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ITEM 136-1905-R0907

**Approval Of Proposal To Offer An Associate Of Applied Science Degree In Welding Technology; UM--Helena College Of Technology**

**THAT:**

In accordance with Montana University policy, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes UM--Helena College of Technology to award an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Welding Technology.

**EXPLANATION:**

UM-Helena has offered a variety of successful programs in Metals Technology for several years. Students can choose from a Certificate of Applied Science in Welding; a Certificate of Applied Science in Machine Tool Technology; an Associate of Applied Science in Metals Technology (2 semesters of welding and 2 semesters of Machine Tool) or an Associate of Applied Science in CNC (computer numerical control) Programming in Machine Tool. Due to industry demand, UM-Helena proposes to add an additional option of two more semesters in Welding for an Associate of Applied Science specific to that area. The proposed degree would allow UM-Helena to offer a higher level of education in the welding field and to produce the highly qualified graduates that industry has demanded. Recent changes in technology, welding equipment and welding processes have necessitated the need for more time to properly train students in this field.

**ATTACHMENTS:**