

MINUTES OF THE LONG RANGE BUILDING COMMITTEE
February 15, 1983

Side 21 The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. in Room 108 of the Capitol Building.

Members present were Sen. Mark Etchart, Sen. Matt Himsl, Sen. Jack Haffey, Sen. Bill Thomas, Sen. Donald Ochsner, Rep. Rex Manuel, Rep. Francis Bardanouve, Rep. Gene Donalson, Rep. Bob Thoft, and Rep. Steve Waldron.

Also present were Pam Joehler, of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's Office, Ron Holliday, administrator of the Parks Division of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, President William Tietz of the Montana State University, and Andy Van Teylingen, Facilities Planning Director at the University.

NATURAL HISTORY ADDITION
Helena Headquarters Building
Priority #43

(013) Ron Holliday expressed the desire of the Department to dedicate a natural history addition of the Helena Headquarters Building in honor of Joseph J. Klabunde, a Fish and Game Commissioner for more than 12 years. Joseph Klabunde was devoted to Montana's wildlife and firmly believed youth education is the key to instilling an appreciation for wildlife in future generations.

This wing would be added to the west side of the building and compliment visitor access to the Montana Historical Society Museum. Facilities planned for the new wing would include a natural history display area, a display fabrication area, committee/auditorium room, sales area and other attendant bases. The Department is requesting the authority to spend \$622,500 from private donations for this project.

The Klabunde family and friends of Mr. Klabunde expressed their desire to contribute what they can and to assist in raising the funds necessary for the new addition.

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY REQUESTS
Plan Life Sciences Complex, Phase II
Priority #44

(104) This request is to authorize the expenditure of planning funds for the Plan Life Sciences Complex of \$750,000. The total facility construction cost would be \$7.7 million and would provide 77,000 square feet for laboratory space and instruction facilities. The need for this complex is due in part to the increasing number of students at the University and the expansion of research done at the school.

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This request does not require the expenditure of any state funds.

President Tietz explained the expansion of research done at the University and estimated that the present appropriate level of research at Montana State University is about \$20 million.

Complete Library Basement
Priority #45

(258) This request is to remodel and finish the basement of the Library and would require authorization from this committee to spend \$300,000 generated from private revenues.

The University has been criticized for not having enough room to seat 25% of the student population. This project would provide enough room for 25% plus provide services such as computers, microfilms, and other visual aide services. President Tietz mentioned that some of this funding could come from maintenance.

Rep. Bardanouve expressed his concern that maintenance funds should not be used for this kind of project. Dr. Tietz justified the expenditure by stating that the maintenance funds would be used for things in the basement requiring maintenance just as the equipment necessary would come from the Equipment budget and remodeling would come from funds in the Operating budget for remodeling. This funding structure was discussed thoroughly by the committee

Pave Hadleigh Marsh Lab and Ag Complex Roads
Priority #46

(516) This request is to pave the roads to the livestock area and the Agricultural Experiment Station. Monies for this request will be generated through parking fees and income derived from the Ag Experiment Station. The Department of Livestock has a \$24,262 portion of this request but neglected to get an appropriation for it so the University would have to pick up their share which brings the total request to \$286,300 which would not have to come from state sources.

Side 22 Remodel Herrick Hall
Priority #47

(008) This request would be for \$300,000 to make this facility accessible to the handicapped. There would be a \$150,000 appropriation for elevators and the remaining

funds would go to retrofitting rest rooms, enclosing the central stairwell, which is presently in violation of fire codes, and miscellaneous other projects needed to provide accessibility.

The University has been working with the University of Montana to have one program fit for handicapped students. That program is the Home Ec program which is housed in Herrick Hall. The Federal government at one time appropriated funds for these retrofit projects but has had to withdraw some of those funds. This project will be funded through donations and will not require any state funds. Mr. Van Teylingen noted that the students have been very instrumental in putting projects like this together and seeing them through.

Construct Machine Shop & Storage Complex
Priority #48

(110) This request is for the authority to spend \$302,000 in private funds to develop a shop and storage complex for use by the Ag Station. Some of the funding will come from revenues generated from the Ag Station.

The present shop is a quonsit hut with a dirt floor. The proposed building would be a sophisticated shop designed to work on some of the equipment that is used on the campus. Part of this project would be for a shed area for storage. The committee discussed the design and dimensions for the building.

Construct Museum of the Rockies Addition
Priority #49

(244) This request is for the authority to spend \$5 million for an addition to the Museum of the Rockies. The Museum receives the bulk of its funding from private donations. The Museum of the Rockies is the only major museum for the preservation of paleantological specimens in Montana yet Montana is one of the only sources in the world that these artifacts can be found. The operating budget for the Museum is all funded by private donations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Rex Manuel, Chairman

Approved