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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of Regents

**FROM:** Roger Barber, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Academic & Student Affairs

**DATE:** September 24, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Level I Announcements & Approvals – FINAL

This memo is to inform you of the Level I changes in academic programs approved in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education since the last meeting of the Board of Regents. I will be happy to answer questions about these changes.

**The University of Montana – Missoula**

**[120-1003+R0903](#)** Request to designate the current MA curriculum in Counselor Education as an option in Mental Health Counseling. The M.Ed. in School Counseling was eliminated and a School Counseling option was added to the existing M.A. Thus, this proposal names the previously existing curriculum as an option in Mental Health Counseling. This change is requested to meet CACREP requirements.

**Montana Tech of the University of Montana**

**[120-1501+R0903](#)** Request to offer the Masters in Project Engineering Management (MPEM) online. Currently the degree is offered collaboratively with MSU-Bozeman. The Bozeman campus wishes to discontinue the program. As Montana Tech continues to offer this program online, it intends to draw on the faculty expertise at MSU-Bozeman, to the extent that institution feels it can participate.

**Montana State University – Bozeman**

**[120-2017+R0903](#)** Request to withdraw the Masters of Project Engineering Management (MPEM) degree program. The MPEM program has been offered as a joint program with Montana Tech with the administration of the program, admissions, transcripts and diplomas being done by both institutions. In the past three years, the number of MSU students in the program has decreased to zero. Time constraints stemming from growing resident graduate student populations have greatly reduced the ability of MSU faculty to participate in distance delivery programs.

## **Montana State University – Billings**

**120-2701+R0903** Request to offer the Associate of Science (AS) degree, with a program of study in Human Resources, and a Human Resources Management Certificate (C) online.

**120-2702+0903** Request to develop and implement an Associate of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology program to be offered in partnership with Saint Vincent's Healthcare and the Deaconess Billings Hospital.

A Radiologic Technology program has previously been administered by Saint Vincent's Healthcare of Billings, Montana. Saint Vincent Healthcare made the decision to discontinue their program and approached MSU-B COT to continue the offering in cooperation with Deaconess Billings Hospital and other local entities. There are presently no other providers of this training in the local area. The University of Montana College Of Technology currently offers a Radiologic Technology program. The Program at MSU Billings College of Technology will serve Billings and eastern Montana students and the local health care industry. Montana State University Billings College of Technology requests this proposal be approved through the provision by which Associate of Applied Science Degree Programs may be submitted as Level I proposals, with memo and backup documentation, when they are offered in cooperation with and/or at the request of private or public sector partners. The Associate of Applied Science Degree proposal will be submitted under the normal program approval process within two years.

**Attachment Proposal**