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MEMORANDUM

November 20, 2003

TO: Montana Board of Regents

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

SUBJECT: Level I Approval & 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 information on matters of interest to the Board. I will be happy to answer questions about these items.

Montana State University-Billings:

- **[Item No. 121-2704+R1103](#)**. Montana State University-Billings has submitted a notice of intent to eliminate its teaching minor in computer science. Two students are currently enrolled in the minor program, and will complete their coursework by Spring Semester 2004. No other students have demonstrated an interest in the minor, and it has already been removed from the current course catalogue in anticipation of this request. This notice of intent has been filed to satisfy the public notice requirements associated with termination of a program of study in the Montana University System.
- **[Item No. 121-2705+R1103](#)**. Montana State University-Billings has submitted a notice of intent to eliminate its bachelor of arts degree in business administration, accounting option. MSU-Billings has a traditional bachelor of science degree in business administration, accounting option (BSBA), and the bachelor of arts degree is low enrolled and is creating confusion with students in the BSBA accounting option. Students in the program will not be affected by the termination, since all of the required business courses will still be offered by MSU-Billings to fulfill the BSBA, accounting option. If students are interested in enrolling in the traditional language coursework associated with a bachelor of arts degree, those classes are also available at the institution. This notice of intent has been filed to satisfy the public notice requirements associated with termination of a program of study in the Montana University System.

Recognition of Out-of-State Institutions:

The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education has received communications from the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota, expressing its intention to bring a degree completion program in management and a graduate program in management and business administration to Billings, Montana. In conformity with the requirements of Montana statute 20-25-107, and Board of Regents policy 320.1, the University of Mary has provided an accreditation letter from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools affirming its institutional accreditation, and establishing that regional accrediting agency's review of the Billings' programs at an off-campus site.