

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Vice Chairman Debbie Barrett, on January 21, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dan Villa, Chairman (D)
Sen. Debby Barrett, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Amy Carlson, OBPP
Shirley Chovanak, Committee Secretary
Nancy Hall, OBPP
Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
Suzan Scott, OBPP

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: Agency Budget Overview & Budget
Hearing:
Montana University System
Two-Year Education
Community Colleges

Executive Action: None

MEETING WITH MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

00:00:17 Pam Joehler, LFD
00:00:26 Sheila Stearns, Office of the Commissioner of Higher
Education(OCHE)
00:03:19 Steve Barrett, Attorney, Board of Regents
00:27:41 Sen. Barrett
00:27:53 Ms. Stearns

EXHIBIT(jeh14a01)

00:33:16 Tyler Trevor, OCHE
00:40:58 Chairman Villa
00:41:07 Ms. Stearns
00:53:55 Mick Robinson, OCHE
01:06:36 Mary Sheehy Moe, OCHE

EXHIBIT(jeh14a02)

01:11:54 Mr. Trevor
01:14:46 Ms. Stearns

01:16:48 Break
01:35:28 Reconvene

01:35:40 Chairman Villa

Questions from Committee and Responses:

01:35:59 Sen. Barrett
01:36:39 Mr. Trevor
01:37:16 Sen. Barrett
01:38:01 Mr. Trevor
01:38:33 Sen. Hawks
01:39:23 Amy Carlson, OBPP
01:41:04 Sen. Hawks
01:41:35 Ms. Carlson
01:42:09 Chairman Villa

MEETING ON TWO-YEAR EDUCATION

01:42:41 Ms. Moe

EXHIBIT(jeh14a03)

Questions from Committee and Responses:

02:07:35 Sen. Hawks
02:09:07 Ms. Moe
02:10:55 Chairman Villa

MEETING WITH MONTANA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

02:11:28 Stefani Hicswa, President, Miles Community
College (MCC)
02:19:56 Jim Carghill, President, Dawson Community College (DCC)
02:30:57 Jane Karas, President, Flathead Valley Community
College (FVCC)

Questions from Committee and Responses:

02:38:35 Sen. Hawks
02:39:06 Ms. Karas
02:39:25 Chairman Villa

Public Comment on all Programs:

02:39:57 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT
02:44:22 William Marcus, General Manager, KUFM/Montana
Public Broadcasting Service (MT PBS)

EXHIBIT(jeh14a04)

02:47:53 Trish Larson, MT PBS
02:48:35 Jennifer Jeffries Thompson, MT PBS
02:50:22 Haley Beaudry, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company
02:52:46 Rep. Bill McChesney, Representative, HD 40
02:56:45 Krissy Murnin, Student Body President, MCC
02:59:35 Trevor Hunter, President of Montana Association of
Students and Student President of University of Montana
03:03:42 Roger Pillsbury, Student, Flathead Valley Community
College (FVCC)
03:09:00 Marieke Simon, Student, FVCC
03:11:38 Tim Butterfield, President Student Government, FVCC
03:14:41 Alanna Handford, Student, FVCC
03:17:22 Tracy Lost-Bear, Editor-in-Chief of college
newspaper, FVCC
03:22:05 Don Skare, Employee and Graduate, FVCC
03:24:06 Tom McElwain, Member, Board of Trustee, FVCC
03:28:38 Bob Nystuen, Vice-Chair of Board of Trustees, FVCC
03:34:50 Sen. Carol Juneau, SD 8
03:40:03 Rep. Frosty Calf Boss Ribs, HD 15
03:40:47 Victoria Clark, Spokesperson, Bitterroot Valley
Community College Effort
03:49:22 Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy, SD 21
03:51:12 Chairman Villa

**PRESENTATION ON PROGRAM 9 - APPROPRIATION DISTRIBUTION OF STATE
FUNDS TO EDUCATIONAL UNITS AND PUBLIC SERVICE RESEARCH AGENCIES**

03:51:56 Ms. Joehler

EXHIBIT(jeh14a05)

Questions from the Committee: None

**PRESENTATION ON PROGRAM 4 - STATE DISTRIBUTION FOR
COMMUNITY COLLEGES.**

04:08:00 Ms. Joeehler
04:12:44 Ms. Carlson
04:18:16 Chairman Villa

Questions from Committee and Responses:

04:18:24 Sen. Hawks
04:19:52 Ms. Carlson
04:21:36 Sen. Hawks
04:22:20 Ms. Carlson
04:23:06 Sen. Hawks
04:23:45 Ms. Carlson
04:24:07 Rep. Hollandsworth
04:24:55 Ms. Moe
04:25:15 Rep. Glaser
04:27:54 Ms. Carlson
04:28:46 Chairman Villa
04:30:29 Sen. Barrett
04:30:55 Ms. Carlson

ADJOURNMENT

04:31:46 Adjournment

SHIRLEY CHOVANAK, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jeh14aad.pdf](#))