



The University of Montana - Helena
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

College Council
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 26, 2010

Attendees: Dean Bingham, Russ Fillner, Jennifer Skartveit, Suzanne Hunger, Janice Bacino, Art Warner, Steve Lewis, Wyatt Conard, Sarah Dellwo, Joan Schneider, Brandi Foster, Mike Brown, Jeff Block, Kevin Brockbank, Gary Frankforter; Kila Shepherd; Recorder: Winnie Strainer

Minutes from 10-12-10 were reviewed and approved

Group Assessment Reviews Update:

- Janice and Mike reviewed their assessments
- Each Reviewer completed the template from Suzanne and compiled the final analysis
- Question:
 - Under the key initiatives; are we looking at the past or forward or both?
 - They took it to mean goals for the future
- The group asked Suzanne to send the template to everyone
- Sarah discussed that her group has the handwritten notes and will compile
- Joan briefed that the areas her group met with are thinking in the right direction but need to put their ideas down
 - Each person in the team took their own notes
- What is the purpose of the assessments?
 - Sampling of assessments being conducted in other areas
 - Find a common theme
 - Strategic direction for all areas needs to be assessed to determine if we are all going in the right direction
- Overall the process has gone very well
- It really helped to go out and talk to areas face-to-face
- It seemed difficult for some programs to find their outcomes but the benefit of the assessment is they start thinking about it
 - It is really helpful for all of us to start thinking about outcomes
- The reviews are taking about an hour
- Dean Bingham asked the group how often we should conduct the reviews
 - The consensus is annually
 - Any need for follow-up after the review meetings?
 - Once the CC has compiled all of the information and can provide feedback as to whether area goals are going along with the institutional strategic goals

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-Janice briefed that the feedback should come from Administrative rather than the Council (guidance, education, etc.)

-We have to provide overall feedback to areas

-Impacts of each area goals on the entire institution was discussed

-Brandi was invited to all the reviews conducted and has been able to attend most

-4 reviews completed by November 23rd and the remainder completed by February 11, 2011

-We are on target for completing the process

Update on External Review:

-Dean Bingham updated the group on the external review

-Have yet to meet with Legislators and local educators

Update on Internal Review:

-The survey was 80+ questions

-60+ responses were received from employees

-Student responses were minimal

-The group discussed ways to get more participation from the students

College!Now Review

-Dean Bingham reviewed the College!Now, Montana's Two-Year College Initiative document

-Commissioner Stearns stated the MUS is moving towards a 2-Yr College Program

-Comprehensive College is what we are moving towards becoming

-We have very strong technical and academic transfer programs

-Dean Bingham asked that everyone pay close attention to the key terms

-The items reviewed were:

-Policy Initiative

-The group discussed impacts of possible initiative

-Funding colleges based on students' progress and success, not just enrollment

-What does completion mean in a 2-Yr Institution?

-Up until today it has been about enrollment

-The push is to increase college completion rates

-Virtual Community College

-Other states have these types of institutions

-MT has a program called the Digital Academy (public ed group)

-Where are all the auxiliary services going to come from? Local Colleges

-We need to provide valid input so that when the discussions happen our feedback is part of the discussion; we need to have solutions to problems we have identified

➡ Review the document and discuss with your areas; send Dean Bingham your thoughts/suggestions

Meeting adjourned