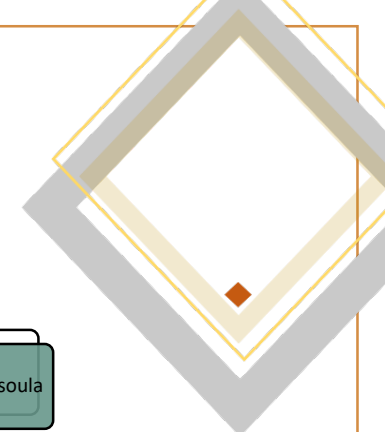


# Public Postsecondary Education in Montana: Structure, Relationship, and Governance

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“Flagship” 4-year research university  
Independent accreditation and budget

“Embedded” 2-year college  
Dependent accreditation and budget  
(Bitterroot College is in a sense twice-embedded)

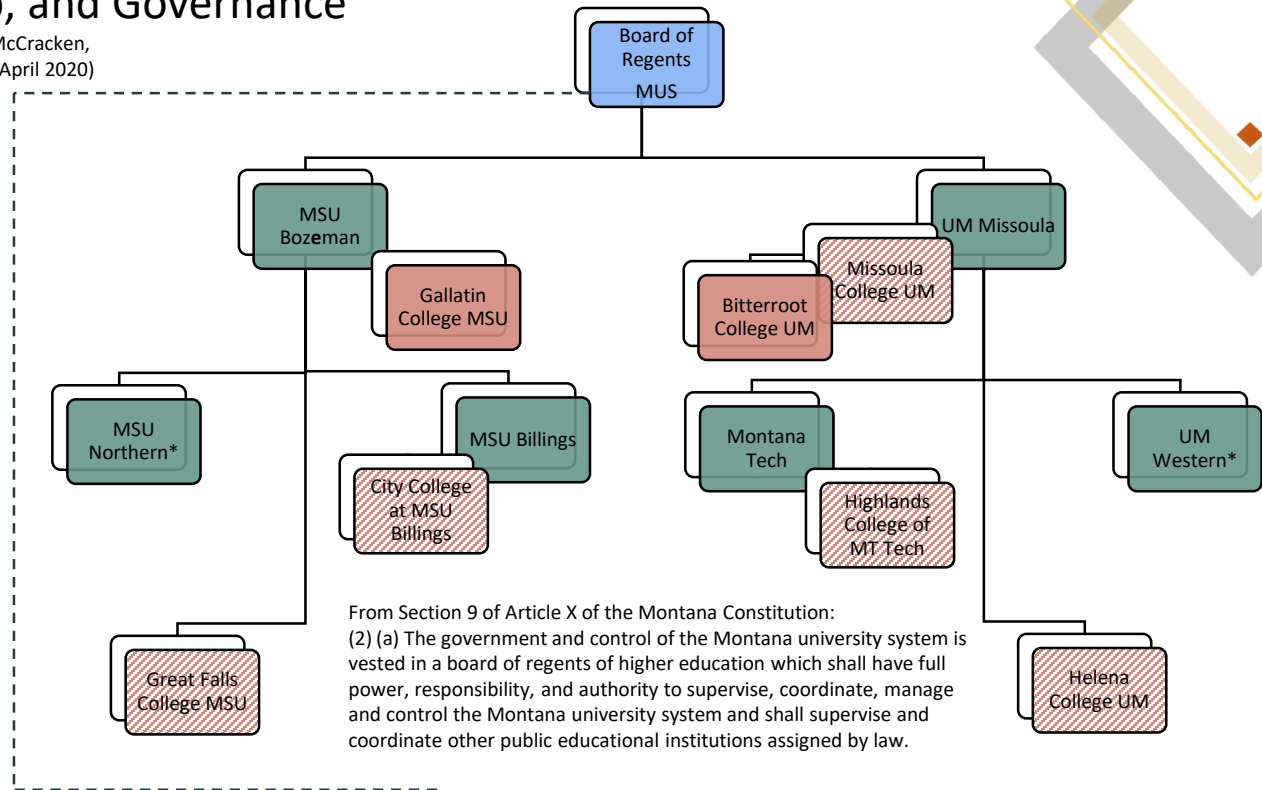
4-year regional/specialty university  
Independent accreditation and budget  
\* Northern and Western offer 2-year programs

“Embedded” 2-year college  
Dependent accreditation and budget

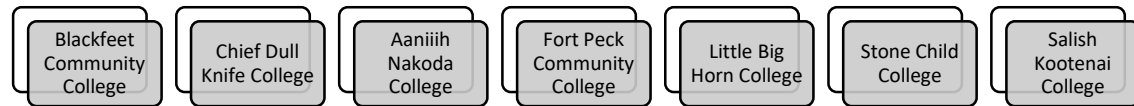
“Standalone” 2-year college  
Independent accreditation and budget

2-year community college  
Independent accreditation and budget  
Receives state funding outside MUS “lump”  
Supported by various local levies  
Governed by locally elected trustees under supervision and coordination of the regents

2- and 4-year tribally controlled college  
Independent accreditation and budget  
Receives state funding only through reimbursement for resident nonbeneficiary students pursuant to [20-25-428, MCA](#)



= historic vo-tech centers and statutory 1.5 mill levy on county (\$ to state general fund)



# Publicly Funded 2-Year Education Locations in Montana

