

May 25-26, 2017

ITEM #175-1003-R0517

Request for approval of University System/Employee Equity Interest and/or Business Participation under MUSP 407 – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

The Board of Regents of Higher Education approves UM-Missoula employee Alessandro Danna-dos-Santos for having an equity interest in and to serve as an officer, employee, or member of a governing board of, Synergy Applied Medical and Research, Inc., a Montana corporation. The Board of Regents of Higher Education further authorizes The University of Montana-Missoula to enter into licensing agreements and contractual arrangements with Synergy Applied Medical and Research, Inc. for use of University facilities, if needed.

EXPLANATION

Alessandro Danna-dos-Santos, an Associate Professor of Physical Therapy, is a UM employee at the Physical Therapy School and Rehabilitation Science. He seeks approval to hold an equity interest in and to serve as an officer, employee, or member of a governing board of Synergy Applied Medical and Research, Inc., a Montana corporation established to partner with the University of Montana for the creation of a system of postural analysis intended to promote the diagnosis of abnormalities resulting from traumatic brain injury and stroke. Santos will work in accordance with a conflict management plan developed by UM. Under Policy 407 and MCA 20-25-109, university employees must have board approval to serve as officers, employees, or members of a governing board of a business entity, or to hold an equity interest in a business entity which has an agreement with, or shares ownership of intellectual property with, the university, relating to the development, licensing or commercial exploitation of that intellectual property.

UM benefits from this approval. By allowing this University-private sector relationship, intellectual property developed at the University of Montana can be used to grow a Montana-based company, will set an example for other entrepreneurs from the University looking for opportunities for commercialization of their innovations and creations, and will generate goodwill for University employees and the private sector.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 – Submission Form