MEMO

From: Advisory Committee
To: Missoula College Industrial Technology Dept. Chair
Subject: Program Name Change

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As members of the advisory committee, we convened to deliberate changing the name of the Building Maintenance Program (BME). Some of the items discussed were that at the inception of the program, the intent was simply maintenance and repair. Over the years this title has evolved into a position that actually manages the entire facility through the use of technology and a variety of equipment. The name no longer truly reflects the curriculum. Air quality must be monitored and adjusted accordingly through software and computers rather than knobs and switches. Maintaining room temperature is no longer plus or minus 5 to 10 degrees. Systems now regulate humidity and temperature within fractions of a degree. Boilers are operated at a switch board verses pressure gauges and valves. The world has changed and the name of the BME program still reflects a time when safety was an afterthought. For these reasons, we the committee, fully support changing the name to Facility Management Engineering (FME) to better reflect the needs of potential employers and students.

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