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The University of Montana
University Center (UC) Rooms 330 – 331
Wednesday and Thursday
May 7-8, 2008

(contact for UM-related questions – Bill Johnston, Lobbyist, Montana University System – 406.544.2586)

Wednesday May 7

09:30 a.m. Coffee/soda, light continental breakfast – University Center (UC) 330-331

10:00 Opening remarks University Center (UC) 330-331
Chair – Representative Scott Mendenhall
Vice Chair Senator Ken “Kim” Hansen

10:10 Welcome – President George Dennison

10:15 Comments: Representative (and Professor Emeritus) Ron Erickson

10:25 Comments: Professor Emeritus Walt Hill

10:35 Comments: VP for Research Dan Dwyer

Questions from Committee

10:55 Commissioner Sheila Stearns, Overview of University System research

11:00 Tyler Trevor, Associate Commissioner for Research, Technology & Communication
Brad Eldredge, Director of Economic and Institutional Research

Questions from Committee

11:15 Depart for McGill Hall

11:30 Professor Brent Ruby, WIPM

12:00 p.m. Depart for Skaggs Building

12:15 Box lunch @ Skaggs SB169

Speaker: Dr. Tony Rudbach, Biomedical research / GlaxoSmithKline

Speaker: Dr. David Opitz, VLS

1:00 Break

1:15 College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences

Dean David Forbes, Dr. Vernon Grund, Dr. Richard Bridges, Dr. John Gerdes

2:30 Board Bio Bus – Transportation for Legislative Committee and official party

2:45 Arrive MonTec, Demonstration of BioMax (Brian Kerns)

3:15 Dr. Paul Miller, Sustainable Systems (MonTec Boardroom)

3:45 Chuck Eubank, Aquilavision

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- 4:15 MonTec: Wrap-up by Dick King, Missoula Economic Development Corp.
4:30 Public Comment , MonTec Boardroom, 1121 East Broadway (phone 728.3337)
5:15 Board Bio Bus-- Transportation for Legislative Committee and official party
5:30 Reception at University Center (UC) 330-331

Thursday, May 8

- 8:30 a.m. Committee Hearing continues (University Center (UC) Rooms 330 – 331)
--Approve State Fund interim oversight per letter from State Administration & Veterans Affairs
--Update on State Fund from State Fund liaisons, Reps. Milburn and Thomas
--Rule Review, Bart Campbell, Staff Attorney
- 8:45 HJR 48 Review of Possible Legislative Proposals
--Discussion of Mandates
Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield External Relations
Aaron Czyzewski, Government Relations, American Cancer Society
Jan Van Riper, State Auditor's Office
Riley Johnson, Montana representative of Federation of Independent Businesses
- Discussion of Proposals from Healthcare Forum Coverage Committee
Claudia Clifford and Larry White, members of the coverage committee
--Discussion of Other Legislative Proposals (Staff Paper)
Public Comment
Directions to Staff, Committee Action on Bill Draft Requests
- 10:30 SJR 13 Discussion on Value-Added Agriculture Legislative Proposals
--Review of Cooperative Law, Brian Gion of Montana Cooperative Development Center
--Review of Food Innovation Centers in Other States: Nebraska, Idaho, and New Mexico
Dr. Neva Hassanein, Associate Professor, and Jessica Babcock, UM Grad Student
- Review of Possible Legislation (staff paper)
Public Comment
Directions to Staff, Committee Action on Bill Draft Requests
- 11:30 Recess to Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center in Ronan (car pool if possible)
12:30 p.m. Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center (tasting opportunities)
2:00 Adjournment on completion of tour

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