

November 21-22, 2019

ITEM 185-101-R1119

Revise the Montana University System Program Approval Process

THAT

The Montana Board of Regents review and approve the draft new postsecondary educational program / center / institute approval process.

EXPLANATION

BOR Policy 303.1 – Academic Program Proposals authorizes the commissioner to set out policies and procedures for the submission and review of academic proposals, including the level of board review. Similarly, BOR Policy 218 – Institutional Organization requires board approval for the creation or renaming of centers and institutes.

Responding to Board members' requests, the commissioner is revising the process for submission and review of proposals for new academic programs, centers, and institutes. These revisions aim to:

- Provide the Board with earlier opportunities to consider and act on proposals
 - Speed consideration and approval of proposals, particularly if they respond to an urgent workforce or community need
 - Develop a review process that encourages accurate estimates of program enrollment and facilitates sunseting of programs that fall significantly short of enrollment targets
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Revised process illustration, timeline, and F.A.Q.