



MINUTES
Montana Board of Regents
MSU-Bozeman
Ballroom A – Strand Union Building
November 19-20, 2015

Thursday, November 19

Meeting Convened at 8:19 am

Roll call indicated a quorum present. Regents present: Chair Paul Tuss; Vice Chair Fran Albrecht; Bill Johnstone, Martha Sheehy, Bob Nystuen and Student Regent Asa Hohman. *Ex Officio* members present: Commissioner of Higher Education, Clayton Christian; Governor Bullock was represented by Siri Smilie and Superintendent Juneau was represented by Dr. Steve York.

Chair Tuss thanked all attendees for attending the meeting and briefly noted the agenda and topics of upcoming discussion for the meeting.

President Cruzado welcomed all attendees. She shared a few updates related to Montana State University's recent accomplishments.

Office of Public Instruction Update

Dr. Steve York provided an update on behalf of OPI. He noted the many collaborative efforts in place between the Governor's Office, OPI and OCHE. He discussed the Montana Suicide Awareness and Suicide Prevention Training and the Montana Educator Performance Appraisal Program.

Governor's Office Update

Ms. Siri Smilie, Education Policy Advisor, provided an update on behalf of Governor Bullock. She expressed thanks on behalf of the Governor to the Board members and the Commissioner's Office for their continued service and work to ensure Montana is providing an accessible, affordable and quality post-secondary education. She spoke to the recognition of collaboration that is evident across the K-12 and post-secondary systems. Examples of this collaboration are visible with the Montana Preschool Development Grant and educator preparation programs, dual enrollment and college preparedness. She also spoke to the collaboration on those challenges shared by both systems including mental health and American Indian student achievement. She highlighted the recent Workforce Symposium held in Bozeman, noting that as part of the Governor's Main Street Montana initiative, this peer-to-peer learning conference provided employers, business and economic development leaders, educator and other workforce partners the opportunity to address some of the challenges we are facing and talk about potential solutions both at the employer level on up to the regional and state level. She noted that Governor Bullock took over this summer as chair of Education Commission of the States, an organization that serves as a policy resource and information clearinghouse for state education policy. As chair, he has opted to focus on dual enrollment as his Chair's Initiative, so over the next two years, we will be collaborating with ECS and other states to hone in on best practices for dual enrollment and reducing barriers for participation.

Approval of Minutes

- September 16-17, 2015 Minutes

Regent Johnstone motioned for the approval of the September 16-17, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion passed 6-0.



System Issues Reports and Action

- Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Christian also noted the great collaboration between OPI, OCHE and the Governor's office, noting that this collaboration is not often seen in other states and serves Montanan students very well. He discussed the need for continued partnerships to help address the needs of the workforce and ultimately the pipeline of students and Montana's economy. He continued discussion about the recent Workforce Symposium, noting that many of the conversations have direct ties with the MUS. He comment on recent dialogue related to osteopathic medicine and private sector inquiries into the state of Montana. He noted the importance of being involved in these conversations to represent Montana and identify what opportunities are available to our students, economy, to fill needed workforce shortages and improve access to healthcare in the state. He discussed the Board of Regents roll in this discussion, clarifying that because it is a private entity the final decision as to whether or not they locate a private school in our state is not a decision of the Board; however, other decisions for ancillary services may come before the Board if those services or partnerships are requested. He briefly highlighted the recent Association of Public Land Grant Universities (APLU) conference that both Presidents and he attended. He noted the update President Engstrom provided recently regarding his comprehensive plan to create a structurally balanced budget for the UM institution. He provided an update on the recent Trade Mission with Governor Bullock to Taipei and South Korea. He noted the many similarities and areas of overlap, especially in South Korea, he noted good conversations, letters of intent and MOUS that were signed. Discussion followed.

- Fall Enrollment

Deputy Commissioner Tyler Trevor presented the Fall 2015 Enrollment Report. He noted that Fall 2015 FTE is down 2.1% (-801 FTE) compared to Fall 2014 preliminary census. He discussed student FTE by Residency and Level; Institution Type and by Campus. He noted that all institutional types experienced growth over the last 10 years. He discussed headcounts; how many students are at campuses, which allow for comparisons for First-time Freshmen and age analysis. Discussion followed.

- Campus Reports
- Other

Campus Introductions

Commissioner Christian and Board acknowledged and expressed thanks to Deputy Commissioner Mick Robinson for his many years of service and congratulated him on his retirement. President Engstrom expressed well wishes and thanks for Dr. Theresa Branch, noting her 13 years of service and recent retirement announcement. President Engstrom also announced that the Carnegie Foundation have named the University of Montana Professor Doug Emlen the 2015 Montana Professor of Year.

Board Education: Overview of Five Outreach and Research Agencies

- MSU Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES)
- Montana Forest and Conservation Experiment Station
- Fire Services Training School
- Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology.
- Montana State University Extension



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Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee

CONSENT

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- b. Revision to Board Policy 401-Research and Technology Transfer *ITEM 169-109-R1115* | Attachment #1
- c. Revision to Board Policy 404-Facilities and Administrative Rate *ITEM 169-102-R1115* | Attachment #1

The committee agreed that no items need to be removed from the consent agenda.

ACTION

a. Regents' Professor Nomination; MSU Bozeman *ITEM 169-2006-R1115* | Attachment #1
Regent Sheehy asked to move this to the committee of the whole. President Cruzado spoke in support of Dr. John Priscu and his many accomplishments towards Ecology, MSU and Montana.

Regent Sheehy motioned for approval of item 169-2006-R1115; motion passed (6-0).

INFORMATION

- a. Not in Our State Sexual Assault Summit Briefing.

Dr. Theresa Branch and Mr. Ron Muffick provided a brief update on the 4th annual summit, hosted by UM. Dr. Branch provided background information about the summit and noted that there were 284 registered participants this year. She shared information about the funding associated with hosting the conference and expressed thanks to campuses, agencies, etc. She shared feedback from the summit and provided the Board with summary materials. Discussion followed about takeaways and action items these conferences have yielded over the past few years.

- b. Student Affairs Update –Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Taskforce Update *Attachment #1*

Mr. Ron Muffick, Director of Student Affairs, reminded the Board of the taskforce objectives and stated that all short term goals have been accomplished. Three objectives have been developed including: develop and host a statewide summit on suicide prevention; conduct assessments of current practices and policies and recommend changes as identified; and develop best practices and common training approaches. Dr. Matt Caires spoke to the efforts of the workgroup focusing on the statewide suicide prevention summit planning. Discussion followed.

- c. AIMA Update

Dr. Matt Caires provided an update for the AIMA Council. He discussed the various subcommittees and their charges. He noted that the main focus has been how to better increase retention in our American Indian students. Dr. Florence Garcia spoke about the work and efforts to date within the council; specifically reporting on strengthening tribal support. Dr. Matt Caires and Ms. Liz Roosa Millar spoke to the Creating Campus Community subcommittee, noting the focus on gathering data across the MUS for American Indians. Ms. Ariel Donohue also spoke to a recent survey and responses. Commissioner Christian noted that Brandi Foster is moving at the end of the year and



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thanked her for all her work within AIMA. He noted that a search is underway and that the position has been expanded now to include K-12. Discussion followed.

d. Level II Memorandum (for action in March)

Deputy Commissioner Cech provided a brief overview of the items listed and process of approval they undergo. These items will be presented to the Board at the next meeting for Board approval.

e. Level I Memorandum

Deputy Commissioner Cech provided a brief overview of the items, noting that they are items without significant change or impact and are approved within the Commissioner's Office.

f. Academic Program Reviews

- MSU Bozeman
- MSU Billings
- MSU Northern
- Great Falls College MSU
- UM Missoula
- MT Tech of UM
- UM Western
- Helena College

Deputy Commissioner Cech explained the process, according to Policy 303 requiring campuses to conduct regular internal reviews of all programs once every seven years. He reminded attendees that the Board reserves the right to ask for further information or analysis, as needed. Discussion followed.

Two-Year Education and Community Colleges Committee

INFORMATION

a. Regent Nystuen Autumn 2015 Visits to MUS Two-Year Colleges

Regent Nystuen provided an update on his recent visits to the MUS two-year colleges to learn about partnerships, recent successes, future priorities, etc. He made comments specific to each campus visit and shared some concerns of campuses including cyber security, a review of program redundancy, etc.

b. Summary of EdReady Student Research

Dr. Bob Currie, Dr. Ryan Schrenk, and Dr. John Matt provided an update on EdReady. Dr. Currie noted that EdReady operates in both higher education and secondary schools. Dr. Matt discussed what students and educators are saying about EdReady; specifically EdReady Research Phase II. They conducted a GPA comparison of those who had taken developmental math and those that had taken EdReady. He noted the Phase II results were qualitative; results concluded that EdReady was versatile and easily used to a variety of needs and teaching methods. When comparing various levels of math courses, results show that EdReady students average a grade higher in each, except Math 105. The study of EdReady is ongoing and approaching Phase III which focuses on high school and middle school. Dr. Schrenk noted that the educator presence remains critical with math but noted that EdReady serves as very useful, helpful too. Discussion followed. Commissioner Christian noted that this program is not only gaining awareness in Montana and the US but internationally as well.



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c. Presentation of Math Pathways Taskforce Mid-Project Report

Dr. Bob Mokwa, Dr. John Lund and Dr. Rick Rehberger provided an update. Dr. Mokwa provided some background information, noting that 45% of students who enrolled in college algebra failed the course. He stated that 60% of students are taking college algebra as a terminal course, many of these students are not successful which is costly for students and the system. Dr. Lund discussed the report and its preview before other states involved in the pathway movement and CCA. Dr. Rehberger noted the five clear recommendations provided in the report. Discussion followed.

d. Overview of State of Montana Carl D. Perkins annual grant and preparation for possible Federal Reauthorization of the Perkins Act | *Attachment #1*

Mr. TJ Eyer and Dr. Steve York presented an update on the Carl D. Perkins grant. They reminded the Board that the intent of this act is to develop more fully the academic career and technical skills of secondary and postsecondary education students. They provided background information and discussed the status of Perkins within Montana including: guidelines for plan development; information about administration of the plan, the governance and challenges.

Public Comment

JD Figura, a local student spoke to the needs of students including flexibility and support from the campus and staff regarding medical accommodations; including course work. He asked the Board for additional support for addressing medical needs and assistance from instructors. He also suggested an internal discussion on the MSU campus to review how these processes work and can be improved.

Dr. Colette Kirkcough, a local family physician in Bozeman expressed her concern for any MSU affiliation with the Burrell College of Medicine.

Dr. Patrick Holland spoke in support of the WWAMI program and expressed his concerns regarding the proposed, for-profit school.

Dr. Terry Maan, a local anesthesiologist expressed his concerns regarding the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Mayor Jeff Krauss spoke in support of the investment opportunity associated with the possibility of a medical school coming to Montana.

Meeting Recessed at 5:27pm

Friday, November 20

Board Reconvened at 8:23am

Staff and Compensation Committee

CONSENT

Staff Items

a. Montana Tech; *ITEM 169-1500-R1115*



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- b. Montana State University; *ITEM 169-2000-R1115*
- c. Montana State University-Billings; *ITEM 169-2700-R1115*
- d. MSU Extension Service; *ITEM 169-2400-R1115*
- e. OCHE; *ITEM 169-111-R1115*
- f. Policy 407 Intellectual Property Joint Participation – Yunes MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 169-2004-R1115 | Attachment #1*
- g. Policy 407 Intellectual Property Joint Participation – Jones, Holian, Dye, Barnes UM-Missoula; *ITEM 169-1001-R1115 | Attachment #1*

Labor Agreements

- a. MUS and Montana Public Employees Association; OCHE *ITEM 169-103-R1115 | Attachment #1*
- b. MUS and Montana Two-Year College Faculty Association; OCHE *ITEM 169-104-R1115 | Attachment #1*
- c. MUS and Montana Nurses Association; OCHE *ITEM 169-105-R1115 | Attachment #1*
- d. MUS and University of Montana Printers Union; OCHE *ITEM 169-106-R1115 | Attachment #1*

- e. MUS and Montana State University Non-Tenure Track Faculty Association; OCHE *ITEM 169-107-R1115 | Attachment #1*
- f. MUS and Montana State University Billings Faculty Association; OCHE *ITEM 169-108-R1115 | Attachment #1*

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- a. Wenger, MSU-Bozeman; *ITEM 169-2001-R1115*

Deputy Commissioner McRae presented the consent agenda and provided a brief overview of the items before the board, including labor agreements. The committee agreed that no items need to be removed from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Christian commented on the OCHE Staff Item 169-111-R1115; he discussed the compensation levels relative to comparative groups noting that Montana comes up short on comparable offers in other states. He spoke to the need for great leadership in order to accomplish board priorities, etc. and the importance of deferred compensation plans. The current compensation plan is now vested, and the item before the Board of Regents is a continuance of the compensation plan, for the next five years.

Senator Tester

Senator Tester extended thanks to the Board of Regents for their great leadership and dedication towards education in Montana. He spoke to the affordability of higher education and changes over time. He noted that the majority of the financial burden falls on students and expressed concern for the impact this has on the economy and restrictions that impact students' choices relative to their debt load. He discussed Pell grants and his focus on expanding it at the federal level, particularly the number of semesters and amount of available funds. He discussed simplifying the application process for both Pell and FAFSA and efforts to date by the Department of Education. He further discussed Perkins loans; noting the high number of students who have benefited from this program and that he will continue the efforts to continue Perkins. He reiterated the importance of higher education and the need to keep it affordable. Commissioner Christian extended his thanks to Senator Tester for his continued support and responsiveness towards education. He discussed summer Pell and the importance of it relative to the overall package. Discussion followed.



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Administration, Budget and Audit Oversight Committee

CONSENT

- a. Revision to BOR Policy 501.2 – 2 Plus 2 Honor Scholarship; OCHE *ITEM 169-101-R1115 | Attachment #1*
- b. Authorization to Execute a Utility Easement with the City of Bozeman; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 169-2003-R1115 | Attachment #1*
- c. Authorization to Expend Student Equipment Fees; MSU-Bozeman *ITEM 169-2005-R1115*
- d. Authorization to Execute Utility Easement with Northwestern Energy; UM-Missoula *ITEM 169-1003-R1115 | Attachment #1*
- e. Authorization to Enter into a Utility Easement with the City of Missoula; UM-Missoula *ITEM 169-1005-R1115 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2*
- f. Authorization to Increase Expenditure Authority on Energy Conservation Projects for the Chemistry Biology Building and the Engineering Laboratory Classroom Building; MT-Tech *ITEM 169-1503-R1115*
- g. Approval of Operating Agreement between Montana Tech and the Montana Tech Foundation; MT-Tech *ITEM 169-1504-R1115 | Attachment #1*
- h. Authorization to Execute a Lease with Vocational Institutes, Inc., dba Pima Institute for Use of Campus Property; UM-Western *ITEM 169-1602-R1115 | Attachment #1*
- i. Authorization to Expend Reverted Appropriations; UM-Western *ITEM 169-1603-R1115 | Attachment #1*
- j. Authorization to Enter Into Off Campus Lease for Missoula College HealthCARE Montana Projects; UM-Missoula *ITEM 169-1008-R1115*

The committee agreed that no items need to be removed from the consent agenda.

ACTION

- a. Authorization to Upgrade Building Automation Controls in the Lommasson Center; UM-Missoula *ITEM 169-1004-R1115 | Attachment #1*

Vice President Mike Reid spoke to Item 169-1004-R1115; noting the request, in accordance with the Board of Regents Policy 1003.6 & 1006.7, for UM to proceed with an energy performance contract with McKinstry Essention, Inc. for the upgrade of the building automation controls at the Lommasson



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Center for a total project cost not to exceed \$1.2 million and to secure a loan from the Montana Board of Investments.

- b. Authorization to Complete Basement Space in the Adams Center; UM-Missoula
ITEM 169-1006-R1115

Vice President Mike Reid spoke to Item 169-1006-R1115; noting the request, in accordance with Policy 1003.7, for authorization to implement steps necessary to complete the shelled out space in the basement of the Adams Center. Discussion followed.

- c. Authorization to Lease Property to the Montecahto Fire District; UM-Missoula
ITEM 169-1007-R1115 | Attachment #1

Vice President Mike Reid spoke to Item 169-1007-R1115; noting the request, in accordance with Board of Regents Policy 1003.6 authorizes the University of Montana – Missoula to enter into a twenty-year lease with the Montecahto Fire District for the purpose of constructing a new fire truck storage building on university property at the Flathead Lake Biological Station.

- d. Authorization to Design and Construct a New Dining Hall; MSU-Bozeman
ITEM 169-2002-R1115 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3

Vice President Terry Leist spoke to Item 169-2002-R1115; noting the request for authorization to design and construct a new dining hall, adopts Resolutions for the issuance of Facilities Revenue Bonds for Montana State University (MSU), and authorizes MSU and the Commissioner of Higher Education of the Montana University System to proceed with the issuance of debt in an amount up to \$6 million. Discussion followed.

INFORMATION

- a. Dawson Community College Budget Update

President Nix and Board Director Knutson provided an update on the DCC budget. Mr. Knutson discussed the budget history of DCC noting a number of systemic issues the college experienced. Since these findings, corrections have been developed and implemented. President Nix noted efforts to date including recent accreditation and core themes. They discussed the financial exigency needs of Dawson and the need for staff reductions to eliminate redundancies and allow focus on enrollment management and retention efforts. These cuts equate to \$170k in savings. President Nix discussed the focus on quality and transferability of courses offered and strategic enrollment management. Budget implications include estimated expenditures of \$167K; he noted that alternate funding is available to meet variances to budget projections. Discussion followed.

- b. Mathews Hall Bathroom Remodel; UM-Western
Attachment #1 | Attachment #2

Chancellor Weatherby presented this item noting that the poor conditions of the bathrooms in Mathews Hall are becoming a serious student retention issue. The University of Montana Western has completed a preliminary cost and feasibility study of remodeling the shower and restrooms within Mathews Hall.

- c. Purchase of Two Electric Transit Buses and Associated Equipment; UM-Missoula
Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3 | Attachment #4 | Attachment #5



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Vice President Mike Reid presented this item, noting that in accordance with Board of Regents Policy 950.1, the University of Montana will be seeking approval at a later date. Total cost of ownership and environmental analyses were performed for the UDASH bus fleet, and it was determined that purchasing electric buses would save energy costs and reduce fleet emissions. Total project costs: \$2.03 million. Discussion followed.

- d. Living Learning Center, New Residential Hall Combined with Collaborative Academic Teaching, Learning and Ancillary Space; MT Tech *Attachment #1*

Chancellor Blacketter presented this item, updating the Board on the status of Regent Item 151-1503-R0511 and the desire to expand the project. Montana Tech will seek approval to proceed with the project at a later date.

e. Audit Reports

- Dawson Community College-June 30, 2014-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- Flathead Valley Community College-June 30, 2014-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- Miles Community College-June 30, 2014-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- UM Western Foundation-For the 18 Months Ended June 30, 2015-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- MSU Billings Foundation-June 30, 2015-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- Montana Tech Foundation-June 30, 2015-Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- University of Montana Foundation (Missoula)-June 30, 2015 Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- MSU-Bozeman Foundation-June 30, 2015 Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- MSU-Northern Foundation-June 30, 2015 Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- Montana State University Compliance Audit (15-13) for fiscal years 2014 & 2015-Twelve Recommendations
- University of Montana Compliance Audit (15-12) for fiscal years 2014 & 2015- Four Recommendations

Deputy Commissioner Robinson noted the audit reports from this fall. He noted all clean opinions, unmodified opinions for financial audits. Discussion followed.

Executive Session *Room 232 – SUB*

- Personnel Matter

Board members convened in executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, DISCUSSION & ACTION

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Regent Johnstone motioned for approval of consent items a.-c. on the ARSA agenda. Motion passed (6-0).

ACTION

- a. Regents' Professor Nomination; MSU Bozeman *ITEM 169-2006-R115 | Attachment #1*

The Board voted as a committee of the whole during committee on 11/19/2015. Regent Sheehy motioned for approval of item 169-2006-R1115; motion passed (6-0).

Two-Year and Community College Education Committee

No items for consent or action.

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Regent Albrecht motioned for approval of all items on the consent agenda including a.- g. on staff, a.- f. on labor and the emeriti item. Motion passed (6-0).

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Regent Johnstone motioned for approval of Action item a. Item 169-1004-R1115. Regent Nystuen recused himself, motion passed (5-0).

- b. Authorization to Complete Basement Space in the Adams Center; UM-Missoula
ITEM 169-1006-R1115

Regent Sheehy motioned for approval of Action item b. Item 169-1006-R1115. Motion passed (6-0).

- c. Authorization to Lease Property to the Montecahito Fire District; UM-Missoula
ITEM 169-1007-R1115 | Attachment #1

Regent Albrecht motioned for approval of Action item c. Item 169-1007-R1115. Motion passed (6-0).

- d. Authorization to Design and Construct a New Dining Hall; MSU-Bozeman
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Regent Sheehy motioned for approval of Action item d. Item 169-2002-R1115. Regent Johnstone and Regent Nystuen recused themselves, motion passed (4-0).

Appeals

- Employee Appeal

No motion was made; therefore, the employee appeal was denied and the Commissioner's decision was upheld.

Public Comment

Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA MFT spoke to the ongoing labor issues related to DCC. He shared a document with OCHE staff to share with the Board and DCC President.

Chancellor Nook, MSU-Billings acknowledged the 50th anniversary of signing of Higher Education Act.

Betsy Story, Vice President of ASUM spoke in support of the purchase of electronic buses for UM.

Mary O'Malley, ASUM Senator, spoke in support of additional transportation services and partnerships for UM students.

Rick Hayes, member of MSU President's Advisory Council spoke in support of public forums and public meetings to allow for necessary discussion as well as much needed public involvement and engagement

Peter Fields, MSU Athletic Director spoke in support of MSU sports.

Dr. Robert Hasty, spoke in support of an Osteopathic Medical School in Montana, noting the need for additional medical services to the counties of Montana and region.

Mr. Dan Burrell spoke in support of bringing a medical school to Montana and evaluating initial steps. He expressed desires to complement and enhance the WWAMI Program.



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Dr. Greg Tierney, CMO of Benefis Health Center spoke to the endorsement of a Montana college of osteopathic medicine.

Dr. William McGregor spoke to the medical needs of Native Americans in Montana and in support of a medical school in Montana.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:35am

Date

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

Paul Tuss
Chair, Board of Regents