



# MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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Montana Board of Regents  
Conference Call Meeting  
July 12- 13, 2018  
**MINUTES**

## **Thursday, July 12, 2018**

Meeting convened at 11:00am

A roll call indicated a quorum present.

Regents present: Fran Albrecht, Chair; Bob Nystuen, Vice Chair; Martha Sheehy; Casey Lozar; Paul Tuss; Brianne Dugan; and Dalton Johnson were present.

11:00 AM The Board convened in executive session.

### Executive Session

- Annual Review - Commissioner Christian
- Annual Review - President Cruzado
- Annual Review – President Bodnar
- Honorary Doctorate Nomination – MSU

1:00 PM Board Self-Evaluation & Planning Session

## **Friday, July 13, 2018**

Conference Room A | OCHE Offices & via Conference Call

Meeting reconvened at 9:03 AM.

Chair Albrecht welcomed all attendees and spoke to recent successes in the dual enrollment program in the last academic year. She discussed the importance of dual enrollment to the Board and Commissioner and noted that the rapid growth shows that students, parents, and school districts are eager for options that allow high school students to explore higher education opportunities further. She extended thanks to the Superintendent and her Office for their continued partnership in this area. She welcomed Dr. Brock Tessman, Dean of the UM Davidson Honors College and OCHE's selection for the ARSA Deputy Commissioner. She welcomed Student Regent Dalton Johnson to the Board and Ms. Brianne Rogers Dugan to the Board. She congratulated Chancellor Edelman on his recent challenge the Billings community regarding fundraising efforts for the Yellowstone Science and Allied Health Building project and his generous personal pledge.

### Approval of Minutes

- May 23-24, 2018 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the May 23-24, 2018 minutes was made by Regent Nystuen; motion passed (7-0).



## INFORMATION

### a. Campus Reports

Chair Albrecht noted the campus reports which detail activities across the system at campuses.

## CONSENT

- a. Montana Rural Physician Incentive Program (MRPIP), Applicant Approvals; OCHE *ITEM 180-101-R0718*
- b. Request to Execute a Utility Easement with Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.; Montana Agricultural Station *ITEM 180-2301-R0718 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3*

### Emeriti Faculty

- c. Hudgins; UM Missoula *ITEM 180-1002-R0718*
- d. Rivey; UM Missoula *ITEM 180-1003-R0718*

### Staff Items

- e. Staff Item; OCHE *ITEM 180-100-R0718*
- f. Staff Item; MSU Bozeman *ITEM 180-2000-R0718*

Regent Lozar made a motion for approval of consent agenda items a-f. Motion passed (7-0).

## ACTION

- a. Revision to Policy 940.13- Tuition Waivers; OCHE *ITEM 180-102-R0718 | Attachment #1*

Deputy Commissioner Trevor presented these recommended policy changes that clarify budget and benchmark requirements related to non-resident student discounts. Discussion followed. Regent Sheehy suggested a verbiage change from aggregate to average.

Regent Sheehy made a motion to adopt the policy with amended language; motion passed (7-0).

- b. Revision to 705.1 – Executive Officer Review and Board Stewardship Assessment; OCHE *ITEM 180-103-R0718 | Attachment #1*

Deputy Commissioner McRae presented the proposed policy revision to the Board of Regents for Policies 705.1, 705.2 and 705.4 to amend timelines for discussion of executive officer performance evaluation and board stewardship assessment. Discussion followed. Regent Sheehy suggested adding similar open meeting law language to section I D and II D, for stakeholders in recognition of rights to privacy.

Regent Sheehy made a motion to amend the language in Section I D. and Section II D.



Regent Tuss made a motion to approved action item b. ITEM 180-103-R0718, with amended language. Motion passed (7-0).

- c. Remodel Liberal Arts (Eck Hall) East Classrooms and Restrooms; UM-Missoula *ITEM 180-1001-R0718*

Deputy Commissioner Trevor presented the request before the Board, in accordance with Policy 1003.7, requesting authority for the University of Montana – Missoula to expend up to \$2,300,000 for the Remodel of Liberal Arts (Eck Hall) east classrooms and east restrooms.

Regent Nystuen expressed appreciation to donors for this generous gift for UM. Regent Tuss made a motion to approve action item c. Item 180-1001-R0718. Motion passed (7-0).

- d. Request to Refinance Series J 2005 Bonds; MSU Bozeman *ITEM 180-2001-R0718 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3 | Attachment #4*

Ms. Laura Humberger, Vice President for Financial Services at MSU, presented this request before the Board of Regents of Higher Education to adopt a resolution authorizing Montana State University and the Commissioner of Higher Education to amend its bond indenture and execute other required documents in connection with the refinancing of its Series J 2005 Debt currently outstanding, as provided in this item. Discussion followed.

A motion for approval of action item d. Item 180-2001-R0718 was made by Regent Lozar. Motion passed (6-0), Regent Nystuen abstained from voting.

- e. Authorization to Execute Purchase of Property; Helena College *ITEM 180-1901-R0718 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2 | Attachment #3*

Deputy Commissioner Trevor presented this request before the Board noting that in accordance with Policy 1003.6, and the amended Helena College Acquisition Zone authorized by the Board of Regents, Helena College is requesting Board authority to pursue the purchase of a property located within Helena College's approved acquisition zone.

A motion for approval of action item e. was made by Regent Sheehy. Motion passed 7-0.



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Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50.

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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Fran Albrecht  
Chair, Board of Regents