

MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS
LEVEL II REQUEST FORM

Item No.: 128-2005-R0705 **Date of Meeting:** July 14-15, 2005

Institution: Montana State University-Bozeman

Program Title: Humanities Institute

Level II proposals require approval by the Board of Regents.

Level II action requested (check all that apply): Level II proposals entail substantive additions to, alterations in, or termination of programs, structures, or administrative or academic entities typically characterized by the (a) addition, reassignment, or elimination of personnel, facilities, or courses of instruction; (b) rearrangement of budgets, cost centers, funding sources; and (c) changes which by implication could impact other campuses within the Montana University System and community colleges. Board policy 303.1 indicates the curricular proposals in this category:

- 1. Change names of degrees (e.g. from B.A. to B.F.A.)
- 2. Implement a new minor or certificate where there is no major or no option in a major;
- 3. Establish new degrees and add majors to existing degrees;
- 4. Expand/extend approved mission; and
- 5. Any other changes in governance and organization as described in Board of Regents' Policy 218, such as formation, elimination or consolidation of a college, division, school, department, institute, bureau, center, station, laboratory, or similar unit.

Specify Request:

Montana State University—Bozeman seeks approval from the Montana Board of Regents to create the Montana State University—Bozeman Humanities Institute.

The approval, which would have a two-year sunset clause, is requested to create the necessary institutional infrastructure to allow MSU-Bozeman to conduct the necessary fundraising to ensure long-term viability. The Institute would be modeled on other successful institutes across the country with the notable exception of its commitment to involving undergraduate students meaningfully in Institute activities.