.

The board recessed at 4:00 PM.

Friday, November 19

The board reconvened at 8:30 AM.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

ACTION

Adoption of modifications to the Carl D. Perkins IV Montana State Plan *ITEM #149-101-R1110*

John Cech, Deputy Commissioner Elect, explained the option for each state to consolidate the Title I funds into the Perkins funds, which was made available in 2006.

Regent Hamilton moved approval of *ITEM 149-101-R1110*. Motion passed 7-0.

INFORMATION

- a. Report on White House Summit on Community Colleges; Regent Janine Pease and FVCC President Jane Karas



Regent Pease and President Karas reported on the recent summit, which Regent Pease and President Karas attended. Topics highlighted at the conference included: President Obama's Completion Project; the need to increase graduates at the two-year institutions; teaching skills that lead to employment; transfer simplification; technology assisted learning and "learn and earn" programs; the affordability of community colleges; and the importance of two-year community colleges to veterans. Solutions presented at the conference included: formal partnerships; reciprocity; flexible delivery of programs; state support; accessible career pathways; data driven decisions; acquisition of best practices for veterans; simplification of financial aid process; virtual financial aid offices; and virtual admissions offices. The summit emphasized the affordability of community colleges.

b. Progress Report: Bitterroot College Program; UM-Missoula

Victoria Clarke, interim director of the Bitterroot College Program (BVCP), reported on the progress of the Bitterroot Valley College Program. She said the BVCP has completed a comprehensive needs assessment and has significantly expanded access to college and continuing education. Ms. Clark said there have been increases in the number of classes offered and in enrollment.

President Engstrom said UM is in the process of investigating options regarding additional space needed to provide the students with the full level of support expected for all students.

c. College!Now

Commissioner Stearns spoke on the recent Lumina Conference attended by regents and staff and on the national recognition of Montana by Lumina.

Deputy Commissioner Elect John Cech highlighted the important effort in Montana with the College!Now initiative, which ties in with the major themes of the Lumina Foundation. He reported on the overarching theme of having the political will to support a major change initiative, as well as rewarding students for completing degrees or credentials, collaboration with tribal colleges, and engaging adult learners.

d. Statewide Themes

Deputy Commissioner Moore reported on the success of keeping Montana graduates in Montana for employment which demonstrates that obtaining certificate and transfer degrees, and baccalaureate degrees are working. She said this is evidence that we are able to find places for people to work in Montana as long as we prepare people appropriately. Dr. Moore spoke on the changes in the Northwest accreditation process focusing more strongly on outcomes.

e. Tribal College Report, SKC President Emeritus Joe McDonald

President Emeritus Joe McDonald distributed profile books on Salish Kootenai College. Nearly 70% of SKC students are first generation college students and 74% of students are tribal. Dr. McDonald expressed appreciation to the BOR for their support and



collaboration. Commissioner Stearns and Dr. McDonald pledged to collaborate during the legislative session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, DISCUSSION & ACTION

a. Administrative, Budget, and Audit Oversight

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Regent Buchanan moved approval of consent items a-h. Motion passed 7-0.

ACTION

- a. National Solar Office Grant Proposal; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 149-2002-R1110*

Regent Buchanan moved approval of item 149-2002-R1110. Motion passed 7-0.

- b. Authorization of MSU Bobcat Stadium End Zone Project and Related Financing *ITEM 149-2011-R1110*

Regent Buchanan moved approval of ITEM 149-2011-R1110. Regent Barrett seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

- c. Renne Library Commons Renovation; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 149-2003-R1110*

Regent Buchanan moved approval of ITEM 149-2003-R1110. Motion passed 7-0

- d. Leon Johnson Renovation; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 149-2006-R1110*

Regent Buchanan moved approval of ITEM 149-2006-R1110. Motion passed 7-0.

- e. Matching Funds for Montana Technology Enterprise Center (MonTEC); UM-Missoula *ITEM 149-1002-R1110*

Regent Buchanan moved approval of ITEM 149-1002-R1110. Motion passed 7-0.

- f. Revision of Policy 940.31 – Policy Statement on Tuition; OCHE *ITEM 149-106-R1110*



Regent Buchanan moved approval of ITEM 149-106-R1110. Motion passed 7-0.

b. Academic, Research, and Student Affairs

ACTION

2 Plus 2 Honor Scholarship; MGSLP ITEM #149-104-R1110

Regent Barrett moved approval of ITEM 149-104-R1110. Motion passed 7-0.

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Regent Barrett moved approval of consent items a-h. Motion passed 7-0.

c. Staff and Compensation

ACTION



- a. Regents' Workgroup Recommendations (revision to "Success Agenda"); OCHE *ITEM 149-102-R1110*

Chairman Christian moved approval of ITEM 149-102-R1110. Motion passed 7-0.

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- e. Authorize Request for Employee Participation in Company Under Policy 407; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 149-2001-R1110*

Regent Christian moved approval of items a-e. Motion passed 7-0.

President Cruzado and Commissioner Stearns recognized the outstanding service and upcoming retirement of Cathy Conover, Vice President for University Relations and Government Affairs.

Public Comment:

Doug Coffin, UM, urged collaborating in a unified manner with the entire MUS to advocate for support for the MUS in the legislature.

Steven Mublo, UM student, spoke in support of MontPIRG and its activities including increased public transportation for students, support for higher education funding, and the organization's involvement in the recent elections.

The board recessed to executive session at 11:00.

- 11:30 AM Executive Session
 - Consideration of Honorary Doctorate Degree

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

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