

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE BUILDING  
March 23, 1981

The meeting was called to order by JACK K. MOORE, Chairman, at 1:35 in Room 108. All Committee members were present except SEN. ETCHART and SEN. HIMSL. Also in attendance was BOB ROBINSON, Fiscal Analyst.

Testimony was given by DR. JOHN RICHARDSON, Commissioner of Higher Education; DR. JOHN VAN De WETERING, EMC President; DR. WILLIAM TIETZ, MSU President; DR. RICHARD C. BOWERS, U of M President; DR. JAMES ERICKSON, NMC President; DR. FRED W. DeMONEY, Montana Tech President; PHIL HAUCK, Administrator of Architecture & Engineering.

THE CHAIRMAN explained they would first discuss the Maintenance requests and then the Handicapped accessibility.

DR. RICHARDSON asked the Committee to refer to their Capital Construction Program Page 227. He explained when the requests came to the Board of Regents, he reviewed each of these requests, and then put together a priority list for the Board of Regents. He noted the Executive branch reviewed these requests and forwarded their requests on to the Legislature as part of the Governor's recommendations. He wanted to point out in establishing the Board of Regents priorities there is the Capital Construction Committee and that is chaired by Architect, LOUIS EVANS of Billings.

DR. RICHARDSON asked to review the Regents request and the Executive requests on Page 224. He noted the first priority project of the Board of Regents was the Systemwide Maintenance Projects. The original request from the campuses was around \$3 million. The Board of Regents reduced that to \$1,549,000, which was reduced again by the Executive Branch to \$1,065,550. The second project for the completion of the Science building at Montana Tech would involve the third floor remodeling, and the Executive Branch recommends the same amount as the Board. The third project to remodel the Crafts Building at WMC is recommended by the Regents, but is not recommended by the Executive Branch. The fourth project is the Visual Communications Building at MSU and is also recommended by the Executive Branch. The fifth project is for the Fine Art facility at U of M. The Regents recommended \$450,000 to plan the building and the Executive Branch recommends \$4.5 million for the project into the bonding program. They estimate the cost of the project at \$8.5 million. The sixth project for constructing the Clinical Psychology Building is the Regents request for \$600,000, the Executive Branch recommends \$440,000 in the bonding program. The seventh project for remodeling an addition to Cisel Hall at EMC, the Regent's request \$1,780,000 and the Executive recommends \$1,190,000 in the bonding program. This request would allow the music facility to be moved into Cisel Hall along with an addition. The eighth project is the main hall

analysis at Montana Tech and would determine the alternatives for future use, this was not recommended by the Executive Branch.

The ninth project for the Neutron Activation Lab at Montana Tech was not recommended by the Executive Branch. The tenth project for remodeling Cowan Hall at NMC, was recommended by the Executive Branch for the same amount. The eleventh project for the storage building at NMC was not recommended by the Executive Branch. The twelfth project for systemwide Handicapped accessibility was requested by the Regents at \$1,439,983; the Executive Branch recommended it at \$1 million and placed it in a higher priority.

Dr. RICHARDSON noted there are 12 more projects in smaller amounts, but none of them were recommended by the Executive Branch. He noted there was a separate bill on Item 24 for the Laboratory Amino Acid Support Building. He asked when the bill was drafted they would appreciate having language in it which would permit an expenditure authorization at NMC of \$150,000 for a Farm Mechanics Building. Northern is planning to initiate a fund raising campaign to raise the money privately and out of the college resources.

DR. RICHARDSON explained in the maintenance area there are three main components in the total university system budgets which deal with maintenance. He explained the Fiscal Analyst's office determined in the area of fiscal plant, the Montana Colleges and Universities were funded at a level \$2.3 million biennially below the national standards. The appropriations subcommittee for Education in HB 500 did include an additional \$2.3 million in the area of physical plants which will help in the future for preventative maintenance and upkeep. DR. RICHARDSON stated within the Long Range Building Program there is a request for \$1 million as a first priority for maintenance. He explained during the Education Subcommittee, the campuses did include maintenance requests, that were not major maintenance and repairs, and the Subcommittee recommended these be referred to Long Range for consideration to be included in their maintenance requests.

#### EASTERN MONTANA COLLEGE

DR. VAN De WETERING, President, referred to Page 227 and explained each request and their maintenance amounts. He noted there were three roof repair items, two corrections of structural settlement and one request for window repair in McMullen Hall, which amounts to \$150,000.

There are two items which came from the Education Subcommittee, and are too large to handle out of the Operations Budget. The first is \$100,000 to replace bleachers in the gymnasium and the second is \$50,000 carpet replacement in those buildings that were

constructed with carpet as the floor covering. The total with these two additional items bring the amount to \$300,000.

DR. TIETZ, President of MSU, stated the estimates for the colleges and universities for deferred maintenance is around \$30 billion. In addition there are requirements on the campuses that unless treated, will produce more damage over the next two years. This is particularly important in the roofing requests at MSU. Two thirds of their total request is in the roofing category.

MR. NOPPER stated a major safety item is the replacement transformers in the military quonsets, see Page 33 for priorities. There is a roofing problem at Linfield Hall, which is the old Agriculture Building, and the third floor space could be utilized once that roof is repaired. The greenhouse roof and Herrick Hall roof, need repair. He noted the large item is the Creative Arts Building, built in 1970, reroofing project for \$177,000. He explained the canopies on the Library are concrete structures, because of weather problems, the concrete is coming off and needs replacement. The Fire and Safety items are to construct walls in two halls where the walls will be constructed with custom double doors recommended by the fire marshall. The Loading Dock needs some maintenance and the Service Shop area repair is a life and safety item. Mr. Nopper explained the Gaines Hall repair is a fire code item to upgrade a chemical storage area.

DR. DEMONEY, president of Montana Tech, stated their total request for Maintenance is \$151,500 which appears on Page 34, and covers a wide range of areas. The major item is the replacement of the petroleum Physics Building Roof which needs repair. He noted the most significant would be to repair the exhaust system in the metallurgic Building.

ED AYERS, Director of Physical Facilities at Montana Tech, explained the Metallurgic Building needs a new exhaust system and would cost \$24,000. Also in that building under the category of Fire Safety, is a project to block the door transoms, and provide a second exit from the second floor classrooms. He explained the major roof repair is the Petroleum Physics Building which involves 8000 square feet of roof. He explained there are two other buildings in need of roof repair. The total for the roof repairs is estimated at \$95,000. One additional project involves surface drainage behind the library, which is causing erosion through the parking lots. He noted there is a request for \$4,500 for Night Setback, an energy conservation project, which will provide thermostats in the large buildings and classrooms for the older buildings which do not have a central heating system. Also needed is a condensation meter to determine the amount of steam used in the building. A tunnel repair project for \$5,000 is requested. The tunnel not

only houses utility distribution but also houses classes and offices. The tunnels are beginning to leak etc. He explained the tuckpoint repair needed to the Petro/Physics Building.

DR. ERICKSON, President of NMC, stated Northern has four projects of which two were recommended by the Governor and two were not. The first project involving the reconditioning of the swimming pool is not recommended by the Executive. The original request was \$46,000 and during spring break it was found that they could repair the pool to last about another five years which would bring the request down to \$20,000. This amount would represent the replacement of drainage pipes and water supply pipes, the majority of which are corroded beyond their life. The second item is to upgrade the heating system and ventilate the automechanics building and the diesel mechanics building. This is a fire marshall request, because the building presently has an open flame heating system, and needs to be replaced. The third item is street repair, because these are light duty streets which did not stand up due to being a cross town route. Recently the campus has been closed to through traffic so the streets can be resurfaced. This item was not recommended by the Governor. The repair of the Math-Science building was recommended and the roof area has a large split in the middle. He has been told that the replacement of the membrane section will solve the problem. He noted the total request for Northern was \$221,000.

DR. BOWERS, President of University of Montana, stated the University had a total request approved by the Board of Regents for \$445,000 that included \$45,000 for the Lubrecht Experiment Station. The Executive Branch is recommending a total of \$302,500, and does not include any program modification request. He stated they have eight major roof repair projects for a total of \$225,000. These are recommended by the Executive branch. In addition there are a number of fire and safety items pointed out by the fire marshall. Four of these items are enclosure of stairways, and the other item is for sprinklers installed on the stage in the Fine Arts. None of these are included in the Executive budget. In the Lubrecht maintenance, Page 35, the Executive is recommending only the kitchen repair for \$27,500. He did indicate the Executive did recommend \$50,000 for painting projects which they had in their program modification requests originally. He noted the program modification, or smaller projects, were not recommended by the Education Subcommittee. He did want to note from the original \$445,000, \$196,000 was additional painting projects that will not be able to be done if only the Executive budget is approved. He explained the Annex building repair was not approved because this is not a classroom building, and the roof for the warehouse building was not approved.

WESTERN MONTANA COLLEGE

DR. THOMAS, President of Western Montana College, explained the maintenance items requested on Page 35. He noted the replacement portion of the underground electrical and steam lines were mainly a problem of age. He explained the third item was not recommended by the Executive budget is the refurbishment of the swimming pool, and is the only enclosed pool in the community. The pool consists of reinforced concrete beams that are causing safety problems due to concrete dropping off the beams. The fourth item is roof repair for the President's executive home, and the other is for the Main Auditorium. The last item not recommended by the Executive Branch is providing weather barrier vestibules and this cost is only for materials, the labor would be done by Western.

MR. RICHARDSON stated on Page 35 there are two items for the Agricultural Experiment Station which are to replace and repair roofs and renovate exterior of the old jail. The other request is to replace a bad foundation at the Central Agricultural Research Station.

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY

MR. RICHARDSON stated the colleges and universities have to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act in regard to accessibility in order to receive federal support. The date required to be in complete compliance is June 1980, and they are no where near the completion date at this time. He explained on Page 62 the handicap projects are listed. He stated due to the newer construction at Eastern Montana College there are no requests needed.

DR. TIETZ, MSU President, explained the projects on Page 62. The main item is Herrick Hall, which houses the Home Economics program. The modifications to Herrick Hall would be the elevator, the entry, and the bathroom facilities. The building was built in 1926 and this would be the only elevator. At present there is an open stairwell up the center and the fire marshall has requested that be enclosed for smoke enclosure. He also requests another exit from the fourth floor. Even though this is an old building, it was well built and a large amount of expense will be needed to put this elevator in.

DR. DEMONEY, Montana Tech President, stated their major expense would be placing an elevator in the Petroleum Physics Building. There are several levels which need to have accommodations. He explained the miscellaneous campus expenses would include curb cuts and handrails around the campus.

DR. ERICKSON, NMC President, explained they have two requests for elevators in two buildings, Pershing Hall and Cowan Hall. Cowan Hall is the old Main building and holds the business office, administration and the present library. Cowan Hall is a three story building built in the 50's.

DR. BOWERS, U of M President, explained the University's projects on Page 63. He noted they had five projects, and four were recommended by the Executive. The Science Complex amount includes interior renovation such as handrails etc. The Journalism and Forestry items are both for elevators, and he wanted to note these two programs are only available at the University. The Chemistry Pharmacy item includes lowering a phone booth and several handrails etc. He explained the final item for the Business Administration of \$114,088 was for an elevator and was not approved by the Executive. He stressed we are a long way from compliance and will be facing the issue of handicapped accessibility in the years to come. In answer to the question of the handicapped students in these programs, there is one enrolled in Forestry and three in Journalism.

DR. THOMAS, WMC President, stated the Committee will note on Page 63 that the four items listed for Western Montana College were not recommended by the Executive. He explained there are two elevator shafts in the two buildings for the library and office classroom, but the elevators were never realized. The third item is for accessibility from the pool to the restrooms from the swimming area. The lift in Old Main would serve the basement area and the first floor, and would not serve the third and fourth floors. He noted if all four of these items were completed, then all the buildings at Western would be accessible.

REP. DONALDSON asked if the Board of Education was trying to make one area of the curriculum more accessible than another.

MR. RICHARDSON stated that was the plan of the University system, and as phase I they would make certain programs totally accessible. He noted, however, this plan will not comply with federal regulations because they require that every program be accessible.

REP. BARDANOUVE asked why the building at MSU built seven years ago needed a new roof.

ANDY VAN TEYLINGEN stated they do not know what happened, since the University system is an advisory unit to the construction, they do not inspect the buildings, so he asked that A&E explain. He noted the architect on this project was Page & Werner.

MR. HAUCK stated he did not have the answer to this problem. He confirmed it was a poor roof and he personally feels the problem

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is the vapor barrier. He noted there is no liability at this time on the part of the architect and the contractor. He felt there were problems with the roof at least one year ago.

THE BOARD OF REGENTS representative stated they back the maintenance projects particularly because they have been a number one priority over the last two bienniums.

There being no further discussion or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.



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JACK K. MOORE, Chairman

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