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Dr. James Limbaugh Chancellor Montana State University – Northern P.O. Box 7751 Cowan Hall 208 Havre, MT 59501

Dear Chancellor Limbaugh:

This is to inform you of recent action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities regarding Provost Templeton's request that Montana State University – Northern (MSU – Northern) be approved to offer a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree program in Criminal Justice and its related minor as a new area of study for the University. The BS degree program in Criminal Justice requires 120 total semester credits for completion and its related minor requires 24 total semester credits. Both the BS degree program in Criminal Justice and its related minor will be delivered in a hybrid format including online courses and a blended delivery.

In accordance with Commission Policy A-2, the prospectus has now been reviewed and approved as a *substantive change*. In approving this request, the Bachelor of Science degree program in Criminal Justice and its related minor are now included under the accreditation of MSU – Northern.

Thank you for keeping the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities apprised of the developments and initiatives at Montana State University – Northern. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Elman

President

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cc: Dr. Rosalyn Templeton, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs