

REQUEST TO PLAN MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: Chief Academic Officers, Montana University System

FROM: Joe Thiel, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Academic, Research, and Student Affairs

RE: September 2023 Request to Plan Proposals

The campuses of the Montana University System have proposed new academic programs or changes under the Request to Plan process authorized by the Montana Board of Regents. The proposals are being sent to you for your review and approval. If you have concerns about a particular proposal, you should share those concerns with your colleagues at that institution and try to come to some understanding. If you cannot resolve your concerns, raise them at the Chief Academic Officer's conference call Wednesday, August 30th. Issues not resolved at that meeting should be submitted in writing to OCHE by noon on Friday, September 1st. If no concerns are received, OCHE will assume that the proposals have your approval.

Requests to Plan

Montana State University Billings:

- Request for Authorization to create two options in the Master of Science in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counselling: (1) Rehabilitation Counseling Option, and (2) Mental Health Counseling Option
[Item #208-2701-R0923](#)

The University of Montana Missoula:

- Request for authorization to plan a M.S. in Natural Resources Law and Policy
[Item #208-1001-R0923](#)
- Request for authorization to plan a Bachelors Degree in Sports, Hotel, Events, and Entertainment Management
[Item #208-1002-R0923](#)
- Request for authorization to plan a Minor in Democracy Studies
[Item #208-1003-R0923](#)

Helena College University of Montana:

- Request for authorization to plan an Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant
[Item #208-1901-R0923](#)

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