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Dr. Rosalyn A. Templeton  
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Dear Provost Templeton:

This is in regard to your correspondence requesting approval from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities to add a distance education delivery modality for existing programs and minors. Specifically, the University requests that its Bachelor of Science degree program in Business Administration, its Associate of Science degree program in Business Technology, and its minor emphases of Business Technology, Marketing, and Small Business Management be available for delivery to completion via distance education.

Inasmuch as the proposed changes are consistent with Montana State University - Northern's mission and core themes, the Commission has approved these changes under Policy A-2, *Substantive Change*. Accordingly, the distance education delivery of the Bachelor of Science degree program in Business Administration, the Associate of Science degree program in Business Technology, and the minor emphases of Business Technology, Marketing, and Small Business Management is now included under the accreditation status of the institution.

In approving this prospectus, the Commission emphasizes the importance of the University being mindful that substantive change proposals should be submitted for Commission review *prior* to their implementation. Please see Policy A-2, *Substantive Change*, regarding to this expectation.

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,  
  
Pamela Goad  
Vice President

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cc: Dr. Joseph Callahan, Interim Chancellor  
Dr. Sandra E. Elman, President, NWCCU

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