

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION
January 24, 1981

The Executive Session meeting of the Joint Appropriation Subcommittee on Education was called to order at 7 a.m. on Saturday, January 24, 1981 by Chairman Donaldson in Room 104, Capitol Bldg., Helena, Montana.

The COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE'S budget request was the first to be reviewed.

REP. BENGTON moved that the committee accept the LFA recommendation for the total current level funding. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The first item discussed was Personal Services. CURT NICHOLS stated that the LFA recommendation does not include a 9% salary increase but does include a vacancy savings of 3%.

GLEN LEAVITT noted that the difference with the Executive Budget is for Travel and Contracted Services. No vacancy savings is applied.

Discussion was held in regard to the vacancy savings and FTE level.

REP. THOFT moved to amend the motion by using the Board of Regent's recommendation for personal services which amounts to \$2,368,939 for FY 82 and \$2,363,939 for FY 83. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY as stands amended.

CURT NICHOLS discussed the differences with the two recommendations for the Operations. The differences are in Travel and Utilities. The Executive recommendation for Travel is \$222,623 and the LFA recommendation \$195,512 for the biennium. The Executive recommendation for Utilities is \$21,573 and the LFA recommendation \$17,311 for the biennium. The Executive recommendation for Contracted Services is \$156,933 and the LFA recommendation is \$122,986 for the biennium. Discussion was held.

REP. THOFT moved to amend the motion that the committee accept the Executive recommendation for Operations which amounts to \$523,029 for FY 82 and \$584,546 for FY 83. MOTION PASSED as stands amended with one, REP. DONALDSON opposing.

The next discussion was on Equipment.

REP. THOFT moved that the committee accept the LFA recommendation for Equipment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion was held with regard to the salary base adjustment. It was decided to postpone this adjustment until it had been acted upon for the University.

Discussion was held with regard to the operations base adjustment. It was decided to postpone this adjustment until it had been acted upon for the University.

The next discussion was on the AGNET PROJECT.

REP. BENGTON moved that the committee accept the LFA recommendation and that the users of the Agnet computer will be charged.

REP. THOFT moved to amend the motion that the committee add on 10% to FY 83. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY as stands amended.

The total appropriated at this point is \$3,040,239 for FY 82 and \$3,124,339 for FY 83 for the Cooperative Extension Service.

The AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION'S budget request was the next to be reviewed. CURT NICHOLS gave a handout with the LFA, Executive and Board of Regents recommendation. (EXHIBIT B)

REP. BENGTON moved that the committee accepts the LFA recommendation without the 9% pay increase which totals to \$6,040,024. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting recessed at 9 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1 a.m.

Discussion was held on the savings vacancy rate.

REP. BENGTON moved that the committee take into account the vacancy savings in personal services.

REP. THOFT moved to leave out the 3% vacancy savings of the \$136,330 which would amount to \$273,660 in the biennium. MOTION FAILED by four to two, with REP. THOFT and SENATOR HAFLEY affirmative.

Operating expenses was the next item discussed.

CURT NICHOLS gave the differences between the recommendations and they are in travel and utilities.

CHAIRMAN DONALDSON asked what their policy is on travel.

DOCTOR WELSH stated that their policy for approval on out of state travel is there has to be direct involvement for the person going.

REP. BENGTON moved to amend the motion and add the executive travel into the LFA operating expense the amount of \$51,530 for FY 82 and \$66,405 for FY 83, a total of \$117,935. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY as stands amended.

CURT NICHOLS discussed the recommendation for utilities.

REP. BENGTON moved to amend the motion that the committee accept the executive recommendation for utilities be added to the LFA budget which amounts to \$20,742 for FY 82 and \$58,754 for FY 83 making the total for utilities to be \$79,496. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY as stands amended.

The next item discussed was Equipment. (EXHIBIT C)

Discussion was held regarding the status of their equipment.

REP. BENGTON moved to amend the motion that the committee accept the executive recommendation and disallow equipment increases by the Board of Regents. MOTION FAILED as stands amended with two, SENATOR HAFPEY and REP. BENGTON, affirmative.

DOCTOR WELSH gave a statement made by Doctor Asleson and Doctor Burris. (EXHIBIT D) It was decided to wait on the equipment until later.

The next discussion was regarding the U.S. Ranger Station.

DOCTOR WELSH stated that with regard to the Ranger Station they would be willing to wait to make a decision for funding. That they will be able to stay within its resources for the biennium.

Discussion relative to the ranger station was held with regard to whether it should be funded through the general fund.

REP. BENGTON moved to accept the LFA budget without the 9% and pay increases. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

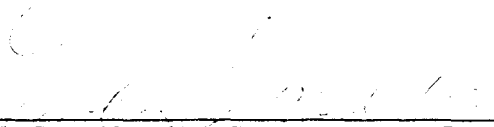
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Discussion was held with regards to the Extension Service's vacancy savings of 3%.

REPRESENTATIVE BENGTON moved to reconsider acts on the vacancy savings for the extension service. MOTION PASSED with two, REPRESENTATIVE THOFT and SENATOR JACOBSON opposing.

REPRESENTATIVE BENGTON moved to remove the 3% vacancy savings on personal services for the Extension Service. MOTION DEFEATED with REPRESENTATIVE BENGTON and SENATOR JACOBSON affirmative.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 3:10 p.m.



REPRESENTATIVE GENE DONALDSON,
Chairman

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

LFA - EXEC - CO-OP RECOMMENDATIONS

NOTE: PERS SERV DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY INCREASE

FY 1982

FY 1983

CURRENT LEVEL	LFA	EXEC	REGENTS	LFA	EXEC	REGENTS
FTE	12186	12787	12787	12186	12787	12787
PERS SERV - % INCR	2277183	2342097	2268734	2277183	2342097	2268734
OPERATIONS	463275	523027	523027	463275	523027	523027
EQUIPMENT	15395	20074	20074	15395	20074	20074
TOTAL CURRENT LEV	2754053	2886210	2912062	2754053	2886210	2912062
REGENTS	-0-	-0-	164566	-0-	-0-	164566
SALARY BASE ADJ	-0-	-0-	1215	-0-	-0-	1215
CO-OP BASE ADJ	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
AGNET FTE	115	115	115	115	115	115
PERS SERV	34024	-0-	34024	34024	-0-	34024
CO-OP	9562	-0-	9562	9562	-0-	9562
EQUIP	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	129176	-0-	129176	129176	-0-	129176
GRAND TOTAL	2888727	2886210	3254160	2888727	2886210	3254160
with units						
FUNDING						
GENERAL FUND	1927536	1320012	1700304	1927536	1320012	1700304
SMITH LEVER	1561193	1560110	1548256	1561193	1560110	1548256
USER CHARGE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	2888727	2886210	3254160	2888727	2886210	3254160

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Operational Expenses
excluding U.S. Range Station

Actual
1980

FIE

Personal Services

Operating Expenses

Equipment

Non Operating

Total

General Fund

Exp. matched

Hatch and Regional

1983

LFA

Regionals

Exec

LFA

Regionals

Exec

LFA

Regionals

Exec

Regionals

4032655

1282031

161351

822

5179859

3038190

112806

1313604

243499

5237087

1650015

136437

822

7024361

4665191

750000

1609167

243499

4405778

1553260

175786

822

6135046

3859770

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4405778

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822

6300563

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750000

1609167

Actual Budget

1980

1981

	1980	LFA	Exec	Rego's	LFA	Exec	Rego's
U.S. Range Station							
FTE	42.12	42.12	42.12	42.12	42.12	42.12	42.12
PERSONAL SERVICES	564466	705283	615890	747350	768756	615890	829558
Operating Expenses	218663	233119	267376	255297	254639	291036	282869
Equipment	30831	21758	20000	20000	25602	20000	20000
TOTAL	806963	960160	903286	1022647	1048997	926726	1132427
U.S. Range Funds	806763	960160	903286	1022647	1048997	926726	1132427
LFA includes 9% per year salary increases and							
Executive includes no entry increase							
Rego's includes "catch up" for faculty salaries and 12% and 11% annual increases							
LFA Cost with out pay increase			82	83			
Faculty Catch up (732 Faculty)			701926	927988			
Eliminate 3% Vacancy Savings			14369	14369			
USE Rego's Operating Expenses			20012	20012			
ALL PAY Increases would come from US Range Funds			22178	28230			

Increased by amount station faculty to level of community servs.
Eliminate 3% vacancy savings taken by LFA
Returns operating expenses of line requested by head of region

Excluding equipment stations - excluding range station

	82	83	Cost Revenue	
LFA Without Pay Increase	604009	6195264		
Personnel Services				
Faculty Catchup	182736	182736		RFC - equipment station funds to fund as currently paid
Eliminate 3% increases	136330	136330		Eliminate 3% increase remove later by LFA
Operating Expenses				
Executive Travel	51530	66405	117935	Funds Travel and local recommended by Executive (LFA Reduced Travel)
Regents current level	72272	125159	197431	Funds operating expenses at Regents current level request.
Equipment				
Executive and Regent current level	58234	38719	97983	Replace equipment inclinations include by LFA
Modified Request				
Personal services (38.81 Add. FTE)	435549	435549	871098	This add items included by equipment station and head of request in the modified request. Items removed which current station and assign merits.
Operative Expenses	261336	282243	543579	
Equipment	298290	322153	620443	
TOTAL Modified	995175	1039945	2035120	
ALL PAY INCREASES	400	400		General Fund

Rough Draft

A replacement plan for Agricultural Experiment Station Tractors, Combines and Vehicles.

These recommendations are based on an inventory of equipment obtained from the Associate Director's Office. This inventory is not completely accurate but is probably close enough for the development of a general plan for equipment replacement.

The following replacement schedule is recommended for planning purposes.

1. Farm tractors should be replaced in 6 to 10 years depending on use.
2. Garden Tractors should be replaced in 2 to 5 years depending on use.
3. Combines should be replaced in 10 to 15 years depending on use.
4. Passenger vehicles and vans should be replaced at 75,000 to 100,000 miles or 10 years whichever comes first.
5. Three quarter ton and one half ton pickups should be replaced at 60,000 to 80,000 miles or 10 years whichever comes first. Four wheel drive pickups may need replacement sooner.
6. One ton and larger trucks can be expected to operate for 75,000 to 150,000 miles. Replacement should be planned for 10 to 20 years depending on use and mileage.

The age of farm tractors and garden tractors on the experiment station are shown in Table 1. There are a total of 62 farm tractors and 14 garden tractors. Seventy-three percent of the farm tractors are over 5 years old. Replacing all 62 tractors in the next eight years would require 7.75 tractors per year. If we assume that ten of the tractors over 15 years of age have been retired to limited special use then the replacement program would require 6.5 tractors per year just to keep current. In addition, the largest single group of tractors are 5-10 years old. This is due to a lease program that ran out during this time and a shortage of capital funds for tractor purchases

during the last five years.

A good replacement program will require the purchase of about 8 farm tractors per year to correct current deficits, then 7 tractors per year would maintain the equipment.

Approximately three garden tractors per year will be needed to keep equipment current. A better replacement program might be to purchase small farm tractors with appropriate attachments. This would probably require two tractors per year for four years followed by one tractor per year to replace obsolete equipment.

The ages of combines on the experiment station are shown in Table 2. There is a total of only 7 combines, but at least one is missing from the inventory list. Two of the combines over 15 years are pretty much retired, therefore, the active list needing replacement on a regular schedule is for 6 combines. One combine per year would be excessive and one every other year is probably a little low, therefore, the recommendation is that one combine per year be purchased for two years followed by one every other year.

The ages of vehicles on the Agricultural Experiment Station are shown in Table 3. There is no indication of the vehicle mileage shown on the inventory. Planning is, therefore, based on age alone.

Passenger vehicle and van replacement will require 1.4 vehicles per year. Three per two year period will probably be adequate unless there is need to increase the number. Current motor pool costs would probably justify purchase of two passenger vehicles per year.

Pickups of $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ ton capacity will require 7 vehicles per year just to keep the average age under 10 years. Due to the large number over 10 years at this time a recommendation would be 9 pickups per year for four years followed by 7 per year. One ton and larger trucks have a long life due to limited use. One truck per year is high. The recommendation is for 2 trucks every three years.

An estimate of the cost for this replacement program is as follows.

1. Farm tractors			
8 tractors - average 70 hp	@ \$300/HP	\$168,000	
2. Garden tractors			
3 garden tractors	@ \$3,000	9,000	
alternate 2 small farm tractors	@ \$7,000 =		
	14,000		
3. Combines			
1 combine @ \$30,000		30,000	
4. Other farm and plot machinery			
estimated at 60% of above		<u>124,200</u>	
	Farm and plot machinery Total	\$331,200	\$331,200/yr.
5. Passenger vehicles			
2 passenger vehicles per year	@ \$7,000	14,000	
6. Pickups 1/2 ton and 3/4 ton			
9 pickups per year @ \$7,500		67,500	
7. Trucks - 1 ton and larger			
1½ trucks per year @ \$22,000		<u>33,000</u>	
	Vehicles Total	\$114,500	<u>\$114,500</u>
	Total - all equipment and vehicles		\$445,700

Table 1. AES Farm Tractors/Tractor Tractors (includes cub.)

Location	0-5 yrs.	5-10 yrs.	10-15 yrs.	>15 yrs.	Total
AnSci	2	2	1	2/1	7/1
Pl Sci	6	2/1	2	2/1	12/2
Central		4			4/0
Eastern	1/3	3	1/1	0/1	5/5
Western	0/2	2		1	3/2
North	2	2		2	6/0
NorthWestern	1	1/1	0/2		2/3
South	2	4		2	8/0
Vet. Lab		2		1	3/0
LARRS	1	4		4	9/0
AgEngr				1	1/0
W.Tri	2				2/0
Pl. Patlr		<u>0/1</u>			<u>0/1</u>
	17/5	26/3	4/3	15/3	62/14

Table 2. AES Combines

Location	0-5 yrs.	5-10 yrs.	10-15 yrs	>15 yrs.	Total
Pl & Soils	0	1	0	1	2
Central	0	1	0	0	1
Eastern	0	1	0	1	2
North	0	0	1	0	1
Northwestern	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Total		4	1	2	7