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DATE: September 23, 2004
TO: Montana Board of Regents
FROM: Roger Barber, Deputy Commissioner for Academic & Student Affairs
SUBJECT: Level I Approvals and Announcements

This memorandum is intended to inform you of the Level I changes in academic programs that have been approved in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education since the last meeting of the Board of Regents. It also includes announcements that may be of interest to the Board. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them with the help of my colleagues in academic affairs.

Montana State University-Northern:

- **ITEM 124-2801+R0904:** Montana State University-Northern submitted a Level I request, with Level II documentation, asking permission to offer a new Option in Field Maintenance as part of its Bachelor of Science degree program in Diesel Technology. The option was developed at the request of the institution's Diesel Advisory Board and several current employers of MSU-Northern's diesel graduates. The proposed option utilizes coursework already in place at MSU-Northern, including welding, metallurgy, fabrication and structure repair.
- **ITEM 124-2802+R0704:** Montana State University-Northern filed a Notice of Intent to terminate its Associate of Applied Science degree in Railroad Maintenance and Operations at the July 2004 meeting of the Board of Regents. That Notice of Intent was included in the Level I memorandum distributed to the Board at the July meeting. All of the steps in the termination process have been completed; and Montana State University-Northern has filed a program termination checklist with the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. Sixty (60) days have also elapsed since the Notice of Intent was included in the July 2004 Level I memorandum. The Associate of Applied Science degree in Railroad Maintenance and Operations is, therefore, eliminated from Montana State University-Northern's degree and program inventory

The University of Montana-Missoula College of Technology:

- **ITEM 124-1001+R0904:** The University of Montana-Missoula College of Technology filed a request to offer its Certificate program in Pharmacy Technology on-line. The new distance delivery opportunity, developed in collaboration with the Montana Department of Labor and its apprenticeship training program, will permit Montanans throughout the State to prepare for this important healthcare career. Their only distance option, before this proposal, was to take correspondence coursework from the North Dakota State College of Science.

The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology:

- **ITEM 124-1901+R0904:** The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology submitted a request, asking that the name of each of its four degree programs in Accounting Technology be changed to Accounting and Business Technology. Those programs include two (2) Associate of Applied Science degrees and two (2) Certificates.
- **ITEM 124-1902+R0904:** The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology has asked that its current, untitled certificate, under the Accounting and Business Technology programs, be designated as a Bookkeeping Certificate. The name change will more accurately reflect the current curriculum at the Helena College of Technology, and will give students more direction as they make career decisions. Please note that, under the previous item, the major program that includes this new certificate will have a new name.
- **ITEM 124-1903+R0204:** The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology submitted a Level I request, with Level II documentation, asking permission to offer an option in Accounting Technology as part of its program offerings in Accounting and Business Technology. The Helena College of Technology currently offers an Associate of Applied Science degree in Accounting Technology, with no designation or specialty. The option in Accounting Technology would “replace” that undesignated degree, even though the curriculum at the Helena College of Technology has been structured that way for at least a modest amount of time. The change will more accurately reflect the course offerings at the Helena College of Technology, and will give students more direction as they make career decisions. Please note that, under the first item concerning the Helena College of Technology, the major program that includes this new option will have a new name.

Flathead Valley Community College:

- **ITEM 123-304+R0504:** Flathead Valley Community College filed a Notice of Intent to terminate its certificate program in Sports Marketing at the May 2004

meeting of the Board of Regents. That Notice of Intent was included in the Level I memorandum distributed to the Board at the May meeting. All of the steps in the termination process have been completed; and Flathead Valley Community College has filed a program termination checklist with the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. Sixty (60) days have also elapsed since the Notice of Intent was included in the May 2004 Level I memorandum. The certificate program in Sports Marketing is, therefore, eliminated from Flathead Valley Community College's degree and program inventory.

- **ITEM 124-301+R0704:** Flathead Valley Community College filed a Notice of Intent to terminate its Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Management, with an option in Museum/Gallery Operations, at the July 2004 meeting of the Board of Regents. That Notice of Intent was included in the Level I memorandum distributed to the Board at the July meeting. All of the steps in the termination process have been completed; and Flathead Valley Community College has filed a program termination checklist with the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. Sixty (60) days have also elapsed since the Notice of Intent was included in the July 2004 Level I memorandum. The Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Management, with an option in Museum/Gallery Operations, is, therefore, eliminated from Flathead Valley Community College's degree and program inventory.
- **ITEM 124-302+R0704:** Flathead Valley Community College filed a Notice of Intent to terminate its Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Management, with an option in Retail Management, at the July 2004 meeting of the Board of Regents. That Notice of Intent was included in the Level I memorandum distributed to the Board at the July meeting. All of the steps in the termination process have been completed; and Flathead Valley Community College has filed a program termination checklist with the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. Sixty (60) days have also elapsed since the Notice of Intent was included in the July 2004 Level I memorandum. The Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Management, with an option in Retail Management, is, therefore, eliminated from Flathead Valley Community College's degree and program inventory.
- **ITEM 124-303+R0704:** Flathead Valley Community College filed a Notice of Intent to terminate its Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Management, with an option in International Business, at the July 2004 meeting of the Board of Regents. That Notice of Intent was included in the Level I memorandum distributed to the Board at the July meeting. All of the steps in the termination process have been completed; and Flathead Valley Community College has filed a program termination checklist with the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. Sixty (60) days have also elapsed since the Notice of Intent was included in the July 2004 Level I memorandum. The Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Management, with an option in

International Business, is, therefore, eliminated from Flathead Valley Community College's degree and program inventory.

Announcements:

- The University of Montana-Western received notice from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, in early July, that its accreditation had been reaffirmed. That decision grew out of a focused interim report and visit from the Commission in spring 2004, concerning the Substantive Change proposal to offer an A.A.S. degree in Equine Studies.
- Flathead Valley Community College received notice from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, in early July, that its accreditation had been reaffirmed. That decision grew out of a focused interim report and visit from the Commission in spring 2004, concerning several recommendations that were made in a Comprehensive Evaluation Report in 2002.