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Institutional Mission Parameters; Montana University System Policy 219.1

THAT

The Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education approves the creation of Policy 219.1 – Institutional Mission Parameters to establish institutional classifications to serve as mission parameters to guide the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION

To better guide the MUS and the distinct institutions that make up the system, a board policy establishing institutional mission parameters through institutional classification is being proposed. The policy broadly defines the mission of Two-Year Colleges, Regional Comprehensive Universities, Special Focus Universities, and Research Doctoral Universities and highlights key attributes associated with each institution type. Each institution of the MUS has been identified as fitting within one institutional mission type. The community colleges have been omitted from this policy as the missions of those institutions are determined by their individual governing boards.

The institutional classifications in this policy serve as a set of institutional mission parameters which will help to guide the governance of the MUS. These parameters set out in policy will provide a framework for governance of the system and a clear articulation of the differing roles and unique value of each institution within the system. Mission statements approved by the Board of Regents further express the purpose and intent of each individual institution.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 – Policy 219.1