

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF

LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR EDUCATION

March 5, 1979
8:30 a.m.
Room 104
State Capitol Building
Subject: WORK SESSION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carroll South with the following members present:

Sen. Larry Fasbender
Sen. Harold Nelson
Rep. Jack Moore
Rep. Esther Bengtson

(Rep. Oscar Kvaalen was excused)

"6" UNIVERSITY UNITS

The committee discussed capital expenditures and enrollment of the six universities. It was shown on a handout (Exhibit A) that WMC couldn't be compared with the other five universities. WMC shows through calculations, that they have more money available than they need - compared to the other 5 universities.

For example: WMC - \$3,153 per student
TECH - \$2,800 per student

Tech has a higher cost of courses than WMC and yet WMC has a higher cost per student.

It was discussed that they should put WMC on a zero-base-budget. The committee decided that they would talk to the Board of Regents about the programs offered by WMC, Boulder, and Warm Springs.

UTILITIES

The committee discussed the cost of utilities at the 6 universities. Chairman South stated all 6 units had a substantial increase in utility expenses over the amount appropriated by the committee. There were no decisions made on this subject.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX - EASTERN MONTANA COLLEGE

The handout was given at the beginning of the meeting showing that there must be some adjustments made at EMC if the committee is to treat all 6 units the same.

RECHARGE CENTERS

The committee passed a few ideas around about the recharge centers at the 6 units. There are four main centers that take the highest priority, these are as follows:

1. Computing centers
2. Service shop
3. Office stores
4. Motor pool

MOTION WAS MADE by Rep. Moore that the committee appropriate funds for these four recharge centers. MOTION PASSED. Rep. Bengtson voted no and Rep. Kvaalen was absent.

FACULTY SALARIES

The committee covered a few options in this area. On the handout given there were four options (A,B,C,D,) to help make a decision on faculty salaries.

MOTION WAS MADE by Rep. Moore that the committee select option "B" MOTION WAS PASSED unanimously with the exception of Rep. Kvaalen being absent.

(5 minute break)

ATHLETICS

The committee discussed the funding for athletics. They compared MSU and UM athletic expenses. The comparison showed that MSU spent more than UM. After this comparison, the committee thought they would split the difference of UM and MSU's athletics expenses.

MOTION WAS MADE by Sen. Fasbender that the committee go to equalization of general fund money for the various units of the University System. MOTION WAS PASSED by all the committee members that were present. (Rep. Kvaalen was not present)

MOTION WAS MADE by Rep. Bengtson that the committee divide the difference between organized research at UM and MSU and plug that difference into UM's Research Organization.

MOTION PASSED by all the committee members that were present. (Rep. Kvaalen and Sen. Fasbender were not present)

NURSING CAPITATION

The subject of nursing capitation was the last topic discussed by the committee. It was said that the committee feels they should fund this program, but no decision was made at this time.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30.


CARROLL V. SOUTH, CHAIRMAN 4/3/79