MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 29, 2009

TO: Chief Academic Officers, Montana University System

FROM: Sylvia Moore, Deputy Commissioner for Academic & Student Affairs &
Mary Moe, Deputy Commissioner of Two-Year Education

RE: Level I Approvals and Announcements

This memorandum is intended to inform you of the Level I changes in academic programs that have been approved in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education since the September 2009 meeting of the Board of Regents. It also includes announcements that may be of interest to the Board. Any comments regarding items below must be received by my office no later than November 3rd. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them with the help of my colleagues in academic affairs.

Montana State University - Bozeman:

- Montana State University – Bozeman filed a request to re-title the Women’s Studies Minor to Women’s and Gender Studies Minor ITEM 145-2007+R1109

Montana State University - Northern:

- Montana State University – Northern requested permission to offer their existing BS in Diesel Technology on-site at Mid South Community College in West Memphis, Arkansas ITEM 145-2802+R1109
Announcements:

- MSU Bozeman approved the implementation of the following certificate programs, all require fewer than 30 credit hours and are included in their Academic Program Plan:
  - Leadership Fellow (undergraduate certificate) ITEM 145-2008+R1109
  - Digital Media (graduate level certificate) ITEM 145-2009+R1109
  - Library Media (graduate level certificate) ITEM 145-2010+R1109
  - Licensed Addiction Counseling (graduate level certificate) ITEM 145-2011+R1109
  - Native American Studies (graduate level certificate) ITEM 145-2012+R1109
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6. Program revisions; and
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| Item No.: 145-2007+R1109 | Institution: Montana State University-Bozeman |

**Specify Request:**

Montana State University-Bozeman requests approval to change the name of the current Women's Studies Minor to Women's and Gender Studies Minor. The new title more accurately reflects the inclusiveness and research basis of the academic discipline and our faculty. The inclusion of gender indicates the significance of this analysis to all students as well as highlights the non-essentialist concerns of this academic field of inquiry.
ITEM 145-2802+R1109  Approval to Offer Existing Bachelor of Science degree in Diesel Technology On-Site at Mid South Community College in West Memphis Arkansas; MSU-Northern

THAT: Montana State University-Northern requests approval to offer the previously authorized Bachelor of Science degree in Diesel Technology on-site in West Memphis, Arkansas at Mid South Community College.

EXPLANATION: Montana State University-Northern requests approval to offer the previously authorized Bachelor of Science degree in Diesel Technology on-site in West Memphis, Arkansas at Mid South Community College. MSCC requests that MSUN offer the last 2 years of the Diesel Technology Program to MSCC students completing an Associate of Applied Science degree in General Technology-Diesel Technology Option. MSUN would offer courses on-site in Arkansas with no MSUN costs for facilities, O&M, or instructional related costs for a period of two years. In a MOU (attached as Exhibit A), MSCC will bear major instructional costs for a period of at least two-years as a cooperative venture with MSUN. MSUN will be responsible for the curriculum and enroll students, collect tuition (at a rate of 150% of resident tuition for any MSCC students in the General Technology Curriculum) as well as monitoring all aspects of the delivery of the 2 + 2 degree option. MSCC and MSUN will establish financial aid consortium agreements as applicable for any student when dually enrolled. After a two-year period ending in May of 2012, the MOU will be examined for renegotiation of responsibility for instructional costs. It is anticipated that initial enrollments will exceed twelve students and subsequent enrollment will grow beyond a minimum of 12-14 students per semester to sustain an independent program (instructional costs borne by MSUN after the initial two-year period may include faculty salary and benefits.) MSCC agrees to provide travel and related costs for faculty visitations and training at MSUN during the initial two-year period. MSUN agrees to provide campus residential housing and meals for instructor training at MSUN during the period of the agreement. Letters of support and an Income and Expense Analysis are included as Exhibits B and C, respectively.

ATTACHMENTS:  
A. Memorandum of Understanding  
B. Letters of Support  
C. Income and Expense Analysis
MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS
LEVEL I REQUEST FORM

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-NORTHERN
AND MID-SOUTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

xxx, 2009-xxx, 2010

Article I

Introduction

Montana State University-Northern and Mid-South Community College agree that Montana State University-Northern will operate a Montana State University-Northern Degree Center on the Mid-South Community College campus. Montana State University-Northern will offer junior and senior level courses in the Degree Center. The specifics of this relationship are outlined in the conditions included in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article II

General Purpose

It is agreed that students who satisfactorily complete all the required courses offered by Montana State University-Northern through the Montana State University-Northern Degree Center and who meet all other program requirements for graduation will earn the appropriate degree from Montana State University-Northern.

It is agreed that courses offered through the Montana State University-Northern Degree Center as part of this program will satisfy Montana State University-Northern's residency requirements for degree work. Students who complete an associate degree from Mid-South Community College are eligible for admission and transfer into the program offered by Montana State University-Northern in the Montana State University-Northern Degree Center. Students must meet the admission transfer requirements specified in Montana State University-Northern's catalog.

The degree offered in the Montana State University-Northern Degree Center will not indicate the location where the degree was earned. The degree offered will use the same course requirements as stated in the Montana State University-Northern's catalog.

Students working on a bachelor’s degree at the degree center must complete the upper division credits required for their major, but not fewer than 39 upper division credits. Montana State University-Northern will make a good faith effort to offer sufficient numbers of upper division electives at the degree center to assist students with their programs. Students and their advisors will decide which specific electives will best meet the individual student needs.

It is agreed that Montana State University-Northern will emphasize quality in programs offered through the Montana State University-Northern Degree Center and will apply its own on-campus Assessment and Quality Assurance measures to evaluate the program and its graduates.

Both institutions agree to provide appropriate services for students. Representatives from both institutions will have input into all decisions that directly impact the program. Prospective degree
students will be provided complete information concerning the academic preparation required for enrollment in the courses and programs offered. Students at Mid-South Community College who wish to transfer to Montana State University-Northern must meet degree requirements listed in the appropriate catalog subject to the exception as follows:

Transfer students from Mid-South Community College will be required to meet General Education and specific major requirements as well as complete 39 upper division credits at Montana State University-Northern or other regionally accredited four-year institutions of higher education. A minimum of thirty (30) credits must be completed from Montana State University-Northern.

Article III
Degree Programs

Montana State University-Northern agrees to offer the selected degree programs in a manner that allows a full-time student who has earned an associate degree from the Mid-South Community College to earn the baccalaureate in a timely manner. Students must meet the degree requirements prescribed in the catalog. Any substitutions must be approved by the Registrar at Montana State University-Northern.

Montana State University-Northern agrees to offer only upper division courses in Crittenden County unless there is mutual agreement for the offering of selected freshman and/or sophomore courses.

After the first two years of this agreement, courses for the program will be taught by Montana State University-Northern faculty who are full-time Montana State University-Northern faculty assigned to teach on site, Montana State University-Northern faculty teaching the course through distance learning technology, or adjunct faculty appointed by Montana State University-Northern.

Degree programs offered through the Montana State University-Northern Degree Center will be housed in Mid-South Community College facilities. Mid-South Community College will provide appropriate identification for Montana State University-Northern and provide office space for an on-site recruiter/counselor/faculty member for Montana State University-Northern. If a videoconferencing room is needed by Montana State University-Northern and Mid-South Community College is willing and able to provide such a room, Montana State University-Northern will expect to pay $20 per clock hour for use of that facility beyond the first two years of this agreement.

The Coordinator of the Mid-South Community College University Center and the on-site coordinator for Montana State University-Northern Degree Center will coordinate program information and room requirements between the institutions. Sufficient quantity and quality space will be provided on the Mid-South Community College campus in order to facilitate the necessary courses to permit students to graduate in a timely manner.

The Montana State University-Northern Degree Center will continue after an annual review in May of each year. Either institution may choose to terminate the agreement with minimum notice, in writing to the partner institution and students, of one year beyond the current academic year.
Montana State University-Northern's academic programs at Mid-South Community College will be under the supervision of the Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Montana State University-Northern. Academic guidance for this program will be provided by the Montana State University-Northern college in which the courses and/or degrees are located.

Mid-South Community College will provide office furniture, a computer, telephone service, and copier/printer access for the Montana State University-Northern Recruiter/Counselor. Mid-South Community College will invoice Montana State University-Northern at the end of each semester for telephone charges, office supplies, and copier expenses beyond the first two years of this agreement.

Article IV

Program Operation

Only students who have been officially admitted to Montana State University-Northern may enroll for courses offered by Montana State University-Northern. Only students who have been officially admitted to the degree program may enroll in specific degree courses.

Class rosters, mid-term grades, final grades, withdrawals, course drops, course additions, enrollment restrictions, and billing will be processed by Montana State University-Northern. Any refunds due the student will be made by Montana State University-Northern.

Montana State University-Northern will transcript all courses taken from the Montana State University-Northern Degree Center as Montana State University-Northern courses.

The Financial Aid Office at Mid-South Community College will serve as the initial contact for students seeking financial assistance. The Financial Aid Consortium Agreement for the Administration of Title IV Aid will serve as a basis for the financial aid procedures.

All books and course supplies will be available and sold by the Mid-South Community College Bookstore. Montana State University-Northern will provide the Mid-South Community College Bookstore with textbook lists and special materials needed with the full expectation that this will enable them to serve Montana State University-Northern students in a timely manner.

Students enrolled in the Montana State University-Northern Degree Center programs will receive Mid-South Community College identification cards which identify them as Montana State University-Northern Degree Center students. As such, these students will be granted privileges such as parking, library services, computer center services, student activities, etc. Students enrolled in Montana State University-Northern courses are also eligible to receive a student ID card from the university. The card will entitle the students to specific student rights and activities. Those rights and activities will be determined by the fees paid for those services.

All program information will be coordinated between the two institutions. Montana State University-Northern will provide Mid-South Community College with class schedules and information on registration for publication at requested times.

Montana State University-Northern will assist in the collection of all data necessary for the completion of all required reports in connection with the Montana State University-Northern
Montana State University-Northern and Mid-South Community College will work together to provide program information, communication, and public relation activities. Both institutions recognize the need to have the appropriate news and publication offices of both campuses involved in the process. Joint advertising, promotions, or news releases will have prior approval from the publication offices of both institutions.

Montana State University-Northern Student Handbook shall be applicable for students enrolled in Montana State University-Northern courses offered under this agreement.

Article V

Financial Arrangements

Tuition and fees for the Montana State University-Northern Degree Center will be set by the Montana State University-Northern Board of Trustees. Montana State University-Northern will collect all student tuition and fees. Montana State University-Northern will collect a host fee of $8 per credit hour as set for Mid-South Community College’s technology fee charged to all credit students. This fee will be returned to Mid-South Community College. The Montana State University-Northern Board of Trustees may adjust tuition rates and fees from year-to-year as they deem necessary. Montana State University-Northern will provide information on such rate changes to the appropriate Mid-South Community College officials in a timely manner.

Enrolled students who live in a neighboring state will qualify for Montana State University-Northern tuition established for the MSCC center.

Article VI

General Agreements

Mid-South Community College will make building use guidelines available to Montana State University-Northern and to program staff at the Montana State University-Northern Degree Center. These guidelines include but are not limited to parking, security arrangements, emergency procedures, and school closing.

The schedule of classes at the Montana State University-Northern Degree Center may not match the schedule of classes followed at Mid-South Community College. Every attempt will be made to have a calendar match. However, that may not be possible. Also, the Montana State University-Northern Degree Center may operate at hours or on days when Mid-South Community College does not offer classes. Any classes scheduled by Montana State University-Northern that conflict with the Mid-South Community College calendar must receive permission of the Mid-South Community College's Executive Vice President prior to the beginning of the semester involved. If Montana State University-Northern offers classes at Mid-South Community College by special approval when Mid-South Community College is closed, then Montana State University-Northern agrees to pay $35 per hour for maintenance and security personnel to ensure building access and student safety for the class time period plus one hour beyond the initial two year term of this agreement.
The non-degree professional development programs offered for business and industry are not included in this agreement. Montana State University-Northern will have Mid-South Community College, if desired, listed as a co-sponsor for any professional development programs provided in Crittenden County.

Montana State University-Northern will be responsible for preparing new Degree Center Proposals for submission to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The implementation of a resident Degree Center where the credit hours earned are treated as resident on-campus for funding purposes is dependent upon the approval of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

It is understood by both parties that not all conditions or arrangements can be anticipated. Consequently, a committee composed of two individuals from each institution will be formed to evaluate and deal with unanticipated issues that may arise. The committee consists of the Executive Vice President of Mid-South Community College, the Coordinator of the Mid-South Community College University Center, the Montana State University-Northern Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the MSUN Recruiter/Counselor/Faculty at Mid-South Community College.

This Memorandum of Understanding is between the institutions described herein, but is not intended to necessarily restrict these institutions: Montana State University-Northern may create additional degree centers at other locations; Mid-South Community College may work with other universities to provide degrees at Mid-South Community College.

All Montana State University-Northern Degree Center programs will be agreed upon by both institutions and approved for offering by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Article VII

Official Signatures

We agree to the above conditions and indicate by our signatures our commitment to a quality Montana State University-Northern degree center program for students in the Mid-South Community College service area.

Dr. Frank Trocki
Chancellor
Montana State University-Northern

Dr. Glen Fenter
President,
Mid-South Community College

Date

Date
October 6, 2009

Mid-South Community College
Montana State University – Northern
2000 W. Broadway
West Memphis, Arkansas 72301

Dear Sirs:

Schneider National Carriers strongly supports the application of Montana State University - Northern for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Diesel Technology to be offered on the campus of Mid-South Community College. An opportunity such as this will be very important to the Arkansas Delta and the Mid South region. The region is the transportation hub of the United States. Two major interstate systems come together providing access to the entire nation. Several national trucking firms maintain operating centers in the area, including their maintenance facilities. Two major railroad companies with intermodal services add to the transportation, distribution and logistics capabilities of the region. Additionally, with the large scale barge traffic business on the Mississippi River, the career opportunities for highly trained diesel technicians are seemingly unlimited.

With the partnership developed with Montana State University - Northern to offer the Bachelor’s Degree in Diesel Technology completely on the campus of MSCC, the opportunity for student success is tremendously expanded for the region. All course work leading toward the AAS will transfer toward the Bachelor’s Degree from Montana State University - Northern. The faculty of the Diesel Technology Program is in place in preparation for this move.

As a partner in this effort, we are committed to the success of the Bachelor’s Degree program and will actively support implementation and accomplishment of all associated goals. Specifically, our company will support this project by:

- Providing guidance and counsel as an active member of the Diesel Technology Advisory Council.
- Participating in Diesel Technology curriculum development and teacher workshops.
- Recruit our employees to attend Mid-South Community College Technical Center’s Diesel Technology Concurrent Credit program.
- Speak positively regarding the program to members of our community at every opportunity.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this program proposal.

Sincerely,

Glenn Wilson
Shop Manager
Schneider National Carriers
West Memphis, AR
Mid-South Community College
Montana State University – Northern
2000 W. Broadway
West Memphis, Arkansas 72301

Dear Sirs:

Snap-on Industrial, a Division of IDSC Holdings LLC ("Snap-on"), strongly supports the application of Montana State University - Northern for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Diesel Technology to be offered on the campus of Mid-South Community College. An opportunity such as this will be very important to the Arkansas Delta and the Mid South region. The region is the transportation hub of the United States. Two major interstate systems come together providing access to the entire nation. Several national trucking firms maintain operating centers in the area, including their maintenance facilities. Two major railroad companies with intermodal services add to the transportation, distribution and logistics capabilities of the region. Additionally, with the large scale barge traffic business on the Mississippi River, the career opportunities for highly trained diesel technicians are seemingly unlimited.

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Snap-on is a world-wide provider of hand and power tools as well as automotive and diagnostic equipment. As its part of this project, Snap-on will commit to provide Mid-South Community College and its students, the tools and equipment needed for training at a very attractive discount off of current list price for this program.

We look forward to continue our partnership with Mid-South Community College in this most important endeavor. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Timothy Smith

Snap-on Industrial
Timothy D. Smith
District Sales Manager
APPENDIX C

Montana State University-Northern – Mid South Community College
B.S. Diesel Technology Program
Projected Income/Expenses

Income Estimate (Projected 12 students @ 150% tuition rate and 12 credits)

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NET $130,550
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THAT: The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University Bozeman to establish a Leadership Fellows Certificate.

The proposal for the MSU Leadership Fellows Certificate has been thoroughly reviewed utilizing MSU's standard process for new academic programs and the Provost has approved its implementation. This undergraduate certificate program comprises 16 credits, including a 1-credit capstone course. The certificate will formally reside in University College and will be administered by the Office of Undergraduate Education.
ITEM 145-2009-R1109  Native American Studies Certificate, Montana State University-Bozeman

THAT: The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University Bozeman to establish a Native American Studies Certificate.

EXPLANATION: The proposal for the Native American Studies Graduate Certificate has been thoroughly reviewed utilizing MSU’s standard process for new academic programs and the Provost has approved its implementation. This graduate certificate program comprises 12 credits. The program provides an opportunity for students, particularly K-12 teachers, tribal college faculty, and others to acquire knowledge and a specific skill set in the unique and distinct cultural heritage of American Indians. The program addresses the myths, art, law, policy, history and culture of American Indians and their communities. The certificate will be administered within the Department of Native American Studies.
ITEM 145-2010-R1109

Licensed Addiction Counseling Certificate, Montana State University-Bozeman

THAT:
The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University Bozeman to establish a Licensed Addiction Counseling Certificate.

EXPLANATION:
The proposal for the Licensed Addiction Counseling Graduate Certificate has been thoroughly reviewed utilizing MSU’s standard process for new academic programs and the Provost has approved its implementation. This graduate certificate program comprises 12 credits. The program provides 12 of 18 credits of coursework towards the Montana Licensed Addiction Counselor credential. It also meets the criteria for the national Master Addiction Counselor certification. Persons with a master’s degree from a CACREP/equivalent accredited counseling program may have the additional 6 credits of coursework to meet the Montana Licensed Addiction Counselor credential. The certificate will be administered within the Department of Health and Human Development.
ITEM 145-2011-R1109  Digital Media Certificate, Montana State University-Bozeman

THAT: The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University Bozeman to establish a Digital Media Certificate.

The proposal for the Digital Media Graduate Certificate has been thoroughly reviewed utilizing MSU’s standard process for new academic programs and the Provost has approved its implementation. This graduate certificate program comprises 21 credits. The certificate addresses skill acquisition in digital technology, creative processes, and dissemination of digital media. The certificate is multi-disciplinary including the disciplines of architecture, music, film, photography and art. The certificate will be administered within the College of Arts and Architecture.
ITEM 145-2012-R1109  Library Media Certificate, Montana State University-Bozeman

THAT: The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University Bozeman to establish a Library Media Certificate.

EXPLANATION: The proposal for the Library Media Graduate Certificate has been thoroughly reviewed utilizing MSU’s standard process for new academic programs and the Provost has approved its implementation. This graduate certificate is geared to licensed teachers who want to obtain the school library media endorsement or teachers seeking school library media professional development. The program is designed to meet Montana and other state’s K-12 certification requirements. The certificate will be administered within the Department of Education.