

September 19 – 21, 2007

ITEM 136-103-R0907

**Exception to Policy 301.12, Undergraduate Degree Requirements**

**THAT:**

The Board of Regents of Higher Education approves an exception to Policy 301.12, Undergraduate Degree Requirements: Associate Degrees and Certificates of Applied Science, for the following program:

- the Associate of Applied Science degree in Aviation Technology at The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology.

**EXPLANATION:**

Policy 301.12 establishes guidelines and characteristics for two-year degree programs. The Policy also establishes an exception procedure for programs that do not comply with those guidelines. That procedure has been followed with this exception request.

The A.A.S. degree in Aviation Technology at The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology exceeds the credit limits established in Policy 301.12. I.E., the degree has 84 credits, and the maximum number of credits for A.A.S. degrees, under the Policy, is 72. The additional credits and the specific curriculum in the degree program are mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration. That mandate is the basis for the exception request.

The Two-Year Education Council, in a meeting on August 21, 2007, approved a recommendation to grant this exception. That recommendation is now before the Montana Board of Regents for approval.