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To: Chief Academic Officers

From: Joe Thiel
Interim Deputy Commissioner for Academic, Research, and Student Affairs

RE: Approval of March 2024 Academic Items

The following March 2024 academic items have been approved:

1. Campus Approvals

Montana State University Billings:

- Notification of intent to place Multiple Programs in Moratorium
[Item #2703-LI0224](#)

Great Falls College Montana State University:

- Notification of the establishment of a Certificate of Technical Studies in EMT/Pre-paramedicine
[Item #2901-LI0224](#)
- Notification of offering the Physical Therapist Assistant AAS program from face-to-face format to a blended offering
[Item #2903-LI0224](#)

Helena College University of Montana:

- Notification of the establishment of a Certificate of Technical Skills in Web Design
[Item #1902-LI0324](#)
- Notification of the establishment of a Certificate of Technical Skills in Service Now
[Item #1901-LI0324](#)

2. OCHE Approvals

Montana State University Billings:

- Request for authorization to consolidate the BS in Public Relations, the BA in Communication Arts – Organizational Communication, and the BA in Communication Arts- Media Studies into the Bachelor of Arts in Communication
[Item #2702-LI0224](#)

Great Falls College Montana State University:

- Request for authorization to terminate Computer Information Technology – Network Support & Security Associate of Applied Science
[Item #2902-LI0224](#)



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Level II:

Montana State University Billings:

- Request for authorization to create two options in the Master of Science in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling: (1) Rehabilitation Counseling Option, and (2) Mental Health Counseling Option
[Item # 2701-LII0224](#)

Helena College University of Montana:

- Request for authorization to create a Certificate of Applied Science in IT Help Desk
[Item #1904-LII0324](#)
- Request for authorization to create an Associate of Applied Science in Cloud Dev Ops
[Item # 1903-LII0324](#)

Sincerely,

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