



**MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**  
**Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education**

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**MEMORANDUM**

November 5, 2002

**TO:** Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Joyce A. Scott, Deputy Commissioner for Academic & Student Affairs  
**SUBJECT:** Level I Announcements & Approvals

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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 Tech of the University of Montana:**

Item 117-1501+R1102 Request permission to offer *Mineral Processing Engineering* and *Extractive Metallurgy Minors* in the Bachelor of Science Degree in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering at Montana Tech of the University of Montana

**Montana State University-Billings:**

Item 117-2701+R1102 The Department of Health, Physical Education and Human Services requests permission to eliminate the BS in Health and Physical Education.

The Department of Health, Physical Education and Human Services requests to change the existing BS in Health Promotion to a *BS in Health and Human Performance* with three options. These options would include: (1) *teacher certification*, (2) *health promotion*, and (3) *human performance*.

Item 117-2702+R1102 Request to terminate the Master of Information Processing Communication (MSIPC) degree in the College of Business. This degree has had low enrollment, <10 students for the past several semesters and does not contain a rigorous, robust quantitative component necessary for use in today's modern business environment. The degree is not well understood by the business community, and termination will allow the College to deploy critical faculty resources to support professional accreditation of the undergraduate business program by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). This termination will follow the program termination checklist.

Item 117-2703+R1102 Request to retitle the AAS in Business Software Applications to an *AAS in ComputerDesktop/Network Support*. The curriculum will be revised and updated to respond to present and future identified educational and training needs. A total of 16 courses or 48 credits are existing credits and five courses or 15 credits are new

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with one elective. Many revisions focused on out-of-date courses. The revised degree will retain its 'software applications' focus and include a valuable desktop/network support dimension.

The "Montana Occupational Job Projections" report from the Montana Department of Commerce indicates computer software support professionals are expected to see a 86.6% increase in job estimates between 1998-2008 with a mean annual wage of \$14.99 reported in 1998. Representatives from local business and industry including banking, software development, telecommunications, and information technology administration have been included in updating this degree.

Item 117-2704+R1102 Montana State University-Billings College of Technology currently offers an Associate of Science degree with a program of study in Human Resource Management. Within the AS degree, two exit-point options are requested. The Certificate option (35 credits) would give the program more flexibility and marketability. The Essentials course package (23 credits) is designed for the individual who may have already earned an AS, BS or Master's and desires to re-tool.

Pc: Richard A. Crofts  
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