

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR EDUCATION

March 7, 1977
8:00 A. M.
Room 132
State Capitol Building

Subject: Work Session

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carroll South.
The following members of committee were present:

Sen. Larry Fasbender
Rep. Ora Halvorson
Sen. Matt Himsl
Rep. Oscar Kvaalen
Rep. Jack Moore

Also present for the meeting were Judy Rippingale, Fiscal Analyst, and John Krutar, Budget Officer.

Chairman South said that the Board of Regents have voted to increase student fees and have gone on record as saying that they want the student participation taken out of intercollegiate athletic programs. Students vote each year whether to participate financially. The students at the University of Montana decided a few years ago to no longer fund the athletic program. At that time they voted against student fees being used for that purpose. The university has been financing the intercollegiate program since that time.

At the other units there is still some student participation and in some cases such as Eastern Montana College, the students are paying a large share of the cost. The students at EMC have asked to be taken out of intercollegiate athletics as they feel they can no longer afford to be a part of the program. Instead, they would spend the money on sports on campus.

Chairman South said that the Committee will need to consider what it wants to do about this matter. They will need to make a decision whether they want to pick this up, and if they do, they will have to appropriate a total of \$247,315 into the budget for this purpose. Itemized, it is as follows:

\$90,000 - MSU; \$94,880 - EMC; \$26,170 - TECH
\$12,265 - WMC; \$24,000 - NMC

A motion was made by Rep. Matt Himsl that the legislative committee agree with the recommendation of the Board of Regents and that it incorporate intercollegiate athletics into the budget in the amount of \$247,315 as the fiscal 1977 base. Inflation and personnel raises will remain the same as last biennium, the amount the

same as the total budget. It was agreed that incurred cost of new space would be added to the operating bases at MCMST, MSU, EMC and UM.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the enrollment increase at MSU that had caused the unit to have to take funds from the operational fund to pay the new faculty needed and how to put this money back into the budget for MSU.

A motion was made by Rep. Jack Moore that no funds be granted for TV programming between UM and WMC at this time. These funds would have been used for building a TV circuit for the programming between the two schools for the next biennium.

The voting was as follows:

Sen. Fasbender	- aye
Sen. Himsl	- aye
Rep. Moore	- aye
Rep. Kvaalen	- aye
Rep. Halvorson	- no

The ayes carried the vote. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Sen. Larry Fasbender that the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's recommendation for capital equipment for UM be increased. The amount of \$122,000 would be appropriated for capital equipment and the amount of \$150,000 each year for books in the library.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sen. Larry Fasbender that the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's recommendation for capital equipment for MSU be approved.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sen. Larry Fasbender that the amount of \$235,000 be appropriated as a one-time, non-occurring expense for the purchase of a computer by EMC. The purchase would be made from UM.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sen. Larry Fasbender that the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's recommendation for capital equipment be approved for WMC, EMC, and MCMST.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sen. Larry Fasbender that the amount of \$123,975 be appropriated in FY 1978 and the amount of \$131,414 be appropriated in FY 1979 to NMC for capital equipment.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15.

The Committee will meet again Tuesday, March 8 at 8:00 A. M.


CARROLL V. SOUTH, CHAIRMAN


Betsy Clark, Secretary