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TO: Montana Board of Regents
FROM: Joyce A. Scott, Deputy Commissioner
RE: Revisions to MUS 2002 Transfer Project Outline



The 2002 Transfer Project Proposal Outline submitted with the Board agenda has been reviewed by the Chief Academic Officers and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board. Based on those discussions, several improvements to the project design have been recommended, as follows:

Transfer Steering Committee: Revise membership list to provide for a separate representative for the community colleges and a separate member for the colleges of technology. This would increase the total representative membership to 15.

Transfer in the Major (p. 4): Revise the first-year plan to focus on nursing and business degrees only, postponing examination of elementary education until further consultation has occurred with the deans of education.

Fact Finding (p. 5): Based on recommendations of the academic officers, extend the period for fact-finding on each of the four-year campuses to allow at least two months for this activity to take place. This is especially important to give adequate time for student input to inform the future directions of the project.

Schedule (pp. 5-6): Academic officers suggest the schedule is too ambitious and may need to be adjusted for the initial stages of the project to allow campuses to work out systems and get organized adequately for the long-term operation of the project.