

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

March 10, 1979  
11:20 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. Oscar Kvaalen  
Rep. Jack Moore  
Rep. Esther Bengtson

Also present in the meeting were, Judy Rippingale, Fiscal Analyst; Glen Leavitt, OBPP; and Tom Crosser, OBPP.

BUDGET FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Chairman South discussed some of the options the committee has concerning the budget for the Superintendent's Office. One problem area is in the indirect cost revolving fund where it appears as though they are going to be \$360,000 short over the next biennium and that would mean that it would have to be picked up by general fund money.

Glen Leavitt, OBPP, gave a handout to the committee members. (Exhibit A) This handout showed the budget office's recommendation for the Superintendent's Office.

Chairman South stated what the committee really needs is to decide whether or not we are going to plug in general funds for the indirect cost revolving program. He said that the basic problem in the Superintendent's Office right now, aside from cutting staff or anything else, and forgetting the expenditures side altogether and looking down the revenue side; we are short \$450,000 worth of revenue from other sources.

The committee decided that there wasn't any way they could cut back \$450,000 worth of programs.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sen. Fasbender went to the Historical Society and talked with them about their budget request. He gave a brief talk on the discussion between himself and the Historical Society. He said that the Historical Society stated that they feel they can't get a director for only \$23,000. Handout was given. (Exhibit B)

MOTION WAS MADE by Rep. Moore that the committee reestablish the assistant currator position (just the salary) using the base of the LFA. MOTION PASSED unanimously with all the committee members present for the voting.

MOTION WAS MADE by Sen. Fasbender that the committee approve the Assistant Director/Business Manager at a G16. MOTION PASSED unanimously with all the committee members present for the voting.

MOTION WAS MADE by Sen. Fasbender that the committee budget in a figure of Grade 20 for the director. MOTION PASSED unanimously with all the committee members present for the voting.

MOTION WAS MADE by Sen. Fasbender that \$13,000 or  $\frac{1}{2}$  years pay for the resigning Director be put in to use at the discretion of the advisory council. MOTION PASSED unanimously with all the committee members present for the voting. (WITH THE INTENT THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK)

#### MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL

Rep. Bengtson stated that she would like to have a reconsideration of the motion made by the committee on January 30, 1979.

MOTION WAS MADE by Rep. Bengtson that the committee reconsider the motion made for the MT Art Council on January 30, 1979. MOTION PASSED unanimously with all the committee members present for the voting.

MOTION WAS MADE by Rep. Bengtson that the committee line item an addition to the \$5,000 a year line item from the general fund appropriation to the MT Art Council, we include \$14,198 for FY 80 and \$15,275 for FY 81. MOTION PASSED with all the committee members voting yes with the exception of Rep. Kvaalen voting no.

#### PAY PLAN FOR UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Chairman South gave a few comments on this subject for the committee's information. He stated that 11.5 million dollars is the cost of the pay plan for the university system, Vo-Tech centers, and community colleges. Plus \$111,000 earmarked revenue for the U.S. Range Station.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

  
CARROLL V. SOUTH, CHAIRMAN

  
Jeanne Glennon, Secretary