



**The University of Montana-Helena**  
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

**DATE:** August 18, 2009  
**TO:** Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Daniel J. Bingham, PhD  
Dean/CEO  
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**RE:** Campus Update Report for the September 2009 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- Provided 5 seminars for first year instructors on a variety of topics including classroom management, curriculum development, working with the community and assessing student learning. New Faculty hires: Dr. John Hartman, Chemistry; Dr. Shawn Scott, Computer Technology; Karen Raphael-Conley, Interior Space Planning & Environmental Design (2 welding hires pending....can we see if they get completed and add their names before this gets sent on—they are supposed to be meeting with Daniel)
- Dr. Nathan Munn has been selected to serve on the University of Montana's Internal Review Board
- Lance Foster, adjunct in Art and Social Sciences, selected as the Downtown Helena Artist in Residence for July
- Kim Haughee, math instructor, attended the national Math Fest conference in Portland
- Received a Perkins Special Populations grant through OCHE to assist with the delivery and implementation of the Access to Success program and Night College
- Received a Perkins Special Populations grant to work with our local CBO-Career Training Institute to serve Special Populations in the Helena area
- Hired a Career and Technical Education Online Coordinator to help work with CTE Online programs in the area of development and delivery
- Offered OSHA 10 Training to high school teachers from across the state
- Now a certified Aviation testing center for our Aviation Maintenance students
- In the 2008-2009 Continuing Education doubled the previous year's numbers in customized training courses, students, and quadrupled the number of online courses offered through external vendors
- The Learning Center saw 685 visitors in the past academic year and tutors put in 2,290 hours with students. The Learning Center also supported online classes through the development of an online user guide and tutoring
- The Office of Disability Services worked with 87 students with various disabilities last year.
- The Director attended the two-day regional Association on Higher Education And Disability (AHEAD) conference in May that focused on assistive technology

- UM-Helena was awarded 4 student service-learning positions with the Montana Campus Corps program. Several students have expressed an interest in the program
- Career Services continues to collect 2009 graduate survey information
- The Director of Retention and Advising is coordinating a project that will produce a statistical model for predicting student persistence at UM-Helena
- First Semester Advisors are meeting with 25–30 new students per week and are providing one-on-one educational advising for them
- Student Senate officers are participating in fall orientations, promoting community involvement
- Student Senate officers will have an office in the Student Center where they can improve the efficiency and accessibility of student government
- A total of \$5,041,707 in financial aid was awarded to UM-Helena students during the 2008-2009 academic year. This represents a 35% increase from 2007-2008. Pell grant funding increased from \$995,642 to 1,427,541, an increase of 43%, while unsubsidized loan funding rose by 70% from \$1,010,285 to \$1,721,130
- The Student Assistance Foundation will be opening a Helena Outreach office on campus this fall
- Preparations are underway to offer financial aid awards online beginning spring 2010
- At the present time applications for admission have increased 24% over last fall while enrollment of new and readmitted students has increased by 46%