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ITEM 138-401-R0108

Approval to Offer an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Equine Studies; Miles Community College

THAT:

Miles Community College requests to offer an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Equine Studies.

EXPLANATION:

The College is working with UM – Western to offer a 2 + 2 Associate of Science program to articulate into Western's BS in Natural Horsemanship. Currently UM – Western has a waiting list for their program, but by the third year there are seats available. Miles Community College would help fill their seats during the third and fourth years of their program.

During the development of the AS transfer curriculum, the local advisory committee for Equine Studies determined a stand-alone AAS degree also needed to be offered for students who did not want to pursue a four-year degree. In addition, it would assure that there were enough students between both programs to warrant a full-time instructor. The AAS would provide students with employable skills to use in a variety of jobs in the equine industry including but not limited to horse trainer, farrier, stable manager, producer, or feed salesperson.