Appendix J

Board of Regents

Meeting

Havre, Montana

May 19-20, 2016

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ITEM 171-2801-R0516

Request for Authorization to Approve a Revised Mission Statement

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THAT

The Montana Board of Regents grants approval of a new mission statement for Montana State University Northern.

EXPLANATION

Montana State University Northern's current Mission Statement is:
MSUN, a teaching institution, serves a diverse student population by providing liberal arts, professional and technical education programs ranging from certificates through master's degrees. The university promotes a student centered and culturally enriched environment endorsing lifelong learning, personal growth and responsible citizenship. The university partners with a variety of community and external entities to enhance collaborative learning, provide applied research opportunities, stimulate economic development and expand student learning.

Revised Mission Statement:

MSU Northern provides higher education to students for professional and technical careers through an institution dedicated to teaching and the pursuit of knowledge.

ATTACHMENTS

None

conference.

Public Comment

Ms. Ryan Chauner, a student of MSU, spoke in opposition to changing the name for the computer science program and urged the board not to accept his donation.

Ms. Ann Rupert, a student of MSU, spoke against the proposed renaming of the computer science program.

Mr. Alex Lei, a student of MSU, spoke against the renaming of a computer science program.

Ms. Rosslyn Kinney, a student at MSU, spoke against renaming the computer science program.

Ms. Haley Cox, a student at MSU, spoke against the renaming of the computer science program.

Mr. Garrett Leach, ASMSU Bozeman President, spoke in support of renaming the computer science program.

Mr. Andrew Brekke, spoke in support of renaming the computer science program.

Meeting Recessed at 4:54pm

Friday, May 20th

Board Reconvened at 8:23am

Approval of March 3-4, 2016 Minutes

Motion for approval of the minutes from the March 3-4, 2016 Board meeting was made by Regent Nystuen; motion passed 5-0 (Regent Albrecht and Regent Sheehy were excused).

Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee

CONSENT

a. Level II Memorandum (from March submission)

Deputy Commissioner Cech spoke to the process behind these approvals.

ACTION

a. Revised Mission Statement; MSU Northern *ITEM 171-2801-R0516*

Provost Bill Rugg, MSU-Northern presented the request for approval of a new mission statement for Montana State University Northern. The revised mission reads as: MSU Northern provides higher education to students for professional and technical careers through an institution dedicated to teaching and the pursuit of knowledge.

INFORMATION

a. Workforce Challenges in Rural School Districts

Superintendents Andy Carlson, Loren Dunk, Brad Moore and Renee Rasmussen discussed the workforce challenges they are facing in recruiting primary and secondary teachers in rural school districts. The discussion included challenges and opportunities as well as suggestions to help mitigate the teacher shortages and recruitment challenges. Discussion followed.

b. Student Affairs Update – Suicide Prevention Summit Recap

Director of Student Affairs Ron Muffick provided a brief update on the recent efforts and successes to date relate to suicide prevention. These included the first system-wide suicide prevention summit held in February. He reiterated the overall objectives and next steps of this initiative which included conducting assessments of current practices and policies to recommend changes as well as the development of best practices. Discussion followed.

c. AIMA Update

Director of American Indian Minority Achievement and K-12 Partnerships, Angela McLean provided a brief update on efforts and successes to date with the AIMA Council. She discussed the recent campus visits and highlighted key themes from those discussions. She noted the objectives and themes outlined by the Council to address going forward. Discussion followed.

d. Level I Memorandum

Deputy Commissioner Cech spoke to the items and nominations listed on the memorandum.

e. Level II Memorandum (for action in September)

Deputy Commissioner Cech spoke to the items listed on the memorandum for consideration; final action will take place at the September meeting. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports & Action

Two Year and Community College Committee

No consent or action items.

Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee

CONSENT

a. Level II Memorandum (from March submission)

Motion for approval of Consent agenda was made by Regent Johnstone; motion passed 5-0 (Regent Albrecht and Regent Sheehy were excused).

ACTION

a. Revised Mission Statement; MSU Northern *ITEM 171-2801-R0516*

Motion for approval of action item a. Item 171-2801-R0516 was made by Regent Johnstone; motion passed 5-0 (Regent Albrecht and Regent Sheehy were excused).

Staff & Compensation Committee

CONSENT

Staff Items

a. OCHE; *ITEM 171-100-R0516*
b. Montana Tech; *ITEM 171-1500-R0516*
c. UM Western; *ITEM 171-1600-R0516*
d. MSU Bozeman; *ITEM 171-2000-R0516*
e. MSU Billings; *ITEM 171-2700-R0516*
f. Great Falls College MSU; *ITEM 171-2900-R0516*
g. MSU Northern; *ITEM 171-2800-R0516*
h. Approval of University System/Employee Equity Interest and/or Business Participation Under MUSP 407 (Lukacs, Nowak); University of Montana *ITEM 171-1001-R0516 | Attachment #1*
i. Approval of University System/Employee Equity Interest and/or Business Participation Under MUSP 407 (Evans, Burkhart, Bazin-Lee, Ryter); University of Montana *ITEM 171-1009-R0516 | Attachment #1*

Labor Agreements

a. MSU Northern Faculty; OCHE; *ITEM 171-104-R0516 | Attachment #1*
b. UM Western Faculty; OCHE; *ITEM 171-105-R0516 | Attachment #1*
c. Operating Engineers 4-yr campuses; OCHE *ITEM 171-106-R0516 | Attachment #1*
d. Operating Engineers 2-year campuses; OCHE *ITEM 171-107-R0516 | Attachment #1*
e. MSU Bozeman Graduate Assistants; OCHE *ITEM 171-108-R0516 | Attachment #1*

Emeriti Faculty

a. Johnson; MSU Northern *ITEM 171-2809-R0516*