



The University of Montana – Helena

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

College Council

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Lecture Hall

May 8, 2012

Present: Daniel Bingham, Russ Fillner, ~~Jean Bailey~~, Sarah Dellwo, Mike Brown, Gary Frankfurter, Jeff Block, ~~Steven Lewis~~, Nathan Munn, Suzanne Hunger, Monica Ramirez, John Hartman, ~~Cary Grubb~~, Mike Wiederhold, Recorder: Gigi Bottenfield

UMH's Strategic Plan

UMH's Institutional Researcher received feedback and comments on UMH's Strategic Plan that was sent out. Revisions will be done and the document will be completed for the July Board of Regents meeting.

Adult Learner Survey

Favorable results for UMHelena were obtained from the Adult Learner Survey. This survey showed the overall above average satisfaction nationally on how we serve our students needs in Outreach, Career Planning, Assessment, Tech Learning, Process Support, Technology, and Transitions.

Water Resources

Chris Matson who is our water resources geoscience program coordinator at UMH, was interviewed by the Prairie Star Newspaper and the article was featured in the May 4th edition. The article goes into detail about how necessary this commodity is to our community. An associate of applied Sciences can be obtained from students who are interested in water quantity or water quality.

NWCCU and Accreditation

The NWCCU- 10 year recommendation response was completed and placed in a binder that details the responses from UMHelena for the recommendations set forth from the NWCCU. The 3 year accreditation is on target for all reports for March deadline.

WICHE and AACC Conferences

The WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education) Conference in Phoenix, AZ. and the AACC (American Association of Community Colleges) in Orlando, FL. was attended by UMHelena's CEO/Dean in April. A handout "Reclaiming the American Dream" was distributed prior to the meeting to the committee members. The three R's from the document: **R**edesign Students' Educational Experiences, **R**einvent Institutional Roles and **R**eset the System were discussed. Both conferences and workshops provided excellent tools for our College's future goals.

Pricing Trends in College Tuition

A handout reflecting the average estimated undergraduate tuition was discussed. This page is from the document "Trends in College Planning 2011" which is published by the College Board Advocacy & Policy Center. The table estimates tuition fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation and other expenses from Public Two Colleges, Public 4 year In-State and Out- of-State Campuses to Private Non Profit 4 Year Campuses.

Graduation Matters in Montana

Graduation Matters in Montana was discussed and it is a statewide program that ensures that Montana's public schools are meeting the goals of graduating more students and preparing them for college and careers. Discussions regarding transferability and block classes were discussed in addition to this program.

Goals of the College Council

The two goals previously set by the College Council will be revisited in future meetings. The first goal is "Develop a process for College Council to assess institutional direction (via priorities for action at programs/department level)." The second goal is "Use institutional assessment to guide development of a new mission statement."

Meeting Dismissed at 4:35