

# **College Council Meeting Summary**

## 3:30 pm

### **Lecture Hall**

## October 9, 2012

Present: Daniel Bingham, Russ Fillner, Elizabeth Stearns-Sims, Mike Brown, Jeff Block, Steve Lewis, Nathan Munn, Suzanne Hunger, John Hartman, Barb McAlmond, Cindy Yarberry, Gary Frankforter, Mary Ann George, Misty Greenfield, Tia Kelley, Mike Wiederhold, Guest Chris Matson and Recorder: Gigi Bottenfield

#### **College Council Representatives**

The College Council reviewed the handout which diagrammed the College Committees, the College Leadership Team and the College Council. The College Council representatives who should be attending all College Council meetings are; Daniel Bingham-Dean/CEO, Tia Kelley and Mike Wiederhold-Interim Division Chairs in place of Academic Dean, Russ Fillner-Fiscal and Plant Dean, Elizabeth Stearns-Sims-Student Services Dean, John Hartman-Faculty Senate President, Mary Ann George- Staff Senate President, Misty Greenfield-Student Senate President, Nathan Munn representative of Budget Committee, Steve Lewis representative of Quality of Work Life Committee, Jeff Block representative of Information Technology Committee, Suzanne Hunger representative of Student Life Committee, Gary Frankforter representative of Facilities and Safety Committee, Cindy Yarberry representative of Diversity Committee, Barb McAlmond representative of the Institutional Advancement Committee and Recorder-Gigi Bottenfield. The representatives are given the responsibility to take information back to their areas and disperse. The Committees handout was updated and emailed out to UMEveryone recently.

#### "Seismo"

Chris Matson, Helena College's Water Resources and Geoscience Coordinator arranged for "Seismo" a 137 foot "long necked" dinosaur to visit Helena College. Our guest will welcome the public for Helena College's 2012 Science Expo. This replica dinosaur, Seismo will be on display at the Donaldson Campus

on the front lawn from October 10th through the 13<sup>th</sup>. The Expo will feature area booths, talking tours and our Helena faculty talking to area middle and high school students about post-secondary science educational opportunities. Facebook, NBC, local newspapers and TV stations have featured this Expo.

#### **Mission Statement**

The committee discussed the Mission statement for the College Council. The Mission statement is "Helena College, a comprehensive two-year college, provides access to and support of lifelong educational opportunities to our diverse community". Committee discussed the word "of" if it should be replaced by "for". The committee agreed that it should stand as currently stated. This topic might be discussed at a later date.

#### Goals

The goals listed for College Council are 1-Develop a process for College Council to assess institutional direction (via priorities for action at program/department level). 2 -Use institutional assessment to guide development of a new mission statement. Committee discussed both goals with regards to assessments, developing processes, ongoing processes, measurable tasks, key performance indicators, accomplishments, deliverables and tying them in to the strategic plan. We will revisit this item later.

#### **Enrollment Report**

Helena College's Student Services Dean presented a power point highlighting enrollment stats. The Headcount is 1627 and FTE is 1064. The majority of students that attend Helena College are part time. Our general education is steady. Retention remains high. High School enrollment is up. The document also lists other stats and that document is attached for your viewing.

Meeting Dismissed at 5:00