

**Discussion on Developing Ph.D. Programs
at
Montana Tech of The University of Montana**

To: Sheila Stearns, Commissioner, Board of Regents
From: Donald M. Blacketter, Chancellor, Montana Tech of the University of Montana
Cc: Royce Engstrom, President, University of Montana
Re: Informational Item for Board of Regents at September 21-22, 2011 meeting

Montana Tech of The University of Montana (Montana Tech) requests time on the agenda for a discussion of Montana Tech's goal to add a limited number of Ph.D. programs. The discussion will be guided by considering questions that include the following:

1. Why are these programs important to Montana Tech?
2. How would specific PhD programs at Montana Tech support the MUS strategic plan and benefit the State of Montana?
3. What are Montana Tech's "Programs of Distinction" that have national recognition and expertise unique in the state and the region?
4. How could these programs leverage the current available resources in the MUS?
5. What are the additional resources required and what resources are already available?