

**MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**Policy and Procedures Manual**

SUBJECT: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Policy 303.4 – Program Termination

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**I. Board policy:**

A. An institution may impose an academic program moratorium to allow for program review, to deal with a temporary shortage of faculty or facilities, to deal with student enrollment pressures beyond what the program can handle or for similar reasons. The imposition and removal of a program moratorium shall be reported to the commissioner's office. After a three-year period, an academic program moratorium becomes a withdrawal unless the board of regents approves continuation of the moratorium.

B. Academic program withdrawal requires approval of the board of regents. Subsequent reinstatement of a program also requires approval of the board of regents.

C. If in the past an academic program has been withdrawn without board of regent approval or an approved program has never been implemented, then the program remains in withdrawn status and board of regent approval is required to reinstate or implement the program.

**II. Definitions:**

A. Program withdrawal: the academic program has been (or will be) withdrawn from the catalog and no students will be admitted to the program.

B. Program moratorium: the academic program remains in the catalog and on the approved list of programs, but the institution has temporarily suspended admission to the program.

**III. Cross-reference:**

See section 303.1, curriculum proposals, Montana university system.

History:

Item 21-001-R0778, Program termination; Montana University System, July 10, 1978.