

## ACADEMIC ITEMS MEMORANDUM

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April 20, 2026

To: Chief Academic Officers

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

RE: Approval of March 2026 Academic Items

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The following March 2026 academic items have been approved:

### LEVEL I ITEMS:

#### University of Montana Western

- Request to place the Sociology Major and Minor in moratorium  
[Item #1602-LI0326](#)

#### Helena College University of Montana

- Notification of the establishment of a CTS in Cosmetology  
[Item #1902-LI0326](#)

#### Montana State University Billings

- Notification to place the Interdisciplinary Studies Exercise and Sport Leadership, MS in moratorium  
[Item #2701-LI0326](#)
- Request for authorization to terminate Teaching Creative and Expository Certificate  
[Item #2702-LI0326](#)

#### University of Montana

- Request to establish a CTS in Welding Basics  
[Item #1101-LI0326](#)

### LEVEL II ITEMS:

#### University of Montana

- Request for authorization to establish the Montana Clinical and Translational Research Center (Montana CTTC)  
[Item #1002-LII0326](#)
- Request for authorization to establish the Elouise Cobell Land and Culture Institute  
[Item # 1003-LII0326](#)
- Request for authorization to establish the Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HCAI)  
[Item #1004-LII0326](#)



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- Request for authorization to establish the Montana Public Health Training Center  
[Item #1005-LII0326](#)

University of Montana Western

- Request to establish the Land, Water and Sky Center  
[Item #1601-LII0326](#)

Montana Technological University

- Request for authorization to establish a Certificate of Applied Science in Broadband Technology  
[Item # 1501-LII0326](#)
- Request for authorization to establish a CTS in Heavy Equipment operations  
[Item #1502-LII0326](#)
- Request for authorization to establish a CTS in Fiber Splicing  
[Item #1503-LII0326](#)
- Request for authorization to establish a CTS in Warehousing  
[Item # 1504-LII0326](#)
- Request for authorization to establish an MS in Mechanical Engineering  
[Item # 1505-LII0326](#)
- Request for authorization to establish an MS in Civil Engineering  
[Item #1506-LII0326](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Thiel".

Joe Thiel  
Deputy Commissioner for Academic, Research, and Student Affairs