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May 7, 2025

To: Chief Academic Officers

From: Joe Thiel
Deputy Commissioner for Academic, Research, and Student Affairs

RE: Approval of April 2025 Academic Items

University of Montana

- Notification of establishing a Certificate in Finance Data Analytics
Item #1003-LI0525
- Notification of placing the BA in English, Literature and the Environment Concentration in moratorium
Item #1008-LI0525

Montana State University

- Request authorization to place BS in Cell Biology and Neuroscience: Cell Biology and Neuroscience Option into moratorium
Item #2010-LI0125
- Notification of offering the existing "Master of Education in School Counseling" program via online delivery
Item #2012-LI0425

Flathead Valley Community College

- Notification of the establishment of a CTS in General Studies
Item # 301-LI0425

University of Montana Western:

- Notification of placing Special Education Certificate into moratorium
Item #1601-LI0425
- Notification of placing Special Education concentration into moratorium
Item #1602-LI0425
- Notification of placing the Special Education K12 minor into moratorium
Item #1603-LI0425
- Request to establish a Graduate Certificate: Special Education, K-12 Licensure
Item #1604-LI0425
- Notification to place Business and Technology Outdoor Industry Minor into moratorium
Item #1605-LI0425
- Notification to place Business and Technology Outdoor Industry Specialist AAS into moratorium
Item #1606-LI0425
- Request to establish a Certificate of General Studies
Item # 1607-LI0425
- Notification to place Teacher Librarian Minor into moratorium
Item #1608-LI0425



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Great Falls College MSU:

- Notification of termination of Cybersecurity Certificate of Technical Studies
Item #2901-LI0425

University of Montana

- Notification of termination of Certificate in Innovation
Item #1001-LI0425

Montana State University

- Request to retitle the graduate certificate "Certificate in Crop Breeding and Biotechnology" to "Professional Certificate in Crop Breeding and Biotechnology"
Item #2010-LI0425
- Request authorization for Termination of Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience
Item #2011-LI0125
- Request authorization to retitle BS Hospitality Management option names 1) Restaurant Management: Farm to Table Option" to "Sustainable Hospitality Option" and 2) "Lodging and Facility Option" to "Hospitality Business Option"
Item #2011-LI0425
- Request authorization to retitle "BS Technology Education" to "BS Applied Technology Management and CIP code change
Item #2013-LI0425

Montana State University Billings

- Request to retitle the Computer Systems Technology AAS to Cybersecurity/Computer Systems AAS
Item #2703-LI0225

University of Montana

- Request for authorization to retitle the BA in Biology (Natural History Concentration) to the BA in Interdisciplinary Biology
Item #1002-LI0525

Level II:

University of Montana

- Request for authorization to establish a Bachelor of Music in Performance
Item #1004-LII0525
- Request for authorization to establish a Bachelor of Music in Composition
Item #1005-LII0525
- Request for authorization to establish a BA in Music with a Concentration in Instrumental Jazz Studies
Item #1006-LII0525
- Request for authorization to establish a BA in Special Education
Item #1007-LII0525
- Request for authorization to eliminate the Shafizadeh Rocky Mountain Center for Wood and Carbohydrate Chemistry
Item #1009-LII0525



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- Request for authorization to form the Center for the Advancement of Positive Education
Item #1011-LII0525
- Request for authorization to form the Center for Hunting and Conservation
Item #1012-LII0525

Montana State University

- Request authorization to retitle the Human Development Clinic to the Community Counseling Clinic
Item #2014-LII0525

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph W. Thiel". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Joe Thiel
Deputy Commissioner for Academic, Research, and Student Affairs