

Montana University System – Science & Technology Advisory Committee (MUS-STAC)

Established October 29, 2008

The Montana University System's Science and Technology Advisory Committee (MUS-STAC) is a revival and expansion of the state Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Committee. The Advisory Committee is expected to develop and guide the implementation of a Science and Technology Plan for Higher Education and Related Enterprises in Montana. The Committee will help prioritize focus areas for Montana's EPSCoR grant applications. Further, the Committee will serve an advocacy role for Science and Technology Research and Graduate Education in Montana.

At the Wednesday, January 7, 2009 meeting of the Board of Regents (BOR), Deputy Commissioner Sylvia Moore gave an update on MUS-STAC efforts and announced the five major research areas that will be the core focus of the Science and Technology Plan:

- Energy Sciences and Engineering
- Health and Biomedical Sciences
- Agricultural Science
- Environmental and Ecosystem Science
- Materials Science and Engineering

At their March 20, 2009, meeting, the Board of Regents approved the MUS the five-year Science & Technology Plan – "Montana Science Serving Montana Citizens."

<http://mus.edu/board/meetings/2009/Mar09/Mar09.asp>

Research reports, by policy, are provided to the Board of Regents at each January meeting. In January 2010, the Board took time for a full update on campus research activities. That type of enhanced report will continue to be a part of the January research report in even-numbered (non-legislative) years.

<http://mus.edu/board/meetings/2010/Jan2010/Jan2010.asp>

At their September 22, 2010, meeting, the Board of Regents approved change to their By-laws that included the addition of "Research" to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

<http://mus.edu/board/meetings/2010/Sept2010/148-105-R0910.pdf> There are four members of the Board who serve on the Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee.

Related authorizing links:

Provision in By-laws for Board of Regents to Establish Committees

<http://mus.edu/borpol/bor200/201-7.pdf>

Relevant BOR Policy guiding research activities

<http://mus.edu/borpol/bor400/401.pdf>