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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 20, 2014

Montana Board of Regents
C/O Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education
2500 Broadway Street
PO Box 203201
Helena, MT 59620-3201

Dear Regents,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to offer comments on the proposed new policies regarding authorization for private institutions of higher education operating in Montana (Policy 221).

We have a disagreement with the proposed policy, which we want to state for the record. We do not believe 20-25-107 of the Montana Code gives the Regents the ability to establish a demonstration of financial integrity as a prerequisite for authorization of private universities. The statute is very simple and clear and does not provide a basis for the Regents examining the finances of the private universities in Montana.

We would like to work with the Commissioner and Regents to examine alternatives to the proposed policy, some of which have been adopted by other states responding to the same circumstances.

We appreciated the opportunity to work with Ms. Jessica Brubaker. She was open, willing to listen, and clear in her responses. We look forward to working with her in the future.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eugene J. McAllister".

Eugene J. McAllister, Ph.D.
President