



The University of Montana-Helena
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

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TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Daniel J. Bingham, PhD
Dean/CEO
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RE: Campus Update Report for the September 2008 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Deputy Commissioner of 2 Year Education Mary Moe conducted a Making Opportunity Affordable (MOA) Project Advisory Team meeting on our Donaldson Campus July 30, 2008
- The Campus Leaders meeting was held in the UMH Lecture Hall on August 12, 2008
- Hiring of 7 new full-time faculty in Technology, General Education and Nursing
- Addition of 5 on-line courses
- Creation of Interior Space Design and Planning Certificate of Applied Science
- Hiring of new Director of Nursing, Sandy Sacry
- Hiring of new Program Coordinator for Fire & Rescue program delivered at UM-Missoula COT campus
- Development of workforce training programs in electronics technology and large enterprise systems
- Delivered workforce training in Aviation Maintenance to AVMAX corporation in Great Falls
- Delivered continuing education training units for high school instructors in the area of Construction and Welding
- We are installing reader boards and TV screens on both campuses to provide information to all campus visitors
- Our new basement area is complete and ready for classroom use
- Several pieces of new classroom equipment were acquired over the summer including: a MEDIMAN patient simulator for nursing and new Lathes for the Machine Tooling program
- CTA Architects Engineers Planners of Great Falls was awarded the bid for the design of our addition to the Welding shop at the Airport campus
- We are implementing changes to our network which will allow us to provide students with email accounts

- As of August 15th admissions has received well over 500 applications putting UM-Helena on track towards equaling or surpassing last's year 636 applications, the highest number of fall applications to date.
- 156 new and re-admitting students have attended 4 orientations thus far this summer with a final program scheduled for August 22nd
- New for this year, UM-Helena offered a Saturday orientation program which was well received with 71 students attending.
- Evaluation comments during the Saturday Orientation confirmed that students appreciated the convenience of not having to miss work or arrange for daycare, etc.
- As of August 12, 2008, First Semester Advisors have advised, in one-on-one sessions, 340 new and re-admitting students for summer and fall semesters as well as 59 returning students for these same semesters, for a total of 399 students
- This spring admissions & advising collaborated to streamline the First Semester Advising program making it more user-friendly for students and easier to administrate for college staff
- As of August 12, 2008, the ACCESS Center has administered 405 COMPASS placement tests for the spring, summer and fall 2008 semesters
- Cindy Yarberry, Director of the Learning Center & Disability Services attended the annual national conference of AHEAD (Association on Higher Education and Disability) in Reno, NV, on July 14-19th
- UMH Director of the Learning Center continues to work on a state-wide transition task force for youths with disabilities out of the Governor's office
- Planning for next year's regional AHEAD conference has begun
- Valerie Lambert joined UM-Helena's staff as the new Director of Financial Aid with over 10 years experience in financial aid working for the Student Assistance Foundation and Carroll College