

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON, on January 9, 1997,  
at 8:08 a.m., in room 312-2 of the State Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Royal C. Johnson, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Daryl Toews, Vice-Chairman (R)  
Rep. Don Holland (R)  
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)  
Sen. Ken Miller (R)  
Rep. Ray Peck (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sandy Whitney, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Connie Jacobs, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: MUS Requested Budget, 1/7/97  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM REQUESTED BUDGET**

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.3; Comments: President Malone of Montana State University discussed the telecommunications initiative and its importance to the less populous areas of the state.}*

**EXHIBIT A**

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2-17; Comments: President Malone discussed the networking initiative, the distance delivery system, the economic system and the evolvment of Colleges of Technology offering core curriculum for the first two years of a four year degree.}*

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17-25; Comments: Chancellor Bill Daehling of MSU Northern discussed long range planning on the Northern Campus. The Chancellor also discussed restructuring for the campus, which included a more focused*

curriculum as well as the use of technology in all aspects of the curriculum.}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25-30; Comments: Chancellor Daehling discussed the capital campaign, a plan to develop 10 million dollars in endowments. Some questions by the committee to end of tape.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1-6; Comments: Questions and comments from the committee.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7-21; Comments: Chancellor Ron Sexton, MSU-Billings, discussed long range plans of the campus, including better services, academic programs, and better access for the students. Also discussed were long range building projects, enrollment projections and reasons why those projections were not met, and the electronic enrollment system available at the campus.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22-30; Comments: Questions and discussion from members of the committee. President Malone, MSU, discussed initiatives for MSU.}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1-6; Comments: President Malone continued discussion about initiatives for the MSU Campus.}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7-13; Comments: Director Will Weaver discussed MSU College of Technology-Great Falls. Goals of the campus were stressed.}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14-23; Comments: Questions and discussion from members of the committee.}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24-30; Comments: Commissioner Dick Croft discussed the Tuition Assistance Program, and initiatives that were not met.}

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1-5; Comments: The Commissioner continued with the Tuition Assistance Program.}

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6-13; Comments: The Commissioner discussed how the University System budget is formulated.}

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13-20; Comments: Rod Sundsted from the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education answered questions regarding budget modifications for new buildings. These adjustments are not new proposals.}

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21-30; Comments: Dr. Stuart Knapp, Deputy Commissioner, discussed the Technology Enhanced Learning Initiative.}

## EXHIBIT B

*{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1-10; Comments: Dr. Knapp continued, also discussing continuing education for teachers.}*

*{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11-30; Comments: Questions from members of the committee.}*

*{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1-6; Comments: Commissioner Dick Croft discussed goals and vision not included in the Governor's budget.}*

*{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7-25; Comments: Mr. Mick Hanson, Director of Financial Aid - Missoula, discussed the Montana Tuition Assistance Program.}*

*{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25-30; Comments: Students Jim McCray and Bob Brigham spoke about the need for tuition assistance programs and the ratio of tuition costs vs. income in the state of Montana.}*

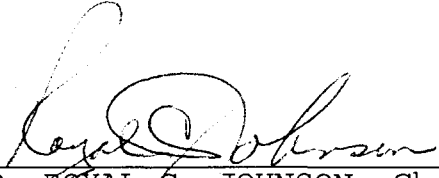
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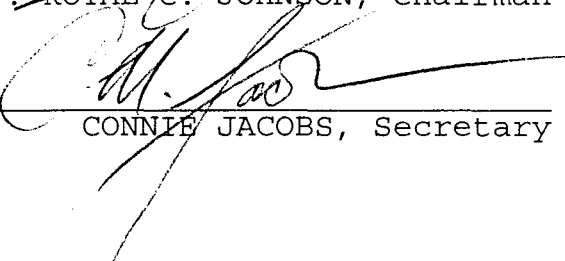
*{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1-15; Comments: Students Jeremy Fritz, Kris Copenhaver, Ben Darrow and Jim McCray offered further testimony in support of a tuition assistance program.}*

## EXHIBIT D

ADJOURNMENT

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am.

  
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REP. ROYAL C. JOHNSON, Chairman

  
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CONNIE JACOBS, Secretary

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Note: This meeting was recorded on four (4) 60-minute tapes.