

**MONTANA STATE LIBRARY (MSL) COMMISSION WORK SESSION
12:30 A.M., FEBRUARY 3, 2020
MONTANA STATE LIBRARY GRIZZLY CONFERENCE ROOM
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ATTENDEES:

Commissioners: Chairman Anne Kish online, Kenning Arlitsch online, Elsie Arntzen online, Jamie Doggett online, Aaron LaFromboise online, Bruce Newell and Ken Wall online.

MSL Staff: Evan Hammer, Jennie Stapp, Marlys Stark, and Malissa Williams.

NHP Staff: Scott Blum, Braden Burkholder, Kay Hajek, Bryce Maxell, Jessica Mitchell online, Dave Ratz, Linda Vance online, and Lindsey Weaver.

Public: Patrick Beddow, Carol Hudson, and Scott Whittenburg

Call to Order at 12:32 p.m. and Introductions (00:00:00)
(00:00:04) Public comment procedure
(00:00:23) Introductions

Study Administration of the Montana Natural Heritage Program (00:03:39)
(00:04:02) Background of study
(00:04:54) Summary of meeting with the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)
(00:05:33) Document shared with OCHE
(00:05:54) Attendees of meeting
(00:06:37) Overview presented
(00:07:04) MSL program concerns
(00:09:48) Three basic OCHE considerations
(00:09:58) Breaking the program
(00:10:05) Loss of University of Montana FTE
(00:10:11) UM funding loss
(00:10:42) Chairman Kish statements
(00:13:12) Commissioner Arlitsch statements
(00:13:37) State Librarian Stapp statements

- (00:14:13) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- (00:14:32) Commission questions about OCHE meeting
- (00:16:20) Address concerns previously expressed
 - (00:17:22) Core funding chart
 - (00:20:46) Incremental timeline to accomplish idealized vision over long-term
 - (00:21:09) Current versus future chart
 - (00:24:00) Partial move of staff
 - (00:24:17) Negotiate MOU
 - (00:27:03) Long term
- (00:30:00) Commission questions
 - (00:30:14) Commissioner Newell regarding finance committee viewpoint
- (00:35:26) Linda Vance question
- (00:37:58) Commission question/discussion
 - (00:38:11) Commissioner Arntzen MOU specifics
 - (00:40:37) Commissioner Newell summarizing his understanding of proposal
- (00:46:20) Other benefits
 - (00:46:26) Business Office enhancement
 - (00:47:33) OCHE Advocacy
- (00:48:09) MSL responsible for program addressed by proposal
- (00:50:08) Further Commission discussion
- (00:56:57) Public Comment
 - (00:57:40) Bryce Maxell
 - (01:01:13) Kay Hajek
 - (01:06:38) Bryce Maxell
 - (01:08:36) Linda Vance
 - (01:09:42) Kay Hajek
- (01:10:46) Jennie Stapp response to staff questions
- (02:04:27) Path forward

Other Business & Announcements (02:05:17)

Adjourn at 2:38 p.m. (02:05:28)