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ITEM NO 136-1002-R0707 Approval to Convert the Option in Athletic Training to a Major

THAT: In accordance with Montana University System Policy, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes The University of Montana – Missoula to convert the existing Athletic Training Option to a Major.

EXPLANATION: The University of Montana currently offers a Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance (HHP) with an Option in Athletic Training. The latest accreditation standards require all athletic training education programs to have majors; whereas previous standards accepted an option as a "major equivalent." It is in the State's best interest to convert to a major to comply with accreditation standards and preserve it as a unique offering to Montana students. Converting this Option to a Major will permit The University of Montana campus to maintain the State of Montana's only undergraduate CAATE accredited athletic training education program, thereby being responsive to the needs of Montanans, the region and the nation.