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MEMORANDUM

January 15, 2004

TO: Montana Board of Regents
FROM: Roger Barber, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs
SUBJECT: Level I Approvals and Announcements

This memorandum is intended to inform you of the Level I changes in academic programs that have been approved in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education since the last meeting of the Board of Regents. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them with the help of my colleagues in academic affairs.

The University of Montana-Missoula:

➤ [Item No. 122-1016+R0104](#)

The University of Montana-Missoula has requested authority to offer a Minor in Astronomy. The minor would provide another opportunity for students, particularly in mathematics or geology, to enhance their programs of study. The Department of Physics and Astronomy already offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics with an option in Astronomy. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Chief Academic Officers, based on the Level II documents submitted by The University of Montana-Missoula.

➤ [Item No. 122-1002+R0104](#)

The University of Montana-Missoula has requested authority to offer a Master of Music degree with an option in Musical Theater. The new option will be administered by the Department of Music, with the assistance of the Department of Drama/Dance. The new option will also include an internship with the Missoula Children's Theater. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Chief Academic Officers, based on the Level II documents submitted by The University of Montana-Missoula.

➤ [Item No. 122-1012+R0104](#)

The University of Montana-Missoula has requested that the name of the Cartography Option, in the Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography, be changed to *Cartography and GIS* (Geographic Information Systems). Students graduating with the option are employed primarily as GIS specialists for city, county and state governments, and in the private sector. The graduate option is already entitled "Cartography and GIS" to more accurately portray the curriculum in the option program.

➤ [Item No. 122-1013+R0104](#)

The University of Montana-Missoula has requested that the name of the Rural, Town & Regional Planning Option, in both the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree programs in Geography, be changed to *Community and Environmental Planning*. The name changes more accurately reflect the expertise of the faculty, and therefore the curriculum offerings, in the Department of Geography.

➤ **Item No. 122-1006+R0104**

The University of Montana-Missoula has requested that the name of the Master of Science Degree in Pharmacy be changed to *Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences*. The current degree title implies that students will only receive training in professional pharmacy. The proposed name change reflects the additional training that students receive in research, pharmaceutical science and pharmacy administration.

➤ **Item No. 122-1011+R0104**

The University of Montana-Missoula has requested that the name of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, in the College of Arts and Sciences, be changed to the *Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures*. The name change describes the curricular programs and offerings in the Department more accurately.

➤ **Item No. 122-1014+R0104**

The College of Technology of The University of Montana-Missoula has requested that the name of the Network Support Option in the Associate of Applied Science degree in Accounting Technology be changed to *Computer Support*. The name change more accurately reflects the curriculum in the program and the expectations of the marketplace.

➤ **Item No. 122-1015+R0104**

The College of Technology of The University of Montana-Missoula has requested that the name of the Certificate program in Office Reception be changed to *Customer Relations*. The institution also expects to revise the curriculum in the certificate program to emphasize coursework in business, computers and psychology. The name change more accurately reflects the current work environment, and the new coursework will hopefully provide students with the appropriate skills to effectively interact with customers.

➤ **Item No. 122-1017+R0104**

The College of Technology of The University of Montana-Missoula has asked to merge the Department of Culinary Arts into the Department of Business Technology. The name of the Department of Business Technology will not change.

➤ **Item No. 122-1019+R0104**

The College of Technology of The University of Montana-Missoula has filed a notice of intent to eliminate its Associate of Applied Science degree in Medical Laboratory Technology. The program was placed on moratorium in 2002. A review of the program has been conducted and the institution has determined that the program is no longer a viable training need for Montana. This notice of intent has been filed to satisfy the public notice requirements associated with termination of a program of study in the Montana University System.

➤ **Item No. 122-1018+R0104**

The College of Technology of The University of Montana-Missoula has filed a notice of intent to eliminate its Certificate program in Barbering Styling. The program was placed on moratorium in 2002. A review of the program has been conducted and the institution has determined that the program is no longer a viable training need for Montana. This notice of intent has been filed to satisfy the public notice requirements associated with termination of a program of study in the Montana University System.

The University of Montana-Western:➤ **[Item No. 122-1601+R0104](#)**

The University of Montana-Western has requested authority to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with an Option in Technology. The new Option will include coursework in selected software applications, multimedia, robotics, hardware and software management, and technology integration in the curriculum. The program is being proposed, in part, as a response to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, which encourages effective integration of technology resources and systems with teacher training and curriculum to ensure that every student is technologically literate upon completion of the 8th grade. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Chief Academic Officers, based on the Level II documents submitted by The University of Montana-Western.

Montana State University-Bozeman:➤ **[Item No. 120-2017+R0903](#)**

Montana State University-Bozeman filed a Notice of Intent to terminate its Masters degree in Project Engineering Management (MPEM) at the September 2003 Board of Regents' meeting. That Notice of Intent was included in the Level I memorandum distributed to the Board at the September meeting. All of the steps in the termination process have been completed; and Montana State University-Bozeman has filed a program termination checklist with the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. Sixty (60) days have also elapsed since the Notice of Intent was included in the September 2003 Level I memorandum. The Masters of Project Engineering degree is, therefore, withdrawn.

Montana State University College of Technology-Great Falls:➤ **[Item No. 122-2011+R0104](#)**

Montana State University College of Technology-Great Falls will place its Associate of Applied Science degree for Medical Assistants on moratorium, effective Fall Semester 2004. The moratorium will be imposed because enrollments in the program are low, and graduates have a difficult time finding appropriate employment.

➤ **[Item No. 122-2012+R0104](#)**

Montana State University College of Technology-Great Falls will place its Associate of Applied Science degree for Physical Therapist Assistants on moratorium, effective Fall Semester 2004. The moratorium will be imposed because enrollments in the program are low, qualified faculty are difficult to recruit because of wage constraints, and employment opportunities for graduates are disappearing.