

**ITEM 152-120-R0911**

**Online Learning**

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**THAT**

Board of Regents' Policy No. 303.7 needs to be updated to reflect more current technologies and practices

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**EXPLANATION**

The existing Policy 303.7 was written in 1999 when online learning was still in its infancy and well before the Office of the Commissioner became actively involved on a regular basis. In 2005, the position of Director of eLearning Business Development was funded by the Legislature and created within the Commissioner's Office. Since that time, there has been a regular and active working relationship created with the Montana University System and Community College campuses through the development and use of the MUS eLearning Advisory Committee (EAC). The EAC has addressed a host of issues across the campuses to help ensure cooperation, communication, quality standards in the development and delivery of online education, and to take advantage of collaborative opportunities and economies of scale in the purchase and use of software and other related technologies. The EAC continues to focus on creating shared student services and on delivering high quality faculty professional development opportunities, as the campuses work together to reduce unnecessary duplication and to build upon those resources and approaches that can be shared.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Revised BOR Policy 303.7