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To: Dr. Joyce Scott
From: Pamela Hill
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Re: Distance Learning Development Funds

In June 2000, OCHE provided \$100,000 to MSU to support the development of online programs. The OCHE funds were spent to support the purchase, training, faculty development and technical support for a common courseware tool that is now available to all MSU campuses. We feel the implementation and support of this tool will facilitate the development of online courses and programs beyond the initial seed funds. To date, the BTC has conducted 20 faculty development sessions in Bozeman and one in Gt. Falls. There are currently 113 WebCT courses under development and 134 faculty from 7 Bozeman colleges, Extension Service, General Studies, and College of Technology-Gt. Falls have participated in the training sessions.

Program development funds (identified in the itemized budget) were prioritized for the development of online programs, as opposed to individual courses, and to support efforts at all MSU campuses. This has been a successful effort and we feel that the OCHE funds have provided an excellent opportunity to advance the existence of quality online programs available through the MUS system.

The funds will be expended by June 30, 2001 as follows:

ITC Subcontract:	
Hardware	\$10,006
Tech support & help desk	\$11,096
Other Tech Support Costs:	
Depreciation	\$ 4,000
WebCT License	\$ 2,000
BTC Faculty Development	\$25,000
Travel	
Faculty development	\$ 6,000
Course Development	
College of Nursing (Bzn, Gt. Falls, Billings) (migration from video to online)	\$ 7,500
MS in Counseling (Bozeman) (migration from traditional to online)	\$ 7,500

POLS 551 (Bozeman/MPA program)	\$ 5,000
Medical Transcription Program (Gt. Falls)	\$ 5,200
Health Information Coding Specialist Program (Gt. Falls)	\$ 4,000
2 yrs Chemistry Online (Northern)	\$ 5,000
MSU Recharges @ 4%	\$ 4,000
Contingency	\$ 3,698
Total	\$100,000

We appreciate the support of the Commissioner's office for this opportunity to enhance online program development. Please contact us if you need additional information.

Cc: Dr. David Dooley, Provost

