



**MINUTES**  
**Montana Board of Regents**  
**Flathead Valley Community College**  
**Location: Room 139 – Arts & Technology Building**  
**May 21-22, 2015**

**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Meeting Convened at 8:10am

Roll call indicated a quorum present. Regents present: Chair Paul Tuss, Regents Major Robinson, Jeff Krauss, Fran Albrecht, Martha Sheehy, Regent Johnstone and Student Regent Mariah Williams. Ex Officio members present: Commissioner of Higher Education, Clayton Christian; Superintendent of Public Instruction, represented by Steve York and Governor Steve Bullock, represented by Dr. Shannon O'Brien.

Chair Tuss welcomed all attendees and thanked FVCC for hosting. He discussed the agenda for the upcoming meeting and items for discussion.

President Karas welcomed all attendees to the campus. She discussed the new nurse/health science building on campus. She noted the efforts to date to meet community needs. She discussed the student make-up noting that 50% of students at FVCC are part-time and noted that partnerships remain their key to success.

Steve York representing Superintendent Juneau, recapped the many areas that the Superintendent's Office and OCHE/MUS work together including Adult Education, Veterans Education, Montana Career Information Systems, Graduation Matters and College Application Week, Developmental Education and many more.

Shannon O'Brien representing Governor Bullock, discussed the continuing collaboration and cooperation between the Governor's office, higher education, K-12, other agencies, and private industries. She updated the board on the investments in education and workforce related to the recent legislative session and Governor Bullock's work with a bipartisan coalition of legislators to improve Montana's school funding formula to ensure schools had the resources they need to ensure every student got a quality education, regardless of where they live. She discussed the legislative outcomes related to the tuition freeze, creation of the Governor's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Scholarship; veterans tuition and affordability, protecting students from debt, dual enrollment, research and commercialization, tribal language preservation, bully free Montana, and expanding educational opportunities in Montana schools. She also mentioned the missed opportunities related to early edge.

Approval of Minutes

- March 5-6, 2015 Minutes

Motion for approval of March 5-6, 2015 minutes was made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed 7-0.  
Campus Introductions



Campuses across the system announced new staff changes and made introductions OCHE also announce the retiring of Deputy Commissioner Mick Robinson and noted the departure of several board members including: Jeff Krauss, Major Robinson and Mariah Williams. Regent Williams introduced the newly elected MAS executive officials.

## Commissioner's and System Report

- 2015 Legislative Session Overview

Commissioner Christian discussed the session and extending thanks to the Governor and staff for their support throughout the session. He thanked the student lobbyists, presidents, and OCHE staff for their assistance and support throughout the session. He felt this was a strong session for the MUS noting the \$50M new dollars and OTO funds that came into our budget and additional funds via the pay plan. He discussed the tuition freeze; noting that expenditures are not frozen and will continue to increase at a reasonable rate to cover necessary increases in our budget. The state is buying into and buying down tuition so the Montana University System can help move Montana's economy forward and provide greater educational opportunities for our students. The state is investing new dollars into the MUS that would equate to tuition increases of 10% and 10% over the next two years if we were to charge resident students for the additional fuel that the Legislature and the Governor have put into our tank.

Other high points from the session include: Present-law adjustment that will help cover inflationary costs; about \$26 million in new base funding through the general fund appropriation act; roughly \$30 million of the state appropriation to campuses will be allocated through performance-based funding metrics that pay for what we value; a pay plan that appropriates meaningful funding; the inclusion of WWAMI physician education slots and veterinary medicine student slots that were new last session into our base budget going forward; unprecedented state research funding; a new state scholarship program for resident students seeking certificates, two-year degrees, or four-year degrees in health care, science, technology, engineering, or mathematics; the defeat of a gun bill that would have made Montana the first state in the nation to arm 18- and 19-year-olds with handguns in college dorms and stadiums; tabling of a retirement system bill that would have cost the MUS approximately \$11 million per year, with no direct benefit to retirees. In addition, about \$9 million in state funding for infrastructure improvements and deferred maintenance for facilities across the system.

Deputy Commissioner Trevor elaborated on this update; discussing the Ed unit funding from 1992 to present day, he also discussed funding per resident student. He noted the bathtub effect from 92-99. He further discussed the research initiative which includes state funding that will serve as seed money to leverage university-based research into strategic advancements for Montana's economy. The fundamental purpose of this research initiative is to: solve Montana problems with Montana solutions; create good Montana private-sector jobs, and/or; grow emerging and important research sectors that contribute to the diversity of Montana's economy.

Deputy Commissioner Trevor updated the board on SB 29; which removes college tuition waiver requirements, specifically the legislative limits on the number of non-resident tuition waivers the university system is allowed to provide. He discussed the Regents' policy which requires campuses to generate more non-resident tuition revenue than the actual amount of expenditures for non-resident students, producing additional revenue that is used to subsidize resident students. Deputy Commissioner Trevor updated the Board on HB 617; the Montana STEM Scholarship which



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establishes a new state funded scholarship program designed to incentivize students to prepare for, enter into, and complete degrees in fields related to science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and healthcare. He discussed the eligibility criteria and noted that when fully funded, students meeting above criteria receive \$1000 in year one; students completing at least 30 credits in year one and earning a 3.0 GPA or higher receive \$2,000 if they return for a second year of enrollment and remain enrolled in a STEM or healthcare field. The program is fund by a statutory appropriation from Montana Lotto proceeds.

- FY15 Enrollment Report

Deputy Commissioner Trevor provided a report to the Board on FY 15 enrollment:  
<http://www.mus.edu/data/enrollment/FY15-EnrollmentPresentation.pdf>

- Campus Reports (Linked to agenda)
- Other

Board Convenes for Executive Session

- OCHE Staff Item

Two-Year and Community College Committee

### **ACTION**

- a. Mission Review; Helena College UM *ITEM 167-1901-R0515* | [Attachment #1](#) | [Attachment #2](#)

Dean Bingham reviewed the College's student make-up, average class size and student to faculty ratio. He discussed the faculty, staff and administrative make-up of the campus and degrees available. He elaborated on the Community & Business Connections associated with the college as well as the economic impact. He shared the school's mission and vision statement which speaks to providing access and supporting lifelong educational opportunities to a diverse community. He recapped the core themes and shared strategic plan goals.

### **INFORMATION**

- a. Dual Enrollment AY15 Report | [Attachment #1](#) | [Attachment #2](#)

Amy Williams, Dual Enrollment and Big Sky Pathways Program Manager, informed the Board that Dual enrollment continues to grow across the state of Montana. For 2014-15 the program had a total of 4,074 enrollments. Dual enrolled students completed more than 14,000 credits either at our college campuses, online, or at their high school. The geographic reach extends across the state, with students from 107 public and private high schools participating. High school-based dual enrollment is a pragmatic approach that works in our large and rural state; it brings the rigor of the college classroom to high school students regardless of how close they are to a college. Of the more than 350 sections of dual enrollment taught on-site at Montana high schools, 75% were in general education content areas. Montana students and families saved nearly 3 million in tuition by participating in dual enrollment. Dual enrollment directly benefits our colleges and universities because they receive better- prepared students who are more knowledgeable of our programs and the demands of college. The Dual Credit Incentive Program issued more than 300 Credit-for- Credit



coupons (C4C's) to more than 190 instructors. Strategies to Grow Dual Enrollment Opportunities include: continue efforts to grow high school based dual enrollment by continuing the heightened communication with administrators and teachers about the Dual Credit Incentive Program across the state.

b. Math Pathways AY15 Report | *Attachment # 1*

Dr. Jim Hirstein presented possible solutions and shared recommendations for Math Pathways including: increasing success rates in college mathematics courses that lead to graduation; improving the articulation between mathematics requirements and other academic programs; using data to support they system of recommendations (placement and student support); and stronger communication between secondary schools and college. He also advised considering alternatives that have shown promise for success in gateway courses.

c. Ed Ready AY15 Report | *Attachment # 1*

Dr. Ryan Schrenk presented on EdReady. He reminded attendees that Montana is one of five states to pilot EdReady, thanks to the generous gift from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation. He discussed EdReady Montana enrollments by type, noting that total enrolments were 8,121. He further discussed the mix of course recovery and preparation these courses offer. Dr. John Matt presented the EdReady Research to the Board. He discussed the second phase of the study which includes a sample of all freshmen students and compares EdReady to developmental math students. He described the third phase of the research as a qualitative analysis. He noted that preliminary data from Phase II combined with the study of the pilot group is indicating a positive impact from the implementation of EdReady.

Administrative, Budget, & Audit Oversight Committee

**CONSENT**

- a. Request to Execute Utility Easement with City of Missoula; UM-Missoula ITEM 167-1007-R0515 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2
- b. Request to Execute Utility Easement with Mountain Water Co.; UM-Missoula ITEM 167-1008-R0515 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2
- c. Request to Expend Student Computer Fees; MT-Tech ITEM 167-1501-R0515
- d. Request to Expend Student Computer Fees; Helena College UM ITEM 167-1905-R0515 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2
- e. Request for Lease On-Campus Site for NEON Research Project; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 167-2009-R0515 | Attachment #1
- f. Request to Execute Lease for the Montana State University Nursing Program at Kalispell; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 167-2010-R0515



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- g. Request to Execute Lease for the Montana State University Nursing Program at Great Falls; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 167-2011-R0515
- h. Request to Expend Computer Fees; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 167-2012-R0515
- i. Request to Expend Student Equipment Fees; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 167-2013-R0515
- j. Request to Execute Lease for the Troops to Teachers Program; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 167-2014-R0515
- k. Request to Execute an Easement Agreement for City Water Service Extension; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 167-2027-R0515 | Attachment #1
- l. Request to Expend Computer Fees; MSU-Northern ITEM 167-2801-R0515
- m. Request for Renewal of Operating Agreement; MSU and MSU Alumni Foundation; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 167-2026-R0515 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2
- n. Request to Enter into Operating Agreement between MSU-Northern and the MSU-Northern Foundation; MSU-Northern ITEM 167-2806-R0515 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2

Regent Krauss noted that he will be abstaining from item k. on the consent agenda for voting purposes due to a conflict of interest.

### **ACTION**

- a. Naming Item; UM-Missoula ITEM 167-1011-R0515

President Engstrom presented the request to rename the University Of Montana School Of Law to the Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana in recognition of the generous and important contributions of Mr. Alexander Blewett III to the School of Law and the legal community of the state of Montana. Mr. Blewett and his wife, Andrea A. Blewett, have given the School a gift of \$10 million dollars, which will create an endowed chair in consumer law and protection with endowed programmatic support in that area; provide \$1.5 million for the Access to Legal Education Scholarship Fund; and create an endowed discretionary fund for general law school support. The scholarship donation is structured as a giving challenge; for every gift of at least \$500 others give toward law scholarships, the Blewetts agree to match those donations with an equal contribution to the Access to Legal Education Scholarship Fund. If the challenge is met, new scholarship donations will total \$3 million. The University of Montana Foundation will manage the endowed funds which will provide ongoing value to the School of Law and its students. The Blewett's transformational gift will nearly double the size of the law school's endowment, raising it to over \$21 million. The decision to re-name the School has been approved by the Faculty of the School of Law, the Faculty Senate of the University, the Dean of the School of Law, the Provost of the University, and the President of the University. Extensive discussion followed regarding the process, concerns and guidelines for donors. Regent Sheehy noted her displeasure with the process and the need for greater public involvement, earlier on. Viv Hammill, OCHE Chief Legal Counsel spoke to the public meeting law and clarified the naming guidelines. She noted that the option for public comment was timely allowed.



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- b. Request to Construct Energy Conservation Projects for Chemistry Biology Building and the Engineering Laboratory Classroom Building; MT-Tech ITEM 167-1502-R0515 | Attachment #1

Deputy Commissioner Robinson presented this request, consistent with Regents Policy 1003.7, to proceed with construction authority to execute energy saving HVAC upgrades to the CBB and ELC buildings on the Tech campus. Total project costs will not exceed \$2.2 million.

- c. Request to Construct and Finance Parking Facility; MSU Bozeman ITEM 167-2015-R0515 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2

Terry Leist, Vice President of Administration and Finance – MSU, presented this request, consistent with provisions of MCA 20-25-302 and MCA 18-2-102(2),(c), for the Board to authorize Montana State University to construct a Parking Facility on the Bozeman Campus, adopts a Reimbursement Resolution concerning bond proceeds, and authorizes the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education to pursue and negotiate up to \$6.5 million in financing. The total estimated construction cost is \$12.5 million.

- d. Revision of BOR Policy 940.12.1 – Tuition and Fee Approval; Disclosure of Total Cost of Attendance; OCHE ITEM 167-103-R0515 | Attachment #1

Deputy Commissioner Robinson presented this proposed revision of BOR Policy 940.12.1; brought forward by representatives of MUS student governments. The proposed changes would allow increases in new “student driven fees” to be considered by the Board of Regents annually. Present policy language indicated that approval of tuition and fees will take place once every two years; normally during the May meeting of odd numbered years. Discussion followed.

- e. Campus Allocation Recommendations; OCHE ITEM 167-105-R0515 | Attachment #1

Deputy Commissioner Robinson presented this request noting that as required by BOR Policy 970.1 – Biennial allocation of State Funding to Montana University campuses, the allocation of state funding is calculated using the average of the resident student FTE count for the most recent three consecutive years, as recorded in the official Montana University System enrollment reports. Each President is then responsible for recommending the allocation of funding to their respective campuses. Discussion followed.

- f. Performance Funding Model, FY16 – FY17; OCHE ITEM 167-104-R0515 | PF Model - Request for Approval | FY16 PF Allocations

Deputy Commissioner Trevor presented this item noting the adoption of the MUS Performance Funding Model for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Governor Bullock, Commissioner Christian, and the Joint Education Appropriations Sub-committee signed a tuition freeze agreement that includes a requirement for the MUS to commit to allocating a total of \$30,000,000 to the MUS Educational Units through a performance-based funding model in the next biennium (FY16 and FY17). OCHE and the Performance Funding Steering Committee have prepared a detailed performance funding model and recommendations, including campus performance funding allocation distributions for FY 16. Discussion followed.



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- g. FY 16 and FY 17 Tuition and Fees; OCHE ITEM 167-102-R0515 | Proposed Tuition Summary | Proposed Mandatory Fee Summary | Campus Tuition & Fee Schedules

Deputy Commissioner Robinson presented this item to the Board; requesting the authorization for the campuses of the Montana University System to implement tuition, mandatory fees, and miscellaneous fee changes for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. This item includes the Inventory of Tuition and Fees documents for each campus of the Montana University System for the Regents consideration and approval. Discussion followed.

### INFORMATION

a. Audit Reports

- MSU Billings Foundation Audit – June 30, 2014 – Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- MSU Bozeman Foundation Audit – June 30, 2014 – Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- MSU Northern Foundation Audit – June 30, 2014 – Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- MT Tech Foundation Audit – June 30, 2014 – Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- UM Missoula Foundation Audit – June 30, 2014 – Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- MSU Consolidated Financial Statements – June 30, 2014 – Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- UM Consolidated Financial Statements – June 30, 2014 – Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- MUS Workers' Compensation Program – June 30, 2014 – Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- PBS Operated by the Montana University System – June 30, 2014 – Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- KUFM Radio Operated by UM – June 30, 2014 – Unmodified (Clean) Opinion
- KEMC FM Radio Operated by MSU-Billings- June 30, 2014 – Unmodified (Clean) Opinion

Deputy Commissioner Robinson noted that all these items were clean opinions with no findings or recommendations. Commissioner Christian noted how rare clean opinions and reports are in state government and congratulated all on involved on their incredible work.

b. Annual Authorities Reports

- MSU-Bozeman | Attachment #1
- UM-Missoula | Attachment #1

Deputy Commissioner Robinson presented the annual authorities report consistent with the provision of Regent's Policy 1003.7. MSU and UM reported the status of existing project authority provided by the Board for their respective campuses.



Staff and Compensation Committee

**CONSENT**

Staff Items

- a. MSU Policy 407 management –Bothner; MSU Bozeman ITEM 167-2024-R0515 | Attachment #1
- b. MSU Policy 407 management – Inskeep & Macur; MSU Bozeman ITEM 167-2025-R0515 | Attachment #1
- c. Staff Item; MSU Bozeman ITEM 167-2000-R0515
- d. Staff Item; MSU Billings ITEM 167-2700-R0515
- e. Staff Item; MT Tech ITEM 167-1500-R0515
- f. Staff Item; Helena College-UM ITEM 167-1900-R0515
- g. Staff Item; MSU-Northern ITEM 167-2800-R0515
- h. Staff Item; OCHE ITEM 167-100-R0515
- i. MSU Professor Emeritus – Block; ITEM 167-2001-R0515
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- s. MT Tech Professor Emeritus – Gerbrandt; ITEM 167-1505-R0515

**INFORMATION**

- a. Coalition of Union Faculty Presentation

Dr. Shively presented on the faculty salary compression throughout the MUS. He discussed the salary average for UM faculty during the 13-14 AY, compared to the average salary at peer institutions throughout the US. He discussed the role of the market including that it generally determines salaries at more junior ranks; generally increases more rapidly than across the board/normal salary increases; and produces salary inversions and compressions. He noted that Inversion: the salary of a more junior faculty member exceeds that of a more senior faculty member by rank and years or service. Compression relates to the overall range of salary levels, from most senior to most junior, diminishes over time. He discussed where bargaining fits in and presented the following possible solutions: Full assessment of salary compression at each Montana institution to understand levels and dynamics and establishing a goal of allocating funds to mitigate this problem. Discussion followed.

- b. Review of employment-related legislation and topics for summer & fall

Deputy Commissioner McRae provided the committee with an overview of upcoming compensation and collective bargaining matters for faculty, staff, and administrators. The Legislature provided some funding for compensation adjustments. The Montana University





System will be bargaining with 25 labor organizations this summer and fall on the subjects of compensation and other conditions of employment. Deputy Commissioner McRae said this committee meeting is the time for regent input or guidance on characteristics of a successful pay settlement. Discussion followed that compensation of MUS employees is a high priority to enable the system to recruit and retain capable faculty, staff, professionals and administrators. Deputy Commissioner McRae noted that past goals for an effective pay settlement have included a careful balance between system equity, campus-level flexibility, affordability, and effectiveness in recruitment and retention. Chairman Tuss summarized that pay fairness, flexibility, and competitive salary levels are all high priorities.

**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Board reconvened at 8:15 AM

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

**CONSENT**

- a. Level II Memorandum (from March submission)

Deputy Commissioner Cech reiterated the process behind Level II memorandums; he noted that this memorandum was presented at the March Board meeting as an information item and now again for final consent.

**ACTION**

- a. Veterans Choice Act-Amendment to Policy 940.1; OCHE  
*ITEM 167-101-R0515 | Attachment #1*

Ron Muffick, Director of Student Affairs, presented this request to the Board of Regents to revise the BOR Policy 940.1 to provide an exception to the residency requirements for covered individuals identified in the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act, Public Law 113-146. In 2014, the U.S. Congress enacted the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act, (Choice Act). Under Section 702 of the Choice Act, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is required to disapprove programs of education if an institution charges out-of-state tuition and fees to any “covered individuals” who live in the state in which the public institution is located. If a program of education is disapproved by the VA, the institution is not eligible to receive tuition and fee reimbursement payments for student attending under either of the two federal GI bills. The effective date is for periods of enrollment that begin after July 1, 2015.

- b. Montana STEM Scholarship-Policy 501.4; OCHE *ITEM 167-106-R0515 Attachment #1 | MT STEM Scholarship Website*

Mr. Muffick presented the request to the Board to authorize new Policy 501.4 to implement and administer the Montana STEM Scholarship Program. The 2015 Montana Legislature established the Montana STEM Scholarship Program with the purpose of providing an incentive for Montana high school students to prepare for, enter into, and complete degrees in postsecondary fields related to science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and health care. Regent Policy 501.4 establishes the



criteria for the administration of the scholarship program including: eligibility requirements, scholarship award amounts, eligible institutions and authorized distribution of funds. The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education is charged with administration of the program and development of procedures to administer the program in accordance with MCA and Board policy. Discussion followed.

### INFORMATION

#### a. Notifications & Level I Approvals

Deputy Commissioner Cech discussed the process behind these items including the extensive review. He noted that they are approved by the Board via the Commissioner's office. Discussion followed.

#### b. Level II Memorandum (for action in September)

Deputy Commissioner Cech discussed the process behind Level II items; noting that this memorandum is being presented now as information and will surface again in September for final Board approval. Discussion followed.

#### c. Student Affairs Update- Student Mental Health Suicide Prevention Initiative *Attachment #1*

Commissioner Christian discussed the importance of this issue and the commitment to address it. Mr. Muffick discussed the short term and long term goals of this initiative which include: creating an inventory of what campuses currently provide for suicide prevention training; finding a clearinghouse for data about suicides, suicide attempts and suicide ideation; and providing a consistent suicide awareness training program for faculty, staff and students. He discussed the makeup of the work group and goals and scope of the group. Karl Rosston, LCSW Suicide Prevention Coordinator, presented statistical information for suicide in Montana including that Montana has ranked among the top five for suicide rates in the nation for the past forty years. In 2014, in Montana there were 246 suicides. He noted that student health centers have a significant role in suicide prevention. He clarified that this is a cultural issue for the state of Montana and that a cultural change will be needed in order to effectively address this issue. He discussed resources available through the state and specific resources available to campuses. Discussion followed.

#### d. AIMA Update

Matt Caires and Heidi Pasek updated the Board that the 16-member Council is beginning to add detailed next steps under each of the identified strategic practices to improve the ways in which the MUS serves American Indian students and communities. Next steps will be to continue sub-committee work and identifying best practices, opportunities for collaboration, and existing challenges. The MUS will provide a learning and working environment that will positively impact the experience of American Indians on our campuses.

Committee Reports & Action

Two-Year and Community College Committee



**ACTION**

- a. Mission Review; Helena College UM ITEM 167-1901-R0515 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2

Motion for approval of action item 167-1901-R0515 was made by Regent Krauss; motion passed (6-0). Regent Johnston was excused.

Administrative, Budget, & Audit Oversight Committee

**CONSENT**

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Chair Tuss reminded the Board that consent item k. Request to Execute an Easement Agreement for City Water Service Extension; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 167-2027-R0515 was segmented from remaining items for voting purposes.

Regent Sheehy motioned for approval of consent items a.-j. and l.-n; motion passed (6-0) Regent Johnstone was excused.

Regent Albrecht motioned for approval of consent item k. Request to Execute an Easement Agreement for City Water Service Extension; MSU-Bozeman ITEM 167-2027-R0515; motion passed (5-0). Regent Krauss recused himself and Regent Johnstone was excused.

**ACTION**



a. Naming Item; UM-Missoula ITEM 167-1011-R0515

Motion for approval of action item a. Item 167-1011-R0515 was made by Regent Albrecht. Regent Sheehy noted the responses she received from members of the public expressing their desire for public comment. She requested this item be delayed until the September meeting. President Engstrom spoke to the affect that would have on the gift and perceived negative reaction and damage to future gifts. Discussion followed. Chair Tuss requested a roll call vote. Motion passed 5-0. (Regent Sheehy abstained, Regent Johnstone was excused)

b. Request to Construct Energy Conservation Projects for Chemistry Biology Building and the Engineering Laboratory Classroom Building; MT-Tech ITEM 167-1502-R0515 | Attachment #1

Motion for approval of Item 167-1502-R0515 was made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed 6-0. (Regent Johnstone was excused)

c. Request to Construct and Finance Parking Facility; MSU Bozeman ITEM 167-2015-R0515 | Attachment #1 | Attachment #2

Motion for approval of Item 167-2015-R0515 was made by Regent Krauss; motion passed 6-0. (Regent Johnstone was excused)

d. Revision of BOR Policy 940.12.1 – Tuition and Fee Approval; Disclosure of Total Cost of Attendance; OCHE ITEM 167-103-R0515 | Attachment #1

Motion for approval of Item 167-103-R0515 was made by Regent Williams; motion passed 6-0. (Regent Johnstone was excused)

e. Campus Allocation Recommendations; OCHE ITEM 167-105-R0515 | Attachment #1

Motion for approval of Item 167-105-R0515 was made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed 6-0. (Regent Johnstone was excused)

f. Performance Funding Model, FY16 – FY17; OCHE ITEM 167-104-R0515 | PF Model - Request for Approval | FY16 PF Allocations

Motion for approval of Item 167-104-R0515 was made by Regent Robinson; motion passed 6-0. (Regent Johnstone was excused)

g. FY 16 and FY 17 Tuition and Fees; OCHE ITEM 167-102-R0515 | Proposed Tuition Summary | Proposed Mandatory Fee Summary | Campus Tuition & Fee Schedules

Motion for approval of Item 167-102-R0515 was made by Regent Albrecht; motion passed 6-0. (Regent Johnstone was excused)

Staff and Compensation Committee

**CONSENT**



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Motion for approval of consent items a. – s. was made by Regent Krauss; motion passed 6-0. (Regent Johnstone was excused)

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

**CONSENT**

- a. Level II Memorandum (from March submission)

Motion for approval of consent item a. was made by Regent Robinson; motion passed 6-0. (Regent Johnstone was excused)

**ACTION**

- a. Veterans Choice Act-Amendment to Policy 940.1; OCHE  
*ITEM 167-101-R0515 | Attachment #1*

Motion for approval of Item 167-101-R0515 was made by Regent Krauss; motion passed 6-0. (Regent Johnstone was excused)

- b. Montana STEM Scholarship-Policy 501.4; OCHE *ITEM 167-106-R0515 Attachment #1 | MT STEM Scholarship Website*

Motion for approval of Item 167-106-R0515 was made by Regent Williams; motion passed 6-0. (Regent Johnstone was excused)



Student Appeals

- Student Appeal #1

Regent Sheehy abstained for participating. No motion was made; student appeal was denied and the Commissioner’s decision is upheld.

- Student Appeal #2 – Residency Status

Regent Sheehy abstained for participating. No motion was made; student appeal was denied and the Commissioner’s decision is upheld.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Christian briefly discussed the policy and procedure for the election of officers. He opened the floor for nominations for office of chair. A motion was made by Regent Sheehy for Paul Tuss to serve as board chair. Motion passed 6-0 (Regent Johnstone was excused). Commissioner opened the floor for nominations for vice chair. A motion made by Regent Williams for Regent Albrecht to serve as Vice Chair; motion passed 6-0 (Regent Johnstone was excused).

Public Comment

Asa Hoffman, ASUM President presented, on behalf of The Montana Association of Student (MAS) the administrator of the year award to Dr. Roberta Evans – UM School of Education and Interim Chancellor at Western.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:27am

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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Paul Tuss  
Chair, Board of Regents

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