

ITEM 152-103-R0811

Endorse 25-Month Timeline to Extend the Comprehensive Two-Year Mission to the Five Colleges of Technology

THAT

The Board of Regents of the Montana University System endorse the 25 month timeline outlining the planning, communication, and rebranding strategies associated with extending the comprehensive two-year mission to Montana’s five Colleges of Technology.

EXPLANATION

Montana’s five Colleges of Technology will implement the comprehensive two-year mission as approved by the Board of Regents in May 2011. A 25-month timeline has been created by a task force appointed by the Commissioner to plan for the implementation of the comprehensive mission at each of the COTs in conjunction with their respective university campuses. The timeline includes strategic planning, internal and external communications, development of individual college plans, branding, and rebranding of each of the Colleges of Technology.

The Board of Regents adopted comprehensive two-year mission states that the following purposes or components must be included in this comprehensive model:

- Transfer Education through the Associate's Degree
- Workforce Development, including Certificates and Applied Associate's Degrees
- Developmental and Adult Basic Education
- Lifelong Learning
- Community Development

The Board of Regents also charged that the way in which these components are delivered is equally critical. They identified the key attributes for which successful comprehensive Two-Year programs and colleges are known to be the following:

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| Open Access Admissions | Adult Focused and Accessible Learning |
| Affordable | Responsiveness to Local Needs |
| Student-Centered | Cultivation of Partnerships |

ATTACHMENTS

25 month timeline for Extending Comprehensive Mission to the Colleges of Technology