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ITEM 117-1501-R1102 ATTACHMENT

July 8, 2002

Ms. Joyce Scott
Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs
Montana University system
2500 Broadway
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Dear Joyce,

Montana Tech of the University of Montana is submitting a proposal to the Board of Regents to initiate another off-campus program in Helena. The purpose is to implement, in Helena, a program of study that leads to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business-BAS.

Under the provision of Board Policy 220, certain procedures are to be followed when new programs are proposed to off-site campuses. Susan Patton, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research, and Doug Abbott, Dean, at Montana Tech met with me on June 13, 2002 to tell me of this intent to submit this proposal. This letter is sent in response to these provisions.

As indicated in Policy 220, "Units of the Montana University System will not offer degree programs that unnecessarily duplicate existing programs offered by a tribal, community or independent college in its immediate community". I see this program as unnecessary duplication of our program. With one exception, all of the business classes that are to be offered in Helena by Montana Tech are taught at Carroll College. Many of these classes are, or have been, taught in the late afternoon and/or evening. In addition, we offer computer science classes that are equivalent to the two computer science classes listed in the Montana Tech proposed curricula.

I do appreciate Montana Tech's willingness to keep us informed. I also understand their desire to offer this program. I continue to have concerns and hope you understand why we voice opposition to the expansion of such programs into Helena.

In closing, I thank you for affording me, as a representative of Carroll College, the opportunity to be a participant in the discussions pertaining to Montana Tech's proposal.

Sincerely,

James A. Trudnowski, Ed. D
Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Dean of the College

cc: Dr. Thomas Trebon
Susan B. Patton