MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

February 21, 1981

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The Executive Session meeting on the University System of the Joint Appropriation Subcommittee on Education was called to order at 7:05 a.m. on Saturday, February 21, 1981 by Chairman Donaldson in Room 104, Capitol Bldg., Helena, Montana.

All members were present including Bruce Shively and Curt Nichols, Fiscal Analysts.

The committee discussed the amendments to HB69. (EXHIBIT A)

SENATOR NELSON moved that the amendments be added to HB69. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next discussion was on the Scholarships and Fellowships. (See EXHIBIT D of 2-16-81 minutes.)

REP. BENGTSON moved to accept the LFA recommendation for Scholarships and Fellowships for \$1,833,098 for FY 82 and \$1,970,908 for FY 83 to be distributed by the Board of Regents. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CURT NICHOLS explained the Support Cost Options. (EXHIBIT C)

Discussion was held in regard to the percentage the Universities should be at.

REP. THOFT moved to accept the 90% for FY 82 and 97% for FY 83 for Support Costs. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CURT NICHOLS discussed the Modifications. (EXHIBIT D)

Discussion in regard to the Washington Library Network (WLN) was held.

REP. BENGTSON moved that the committee accept the modification request for WLN for \$221,837 for FY 82 and \$146,458 for FY 83 for a biennium total of \$368,295. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The committee discussed the computer requests. It was decided that it is being addressed in the Long Range Building Committee.

The next item discussed was for the Security Staff at Northern Montana College.

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SENATOR HAFFEY moved that the committee accept the modification for Security Staff at Northern Montana College for \$23,924 for the biennium. MOTION FAILED with three, REP. THOFT, REP. DONALD-SON, AND SENATOR NELSON opposing.

The next discussion was on the MONTS PROGRAM (Montanans on a New Tract for Science).

REP. BENGTSON moved that the Indirect Costs be used for the Monts Program. MOTION PASSED with two, SENATOR JACOBSON and SENATOR HAFFEY opposing.

REP. BENGTSON moved that the committee accept the modification for the Cooperative MBA (Masters in Business Administration) Program for \$337,105 for the biennium. MOTION FAILED on a tie vote with three, SENATOR HAFFEY, REP. DONALDSON and REP. THOFT opposing.

The next item the committee discussed was the Master in Social Work for the University of Montana.

SENATOR HAFFEY moved to approve the Master in Social Work for the University of Montana for \$272,348 for the biennium. MOTION FAILED on a tie vote with three, REP. THOFT, REP. DONALDSON, and SENATOR NELSON opposing.

The committee took a half hour recess.

The next item discussed was the Vehicle Maintenance/Bus Driver for Western Montana College.

SENATOR HAFFEY moved that the committee accept the Vehicle Maintenance modification for \$20,000 for the biennium. MOTION FAILED with three, REP. THOFT, REP. DONALDSON, and SENATOR NELSON opposing.

Discussion was held in regard to the Library Acquisitions and the MONTS PROGRAM.

GLEN LEAVITT stated that when the committee voted on the Research Program the formula request included \$39,000 to increase research which we thought was plugging in that 15% and that was not approved. The one approved was the smaller budget using the LFA recommendation. They can use the 15% to fund MONTS and the remainder they could use wherever they want. Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Appropriation Subcommittee on Education PAGE 3

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REP. BENGTSON stated that the intent of her motion to be permissive that the MONTS would not be funded but if they wanted to use the 15% they could do that.

The committee agreed with Rep. Bengtson.

The committee discussed the enrollment projections, (See EXHIBIT A of 2-17-81,)

CURT NICHOLS gave the revised enrollment projections. (EXHIBIT E) He also gave the LFA original estimated enrollment projections from the <u>Budget Analysis 1983</u> biennium book. The projected enrollment is:

	FΥ	82	FY 8	3
MSU		9,964	9,89	2
UofM		8,133	8,14	
EMC		3,070	3,04	0
NMC	•	1,329	1,33	2
WMC		750	74	9
MCMST		1,525	1,55	0

The actual 80-81 revised estimates are:

MSU	10,228
UofM	8,145
EMC	3,078
NMC	1,353
WMC	820
MCMST	1,531

REP. BENGTSON moved to accept the LFA enrollment estimates from the <u>Budget Analysis 1983</u> green book for an 82-83 systemwide total. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIRMAN DONALDSON stated that Dick Dodge would be addressing types of contingency funds with the committee therefore, we should wait to make a decision.

The next discussion was held in regard to salaries.

CURT NICHOLS discussed the faculty compensation base adjustments. (EXHIBIT F) Also see EXHIBIT A of 2-17-81 minutes. Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Appropriation Subcommittee on Education PAGE 4

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SENATOR HAFFEY moved that the three; Eastern, Northern, and Western be raised to 93% for salary increases. MOTION FAILED on a tie vote with three, REP. THOFT, REP. DONALDSON, and SENATOR NELSON opposing.

REP. THOFT moved that the three; Eastern, Northern, and Western stay at 90%.

REP. BENTSON made a substitute motion that Eastern Montana College be at 93%, Western and Northern at 90%. MOTION FAILED on a tie vote with three, REP. THOFT, REP. DONALDSON, and SENATOR NELSON opposing.

The committee then voted on REP. THOFT's motion and the MOTION FAILED with three, SENATOR HAFFEY, SENATOR JACOBSON, and REP. BENGTSON opposing.

More discussion was held in regard to the salaries.

REP. THOFT moved that the committee use 84% for Northern, Western, and Eastern and 90% for the University of Montana and Montana State University.

REP. THOFT withdrew the motion.

REP. THOFT moved to raise Northern and Western to the 90% level. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next discussion was in regard to Catch-Ups. (See EXHIBIT A of 2-10-81 minutes.)

CHAIRMAN DONALDSON gave two reasons for not giving catch-ups to the Universities: (1) it would not be fair for the committee to give peer catch-ups to the University System, (2) but we do need to address the critical salary area.

Discussion followed with some of the committee members expressing agreement with the Chairman's views and others rising in opposition.

CURT NICHOLS stated that the cost above the current year on going to 93% would be \$458,771 the next biennium to move those three colleges. In addition to the peer picture leaving Eastern at 90% and reducing Northern and Western at 84% would be \$880,162. Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Appropriation Subcommittee on Education PAGE 5

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CURT NICHOLS stated that to put all of them from 90% to 93% would be \$458,771. Just putting Eastern at 93% and leaving the rest at 90% would be roughly \$250,000 for the biennium.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

REP. GENE DONALDSON, Chairman

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Amendments to House Bill 69

2-21-81

J. Page 3, Line 6 Strike: Section 4 in its entirety

New Section: Section 4. Calculation and Approval of Operating Budget. (1) Annually by June 15, the board of trustees of a community college.

shall submit an operating budget to the board of regents for their review.

The operating budget of the community college shall be financed in the -

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(a) General fund appropriation. The general fund appropriation shall represent a specific percentage of the total unrestricted budget authorized by the legislature and approved by the regents. This percent

age shall be specified in the appropriations act appropriating funds to the

community colleges for each biennium.

(b) An estimate of revenues to be generated by student tuition and fees, and all other unrestricted income, revenues, or balances shall be

added to the state general fund appropriation and the total subtracted from the total unrestricted budget. The difference shall be obtained by a

mandatory levy.

(c) The funding obtained in subsection (b) of subsection (1) is the amount of the unrestricted budget. A detailed expenditure schedule for the unrestricted budget shall be submitted to the board of regents for

their review and approval.

(d) The amount estimated to be raised by the voted levy shall be detailed separately in an expenditure schedule. (e) The spending of each restricted funding source shall be detailed separately in an expenditure schedule.

(f) The expenditure schedules provided in subsection (c), (d), and
(e) of subsection (1) shall represent the total operating budget of the community college.

(g) If revenues to the unrestircted budget exceed estimates, the
excess shall be used to reduce the mandatory levy in the subsequent year.
(2) The board of regents shall review the proposed total operating budget and all its components and make any changes it determines necessary. A board of trustees of a community college district shall operate within the limits of the operating budget approved by the board of regents.

2. Page 5, Line 18 Following: 15-24-582 Strike: 15-24-505

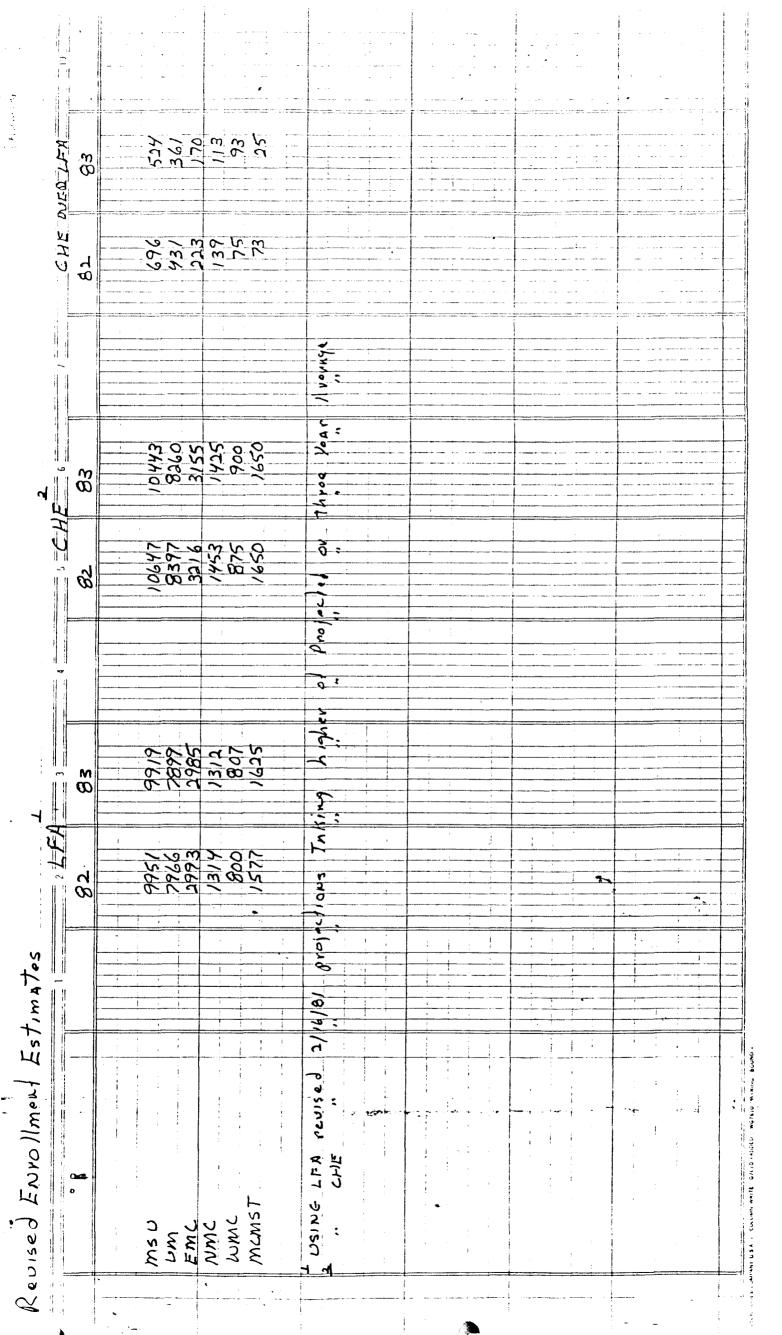
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