

M O N T A N A B O A R D O F R E G E N T S

LEVEL II REQUEST FORM

Item No.: 130-1601-R0106 Date of Meeting: January 11-12, 2006

Institution: The University of Montana-Western

Program Title: Associate of Applied Science in Natural Horsemanship

Level II proposals require approval by the Board of Regents.

Level II action requested (check all that apply): Level II proposals entail substantive additions to, alterations in, or termination of programs, structures, or administrative or academic entities typically characterized by the (a) addition, reassignment, or elimination of personnel, facilities, or courses of instruction; (b) rearrangement of budgets, cost centers, funding sources; and (c) changes which by implication could impact other campuses within the Montana University System and community colleges. Board policy 303.1 indicates the curricular proposals in this category:

- 1. Change names of degrees (e.g. from B.A. to B.F.A.)
- 2. Implement a new minor or certificate where there is no major or no option in a major;
- 3. Establish new degrees and add majors to existing degrees;
- 4. Expand/extend approved mission; and
- 5. Any other changes in governance and organization as described in Board of Regents' Policy 218, such as formation, elimination or consolidation of a college, division, school, department, institute, bureau, center, station, laboratory, or similar unit.

Specify Request:

The University of Montana-Western is currently in its second year of offering it's A.A.S. degree in Natural Horsemanship. This degree, together with its four-year B.S. in Natural Horsemanship, has attracted much state-wide and national attention as well as larger than originally projected numbers of students. Since the program is in high demand, is offered in collaboration with industry, which provides part of the funding, and meets an important educational need for Montana and its students, UMW is requesting regular approval to continue offering this program.