



## Montana Board of Regents

Conference Call Meeting

June 17, 2013, 2013

**Monday, June 17, 2013**

The meeting opened at 12:00 PM.

Roll call indicated a quorum present.

**Regents Present:**, Angela McLean, Chair, Joe Thiel, Major Robinson, Jeff Krauss, and *Ex officio* member Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian, all by phone. Regents Todd Buchanan and Paul Tuss, *Ex officio* members Governor Steve Bullock, and Superintendent Denise Juneau were excused.

Sites represented by phone were: Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE), MSU-Bozeman, MSU-Billings, MSU-Northern, Great Falls College-MSU, UM-Missoula, UM-Western, MT Tech UM, Helena College UM, governor's office, and a member of the press.

### ACTION

- a. Campus Allocation Recommendations; *OCHE ITEM 159-101-C0613 | Allocation Summary | MSU | UM*  
*Commissioner Clayton Christian, Deputy Commissioner Mick Robinson, President Royce Engstrom, UM, and President Waded Cruzado*

Commissioner Clayton Christian explained that the process has been simplified and the BOR policy now makes the allocations formulaic based. A small portion is taken out of the lump for regents' priorities and the remaining amount is divided according to the formula to the two campus Presidents, with those two Presidents allocating funds to their affiliate campuses.

Deputy Commissioner Mick Robinson explained the allocation summary. The item requests board approval for the student FTE calculation of funding to MSU and UM and for the presidents allocation of funds to their affiliated campuses. The state appropriations included in two pieces of legislation, HB 2, which provides base funding and increases for new proposals and HB 13, Pay Plan bill.

Deputy Commissioner Robinson walked the board through funding for Program 9, including Yellow Bay, PBS, and resident family practice activities, which are all pass-through funding. He noted performance funding will be allocated separately in FY 2015.

MSU Vice President Terry Leist, explained the allocation process included working with the affiliate campuses to develop a model, using a three-year average, to give guidance to the campuses going forward. He noted adjustments were made for changes in resident student enrollment. Mr. Leist explained that infrastructure costs still exist on campuses, regardless of the number of students.



Deputy Commissioner Robinson explained that the allocations were based on the three-year average of resident FTE.

UM Vice President Mike Reid explained that the methodology used by UM is a base percentage then adding a certain percentage for each of the campuses. He added that if UM is granted additional funding, they then add a certain percentage of funding to each of the affiliate campuses.

Deputy Commissioner Robinson told the board the UM campuses asked for an exception to allow them to come back to the board at the May 2014 BOR meeting to look at a different allocation for the final year of the biennium. The total amount for the UM campuses would remain the same, but the distribution to campuses may change. UM Vice President Reid had noted that UM campuses were considering making some changes to their allocations, but had not yet made any decisions; thus they would like to come back the following year with recommendations for FY 15.

Regent Thiel asked for clarification on the line item funding for regents' priorities. Deputy Commissioner Robinson replied that the \$300,000 per year has been a standard level for the past several years. The specific priority items have not yet been determined.

Commissioner Christian noted that this allows the MUS some flexibility to focus on areas that will become BOR priorities in the next two years.

Regent Jeff Krauss moved approval of ITEM 159-101-C0613. Motion passed 4-0.

- b. Construct Basement Space, Adams Center; UM-Missoula *ITEM 159-1001-C0613*

President Royce Engstrom asked for approval to complete a small project to build a basement in conjunction with the construction of the student athletic academic center. He stressed this is an opportunity to build a basement now; once the academic center is built, it would not be feasible to build the basement. The basement would not be connected to the academic center programmatically but rather a part of Adams Center operations. President Engstrom clarified the funding would come from auxiliary revenue related to Adams Center operations.

Regent Robinson noted when looking at doing a number of projects on campuses, it is important to constantly assess those and see if there are spaces, such as this instance, that could be used for accommodating growth.... Thinks this is great idea.

Regent Robinson moved approval of ITEM 159-1001-C0613. Motion passed 4-0.

- c. Authorization for Campus Facility Renaming; MT Tech *ITEM 159-1501-C0613*

Provost Doug Abbott, MT Tech, indicated that MT Tech would like to name the football field "Bob Green Field." Mr. Green was a prominent coach and mentor at MT Tech. MT Tech is requesting the renaming at this time because they are in the process of ordering turf for the field and they need the authority to have the name Bob Green Field built into



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the turf. Provost Abbot clarified that the funding will come from private sources.

Regent Krauss moved approval of ITEM 159-1501-C0613. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

### **Approved by the Board of Regents on**

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Clayton T. Christian  
Commissioner of Higher Education  
and Secretary to the Board of Regents

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Angela McLean  
Chair, Board of Regents