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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 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.

Montana State University-Billings

Request from the College of Technology for program title change from Drafting Technology to ***Drafting and Design Technology*** for the AAS degree to reflect more accurately the current curriculum in the program, necessitated by the evolving demands in this field of employment.

Request to offer an ***Associate of Applied Science degree in Medical Assisting*** in response to and in cooperation with the Billings health care community. The proposal is a joint effort between the College of Technology health occupations and business programs. A full proposal will be submitted within two years per Regents' policy.

Request to offer two additional programs via online delivery:

- ***Master of Education, Interdisciplinary Studies Option leading to elementary education certification, and***
- ***Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling (MSRC).***

Montana State University - Bozeman

Request to establish a ***Masters Plus Certification*** program under the existing Masters of Education (M.Ed.), Curriculum and Instruction option, to help students earn the masters degree and become qualified for State of Montana Teacher Certification at the same time. The program is intended to serve the needs of individuals who already hold a baccalaureate degree in an academic discipline, have already been part of the workforce, and who now wish to transition into the teaching profession to teach high school or middle school. It would also serve those who have previously entered the public school teaching force under temporary licensure and who need to gain certification in order to remain there.

Montana State University - Northern

Request of offer a ***minor in Health Promotion*** in conjunction with the B.S. degree in the same field (authorized May 1998). The minor was formally approved on campus at the same time but overlooked for formal submission to the Office of the Commissioner.

The University of Montana-Missoula

Request to modify the B.A. in Environmental Studies requirements by raising the GPA requirement to 2.75 and by adding seven prerequisite courses for admission into the major.

Request to change the name of A.A.S. degree in Diesel Equipment Technology to A.A.S. in *Diesel Technology* to eliminate confusion with other program titles.

The University of Montana Helena College of Technology

Request to deliver the Protective Services program, Fire and Rescue option, in Missoula for Spring 2002. Initially, Helena College of Technology will offer 8 credits for an expected 15 students this spring and a second group of a like number in the fall. The offerings are in direct response to a request from the Missoula City Fire Department, the Missoula Rural Fire District, Florence Fire District, Centerville Fire District, and the Frenchtown Fire District. The general education component will be provided by the UM-Missoula College of Technology. The fire districts mentioned are actively involved in providing equipment to assist the program.

Cc: Commissioner Crofts
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