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ITEM 159-103-R0513

<u>Limited Authority granted to Montana Tech of The University of Montana to award a Ph.D. in</u>

<u>Materials Science as a participant in the Collaborative Materials Science PhD Program</u>

THAT

In accordance with Montana University System Policy, the Board of Regents of Higher Education grants Montana Tech of The University of Montana the limited authority to award Ph.D.s in Materials Science as a participant in the Collaborative Materials Science Ph.D. Program (cite item #159-102-R0153). This authority will be rescinded if and when the Collaborative Materials Science Program is terminated.

This limited authority granted to Montana Tech of the University of Montana to award a Ph.D. in Materials Science does not:

- 1. Change the "four-year institutional" designation of Montana Tech of the University of Montana, nor does it create a third "comprehensive, doctoral-level university" within the Montana University System, not does it create another "Research University" in keeping with the Organization and Governance structure outlined in the 1994 Restructuring of the Montana University System (cite 1);
- 2. Change Montana Tech's Mission, nor will it lead to a change in that Mission of being a predominately undergraduate institution characterized by "a strong undergraduate curriculum augmented by research, graduate education and service "(cite 2).

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, Phase One. Approved by the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education, January 21, 1994.
- 2. MT Tech Mission/Vision Plan , 2010. Approved by the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education, May 27-28, 2010.