

ITEM 150-104-R0311

Revision of Board of Regents Policy 320.1 – Accreditation

THAT

Revises BOR Policy 320.1 to add accrediting agencies approved and accepted by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to the list of accrediting agencies recognized by the board of regents.

EXPLANATION

Regent changes in U.S. Department of Education regulations have led to a dramatic increase in the number of requests from out-of-state institutions that offer, or wish to offer, distance education programs in our state. These institutions must be approved by name and must provide contact information. The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education is required to maintain a file of these institutions and be able to provide evidence that they will be operating within the parameter of Montana laws and BOR policies. Many career and technical institutions seeking to offer programs in Montana make use of accrediting agencies that have national recognition and acceptance but are not in the list that the current BOR policy allows.

ATTACHMENTS

Revised BOR Policy 320.1