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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Joyce A. Scott, Deputy Commissioner for Academic & Student Affairs

SUBJECT: Level I Announcements & Approvals

This memo updates you on important events affecting Montana higher education and sets forth 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 Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education received two notices from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. The Professional Master's Degree in Physical Therapy at the University of Montana has been accredited until a regular accreditation visit in 2007. The AAS in Physical Therapist Assistant at MSU College of Technology-Great Falls has received initial accreditation and is scheduled for a follow-up visit in 2002.

Dawson Community College

Request to offer the AAS in Early Childhood Education in the northeastern sector of the state, specifically to Glasgow, Malta and Plentywood via interactive video.

Request to discontinue the Medical Transcription option under the AAS in Office Technology due to low enrollments. The College is aware that it must provide degree completion options for students currently enrolled in the program and will work with them individually. Further, the College will continue to offer a three-credit course in medical transcription to meet regional healthcare agency needs.

Flathead Valley Community College

Request for approval of an AAS degree in Web Technology to prepare students for careers in developing and supporting web pages for small companies. An advisory board of area employers and entrepreneurs has been involved in formulating the program which will only require four new classes.

Montana State University-Great Falls College of Technology

Request to change the certificate program title from Network Architecture to Network Support and the AAS-degree option from Network Support to Network Architecture. This change results from Helena College of Technology's proposal to the Board of Regents for an Associate of Applied Science degree in Network Architecture. Recognizing the potential for students to confuse Great Falls' certificate program of that title with Helena's AAS program, MSU-Great Falls agreed to rename its certificate and concluded that making its AAS-degree title consistent with Helena's would also be a service to students. This proposal brings conformity to degree titles across the system.

The University of Montana-Missoula

Request to re-title the Bachelor of Music, major in Composition, and option in Music Technology to the Bachelor of Music in Composition and Music Technology in accord with Regents' direction from the January 2000 Program Review. In addition, the campus reports that it has completed the internal in-depth review of the program and has restructured the curriculum accordingly.

Request to re-name Volunteer Action Services to the Office of Civic Engagement.

The University of Montana-Western

Request from the University of Montana-Western will place the following academic programs in moratorium for AY 2001-2 due to low enrollment and insufficient resources. The students currently enrolled in these programs have already been advised of this likelihood and plans have been made for all currently enrolled students to finish their degree programs. Each program that will be placed on moratorium will undergo a thorough review during AY 2001-2 to determine its long-term fate.

1. Associate of Applied Science in Computer Layout and Design
2. Physical Science major in Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education Degree
3. Chemistry minor in Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education Degree
4. Chemistry related area (sub-option) in Environmental Sciences option of the Bachelor of Arts Degree.
5. Drama related area (sub-option) in Arts option of the Bachelor of Arts Degree.

cc: Commissioner Crofts
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