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Dr. William Rugg  
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Dear Provost *Bill* Rugg:

This is in reply to your correspondence dated February 25, 2016, and March 9, 2016, and received in this office on March 1, 2016, and March 17, 2016, requesting approval from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) for Montana State University – Northern to remove four degree programs from moratorium status, to offer a new degree program, one new minor and two new areas of study using distance delivery modality. The Montana University System Board of Regents authorized Montana State University – Northern to offer these educational programs at their September 2015, and March 2016 meetings. The University has the resources and capacity to offer these specific educational offerings.

**Removed from Moratorium:**

- Bachelor of Science degree program – Education in General Science 5-12
- Bachelor of Science degree program – Education in Health and Physical Education K-12
- Bachelor of Science degree program – Education in English 5-12
- Bachelor of Science degree program – Education in Social Science Broadfield 5-12

**New Degree Program Using Distance Delivery Instructional Modality:**

- Bachelor of Arts degree program in Community Leadership (online)

**New Areas of Study with Distance Delivery Instructional Modality:**

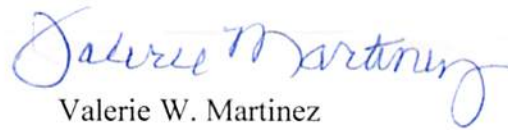
- Bachelor of Applied Science degree program in Business Technology (online)
- Bachelor of Applied Science degree program in Trades Management (online)
- Minor in Traffic Education K-12 (online)

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The Commission has approved the aforementioned changes as *minor changes* under Commission Policy, *Substantive Change*. Accordingly, the aforementioned changes are now included under the accreditation of the Montana State University – Northern.

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

Sincerely,



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