

**MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**Policy and Procedures Manual**

SUBJECT: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Policy 303.4 – Academic Program Moratorium and Termination

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**I. Board policy:**

- A. The commissioner of higher education shall establish a process whereby institutions of the Montana University System and community college districts may place academic postsecondary educational programs into moratorium, remove previously imposed programs from moratorium, or terminate programs.
- B. Upon termination of a program, that program shall be removed from the official degree and program inventory of the system. A list of all current programs in moratorium shall be maintained by the commissioner of higher education.
- C. After a three-year period, an academic program moratorium becomes a program termination unless the board of regents approves continuation of the moratorium.
- D. The board of regents shall monitor all such academic moratorium and termination proposals through notification or request for approval at regular meetings of the board. The commissioner shall determine the level of review and/or action necessary of each item.
- E. Additional details concerning the academic moratorium and termination process established by the commissioner of higher education, including required documentation, will be made available by the commissioner via the Montana University System website.
- F. Reinstatement of a previously terminated postsecondary educational program will be received as a proposal for a new program by the board.

**II. Definitions**

- A. Program termination- the academic program has been (or will be) withdrawn from the catalog and no students will be admitted to the program.
- B. Program moratorium- the academic program remains in the catalog and on the approved list of programs, but the institution has temporarily suspended admission to the program.

**III. Cross-reference:**

See section 303.1- Academic Program Proposals.

History:

Item 21-001-R0778, Program termination; Montana University System, July 10, 1978. Revised extensively March 4, 2016 (Item 170-104-R0316). Item 185-111-R1119, approved November 22, 2019.