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MINUTES

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Helena, Montana

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JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION POLICY AND BUDGET

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Sen. Royal Johnson
Sen. Ed Butcher
Sen. Emily Stonington
Sen. Don Ryan
Rep. Gary Branae
Rep. Art Peterson
Mr. Ed Jasmin
Mr. Steve Snezek

Staff Present

Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Eddy McClure, Staff Attorney
Diane McDuffie, Secretary

Agenda & Visitors

Agenda (ATTACHMENT #1)
Visitors' list (ATTACHMENT 3)

COMMITTEE ACTION

- Adopted the minutes from the May 17, 2002 meeting
- Adopted accountability measures

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Sen. Johnson. Roll call (ATTACHMENT #2) was noted with all members present.

REVIEW ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES SURVEY RESULTS

Pam Joheler, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division, reviewed for the Subcommittee the results of the accountability measures survey (EXHIBIT #1). Ms. Joehler suggested the Subcommittee consider the following:

1) affirm that these accountability measures are, indeed, on the "short list", 2) determine if other accountability measures belong on the list, 3) decide on the number of accountability measures, and 4) clarify reporting requirements.

After much discussion, the Subcommittee agreed on adopting two accountability measures for each goal. The accountability measures adopted are:

Policy Goal #1 - Prepare students for success through quality education

- completion rates
- retention rates

Policy Goal #2 - Promote access and affordability.

- affordability compared to other states
- state support as a percent of personal income

Policy Goal #3 - Deliver efficient, coordinated services

- transferability among institutions
- percent of expenditures in instruction, administration, athletics, etc.

Policy Goal #4 - Be responsive to market and employment needs and opportunities.

- job placement rates by field or program
- growth in FTE enrollment, certificates, and degrees conferred in 2-yr education

Policy Goal #5 - Contribute to Montana's economic and social success.

- research and development receipts and expenditures
- technology transfers (licensing and commercialization)

Policy Goal #6 - Collaborate with the K-12 school system and other postsecondary education systems.

- collaborative programs with K-12
- average SAT or ACT scores of first time full time MUS freshmen

Ms. Joehler stated that the Subcommittee needs to address for each accountability measure adopted:

- at what level should the accountability measures be reported
- what format should it be reported in, and
- what should it be compared

Mr. Semmens moved that the statewide accountability measures be applied and reported on a systemwide basis. Motion passed.

Mr. Semmens moved that the accountability measures be reported, where currently available, on a five year trailing basis annually and where relevant and available, accountability measures also reported as compared to the results in peer states. Motion passed.

Mr. Semmens moved that the peer states be North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Utah, and Colorado . Motion passed.

Dr. Joyce Scott, Deputy Commissioner, MUS, will be in contact with Ms. Joehler for assistance regarding format of the report.

Public Comment

Comments were received from: Richard Roehm, Chairman, Board of Regents; Jim Rimpau, Director of Planning and Analysis, MSU Bozeman; Cathy Conover, MSU; and Chad Long, Tennessee graduate.

Sen. Johnson discussed the article from National Conference of State Legislatures K-16 Education Systems (EXHIBIT 2). Kindergarten through college graduation (K-16) reform attempts to coordinate policy and practice in graduation requirements, college admissions and teacher quality in an effort to increase student achievement. Those who support a K-16 approach suggest that such a system consistently aligns state standards with college admissions, reduces the need for college remediation and improves teacher preparation.

Review Draft Legislation

Eddy McClure, Staff Attorney, LSD, briefly explained LC222 (EXHIBIT 3) is a bill establishing a joint committee on postsecondary education and policy and budget. The committee would be composed of six legislative members; 4 senators, 2 members of the house of representatives, 2 regents, and a representative from the executive branch. Because the committee will deal primarily with budget issues it will be attached

to the Legislative Fiscal Division. Eddy also relayed to the committee from the executive director that if the committee goes forward with the bill that an appropriation be included in the bill.

Ms. Joehler explained the options on the fiscal note. Option 1 reflects the bill as it is currently drafted. There is an imbalance between house and senate members. Option 2 was developed to include an equal number of house and senate members.

Rep. Peterson asked to amend LC222 to one house and one senate member under Section 1 (b). Sen. Johnson stated that the bill has already been voted through the committee as drafted.

All members agreed that LC222 will be presented to the Education and Local Government Committee as drafted.

Ms. McClure offered an alternative to LC9999 (EXHIBIT 4) a bill promoting cooperation between the Legislature and the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education. The information in LC9999 has been put into an AGREEMENT (EXHIBIT 5). The AGREEMENT identifies the statewide public postsecondary education policy goals and related accountability measures that will be used as an assessment tool for policymakers, the university system, and the public in evaluating the achievement of the policy goals.

Sen. Butcher moved to accept the AGREEMENT. Motion passed.

Mr. Semmens suggesting amending policy goal 6 of the AGREEMENT to include Community Colleges, Tribal Colleges, and private colleges. The AGREEMENT will be amended to read as follows: Policy 6. Collaborate with the K-12, Community Colleges, Tribal Colleges (when appropriate), and private colleges.

SUBCOMMITTEE BUSINESS

Ms. Joehler and Ms. McClure will comprise all the recommendations and send a report to the subcommittee members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.