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My vote would be go back simply to Montana Tech. Just like Texas Tech, Michigan Tech the short version says enough and seems to have more punch than the other more drawn-out proposed versions(my opinion is these names seem to lean towards an almost junior college feel). Dave Silk

Let's go back to our roots: The Montana University of Mineral Science and Technology aka: Montana Tech University Thank you, Michael S. "Mick" Francisco BS PE '79

Dr. Blackketter; As an Alum from Mt, Tech and a former Associate Professor I felt the need to respond to the article in today's Mt. Standard. I started teaching after a career in industry. I do not know what your or the regent's master plan is but I believe a change to the names as proposed in the newspaper is a big mistake. All three tell me that the school is now a two year institution instead of the four year school that made it famous around the world. In my opinion the enrollment will drop a lot. The emphasis should be Engineering and Business. Those two are what brings the students to the school. I believe this change would be step one to full closure. I just got out of the hospital so I will not be able to attend the public discussions. Gary W. Mannix B.S. Engineering Science -1969 M.S. Engineering Science - 1974

IMHO you should use the word "earth" such as in "earth sciences engineering" and blah blah blah.  
Charles Brown

It worked fine. I had a little trouble hearing the comments. What I did hear were all good comments. Lots of smart people, all who seem to have given this a lot of thought.

- 1) Hilary suggested that the Montana Tech will not be dropped, its not going away. I think this is good.
- 2) Because we're always in competition within Montana for good students (particularly Montana State), I think having University in our formal name will differentiate us against Northern, Western, Eastern and even U of M and Mont St.
- 3) The formal name will help us a lot outside of Montana and internationally.
- 4) The formal name (with University) should help grow our research efforts.
- 5) Finally - what harm can a formal name possibly cause ? Especially when we keep the Montana Tech brand ?

Tom Bandy

Mr. Dean Trudnowski, Members of WIRE, Chancellor Blackketter and whom ever else was involved either directly or indirectly with what can only be described as a collective brain fart ! One can only hope to assume the extraordinarily asinine idea, the term idea applied loosely in this instance, to change the name of University of Montana's College of Mineral, Science & Technology was the result of a long night spent in the VuVilla! A name recognized world wide, synonymous with academic excellence and in your imbecilic shortsightedness you decide the semantics of a name change is going to "improve" Montana Techs already stellar standing in the hierarchy of technological Universities?! Please be advised that if you proceed with this ill-advised scheme I will no longer support Montana Tech financially, I will no longer recruit from Montana Tech, I will no longer recommend Montana Tech !

Chancellor Blacketter “In some ways, I don’t know if we can make a mistake”. Unfortunately sir, you already have!

Robert J Whisonant (Bachelor of Science Petroleum Engineering) 1985  
 Jacob W Whisonant (Bachelor of Science Mining Engineering) 2009  
 Gabe T Whisonant (Bachelor of Science Petroleum Engineering)2016

How about Montana School of Mines  
 Sounds kind of catchy ...

Ben Suslavich  
 Metallurgical and Materials Engineering  
 President, Metallurgy Society of Montana Tech  
 Co-founder, Montana Tech Spectroscopy Club  
 Montana Tech of the University of Montana

I'm an alumni. How about Montana University of Mineral Science and Nursing Arts ???  
 or Nursing Practices ???

Thank you,  
 EA Andy Johnson  
 Butte Class of 1968

My name is Lester Dye. I am an 1980 graduate of Montana Tech in Geophysical Engineering and the 1980 recipient of the Montana Society of Engineers Gold Medal. I also attended Stanford University in Petroleum Engineering (MS and PhD) with significant time in computer science (taught one 3 unit course in software engineering), applied mechanics and geophysics. About 7 years at Stanford in total, 7 years at Unocal as Geophysicist, Reservoir Engineer and Drilling Engineer. I’ve studied business management at the University of Alaska and Stanford. Machine learning and optimization expert and founder or 4 software companies including a VC backed company.

Typical interactions concerning Montana Tech are...”Your undergrad is Montana Tech? ... is that the Montana School of Mines...oh that is a great school”.

While changing the name from Montana School of Mines to “Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology” should have been giving a D in any marketing class. The name “Montana Tech of the University of Montana” is of course an F-.

— Sample of quality technology school names  
 Israel Institute of Technology - Technion  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology - MIT  
 California Institute of Technology - CalTech  
 Georgia Institute of Technology - Georgia Tech  
 Michigan Technological University - Michigan Tech (Ug! D-)

You only have two choices.

1. Montana School of Mines - Montana Mines or Montana Tech
2. Montana Institute of Technology - Montana Tech (obviously MIT is not going to work).

You should simplify the school names to the following.

School of Mines  
School of Engineering  
School of Management  
School of Science  
School of Letters

To compete in the coming world you will need very strong graduate institutes. The Texas Institute of Computational and Applied Mathematics - TICAM hired the top finite-element professors in the world to achieve a dominate position.

We will need to dominate in the following 3 areas to compete. I estimate a minimum of \$40 M to hire top CS / Optimization / ML professors and post-docs and kick start an institute. We can raise this money if you have the vision to do it. Technology schools without a dominant ML presence will fail.

Pick these and be the best at them. We can raise the money.

Montana Institute of Machine Learning MIML  
Montana Institute of Reservoir Simulation MIRE  
Montana Institute of Mines MIM

I'm in Butte if you would like to discuss in person.

Best regards,  
Les Dye

**Subject:** WIRE: Name Change Feedback

- Please excuse delay
- Send this input along to other recipients as appropriate
- If the statement "*the brand Montana Tech is who we are and this will be unchanged*" is indeed to remain, I offer the following comments on the three (3) remaining naming options in order of preference:

1. **Montana Technological University**

- This is most efficient and most closely represents the intent to maintain brand
  - The acronym “MTU” is acceptable
2. **Montana University of Science, Engineering, and Technology**
- While I would love to have “engineering” reflected in this naming opportunity, this name is too wordy
  - The acronym “MUSET” is not acceptable
3. **Montana University of Science and Technology**
- The acronym “MUST” is not acceptable

Thanks  
GME

Glenn M. Eurick, Manager  
Environmental Issues & Images Group LLC

Hello,

Thank you very much for speaking at NCAT today. I'm writing this email to support the third option you presented: Montana University of Science, Engineering, and Technology. I feel that this is inclusive of programs like nursing while still highlighting engineering, technology, and science. I have an interdisciplinary background that includes engineering, science, and technology, as well as liberal arts and communications, and appreciate the breadth of educational opportunities at Montana Tech. I presume that this new focus will continue to support programs like the Technical Communications program, which I deeply value. I think there is a great need for the education they provide in their degree program and to the other programs at Montana Tech. In my currently position, I manage engineers from Tech as well as other Montana and national universities. I have found that students from other universities typically do not take technical writing or communications courses and it is extremely difficult to produce well-written, professional reports without this training. I think this education is part of what makes Tech special and what sets its graduates apart.

Thanks,

Stacie Barry Peterson, PhD  
Director, Energy Services  
National Center for Appropriate Technology(NCAT)