

**May 25, 2012**

**ITEM 155-103-R0512**

**Title IX Policy**

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**THAT**

The Board of Regents adopts a new policy to (1) assure compliance on the campuses of the Montana University System with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"), and the Montana Human Rights Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities; (2) provide consistency of process among the Montana University System campuses; and (3) provide an educational environment that is free from discrimination which will afford students the opportunity to engage fully in the educational programs of the campuses.

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**EXPLANATION**

The campuses of the Montana University System endeavor to provide a safe and positive campus climate for people to work and study. This policy is intended to assist campuses in complying with Title IX and state law regarding discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment and sexual violence. This policy sets forth basic requirements and minimum standards for the investigation and reporting of complaints of sexual harassment and sexual violence, and provides guidance on questions which have arisen.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Proposed Policy 507