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
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