ITEM 145-2801-R1109 Appointment to the Montana Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee-Terrance Funk; Montana State University-Northern

THAT: The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes the appointment of Terrance Funk to a four-year term to the Montana Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2013.

EXPLANATION: The Montana Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee (MMSAC) is established by statute to “advise the board of regents and the department of justice concerning motorcycle rider safety issues, motorcycle training, motorcycle endorsement testing, and other matters relating to motorcycle safety” [20-25-1004 MCA]. The MMSAC has five members appointed for terms of 4 years, one of whom must be a “certified instructor of motorcycle safety training, as provided in 20-25-1005, who is appointed by the board of regents” [20-25-1004(3)(b) MCA]. The MMSAC position representing motorcycle safety instructors is vacant as of June 30, 2009.
It is my recommendation that Terrance Funk be appointed, effective July 1, 2009 for a four-year term to the Montana Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee.

Mr. Funk is certified as a RiderCoach® by the national Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF certification #106217), and is an instructor of motorcycle safety training for Montana Motorcycle Rider Safety. Mr. Funk also is certified by MSF as a RiderCoach® Trainer, and has trained many of the RiderCoaches® currently working for MMRS.

Mr. Funk is a talented, responsible, and dedicated instructor of motorcycle safety. He promotes motorcycle safety in his community and throughout Montana. In his work as a RiderCoach® Trainer, Mr. Funk has distinguished himself among his peers with his broad knowledge of motorcycle safety training and ability to help individual RiderCoaches® serve students better. He also has demonstrated that he has a broad view of the roles of rider training, highway safety, and licensing in improving the safety of Montana’s motorcycle riders. Mr. Funk would represent both MMRS and its instructors with distinction, and his presence on the MMSAC would help improve motorcycle safety in Montana.