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MEMORANDUM

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

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.

Walden University of Minneapolis, MN has submitted its Statement of Affiliation Status from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Walden University has indicated it wishes to bring five master's programs in education to Montana.

Montana State University-Bozeman: Originally included a request to terminate the joint Master of Public Administration in Helena. This is now on the Level II agenda.

Montana State University-Great Falls College of Technology

118-2851+R0103 Request to terminate the Resource Interpretation program; Montana State University-Great Falls, College of Technology

Montana State University-Northern:

Notice from the campus that it has placed the program in Railroad Maintenance and Operations on Moratorium status, effective immediately, under the provisions of Regents policy 303.4. The program will remain in the catalog and on the inventory but will not admit new students during an internal program review in Fall 2003. After the review the campus will decide disposition of the program.

The University of Montana:

118-1004+R0103 Request to revise the Exercise Science option in the Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance.

118-1005+R0103 Request to re-title the Pre-Professional Option for the B.A. in Psychology to *Research Option*. The name change, with the addition of a new required course more accurately reflects the objectives for this particular option.

118-1006+R0103 Request to terminate the B.S. in Pharmacy. The American Council on Pharmaceutical Education will not grant accreditation status for the B.S. degree in Pharmacy after 2004. The Doctor of Pharmacy degree has replaced the B.S. degree. The program will be removed from the Degree and Program Inventory after the Program Termination Checklist is filed with OCHE.

- 118-1007+R0103 Request to terminate the Business Systems Option in the B.S. in Computer Science for lack of student enrollment. Interest in this option has declined since Business Administration introduced the new Information Systems Option to the B.S.
- 118-1008+R0103 Request to offer a joint set of courses between the Doctor of Pharmacy and the Master of Business Administration to permit students to complete a double degree. This will permit Pharn.D. and MBA students to transfer 9 semester credits from their primary program toward completion of the other degree, responding to the need in the pharmacy profession and pharmaceutical industry for a combination of business skills and training as professional pharmacists.
- 118-1009+R0103 Request to merge the Department of Linguistics under the name of the Department of Anthropology. There are three faculty in Linguistics with good numbers of students, but a unit of this size is not cost effective. Linguistics will continue to offer degrees in linguistics at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- 118-1010+R0103 Request to merge two areas of study into an option under the *Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance* entitled *Applied Health Science*. This request is based upon feedback from the department's recent accreditation report.
- 118-1011+R0103 Originally included a request to offer the Master of Public Administration degree online at the rate of four courses per year. This would allow students to complete an MPA over four years. This is now on the Level II agenda.
- 118-1012+R0103 Request to offer the A.A.S. in Surgical Technology online in cooperation with Montana Tech of the University of Montana and Montana State University-Billings. This will bring accredited surgical technology training to meet needs identified by St. Vincent's and Deaconess Hospitals in Billings and St. James Hospital in Butte, who will also cooperate in this initiative.

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