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Vice Chancellor for Academic  
Affairs and Research

Deputy Commissioner Roger Barber  
Office of the Commissioner of Higher Ed  
2500 Broadway  
Helena, MT 59620-3101

Dear Roger:

This letter is being sent in response to your request for the transfer survey results. In October of the Fall 2003 semester, Montana Tech solicited input from transfer students asking:

*"If you have had difficulties with acceptance by Tech of any coursework completed at other institutions, please respond with specific details."*

One hundred and fifty-three transfer students were sent a letter asking for their feedback. Those 153 transfer students can be described as transferring from Montana schools – 72; U.S. non-Montana – 62; Foreign – 16; and unknown – 4. In addition to the personal letter, a full-page ad was placed in the student newspaper *The Technocrat*. Two students responded. Specifically the responses were:

- Tech did not place a student receiving an AA degree from FVCC at the junior level.
- Economics 101 did not transfer to Montana Tech from MSU-Bozeman as the required Economics in the engineering discipline.

If the low response rate on the survey is an indication of the satisfaction with the transfer process, then Montana Tech is well pleased with a satisfaction rate of nearly 99% of our transfer students. In 2002, 149 transfer students were sent letters with 18 students responding, 9 of which were classified as negative responses to their experience. To ensure that all students who have difficulties are responding, Montana Tech plans to use the survey function in Banner in Fall 2004.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Susan Patton  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs/Research

cc: Ed Johnson, Registrar