

The University of Montana Western

CAMPUS REPORT: Board of Regents Meeting (January 6, 2015)

Roberta D. Evans, Chancellor (Interim)

People

- Business faculty members **Kevin Engellant** (Department Chair), **Kurt Steadman**, **Fred Chilson**, **Erik Guzik**, **Christian Gilde**, **Cecil Jones**, **Denise Holland**, **Lee Ann Jenne** and **Doug Daenzer** have been meeting at the behest of **Glasgow Superintendent Bob Connors** with **MASBO Executive Director Denise Williams** and **SAM Executive Director Kirk Miller** to create a certificate program and specialized introductory training for school district clerks.
- UMW Library Director **Mike Schulz** traveled to universities in Beijing and Shanghai via a program developed by Mansfield Library Director **Shali Zhang** to promote Montana exchange opportunities. He delivered a presentation entitled, “Academic Libraries: Information Literacy through Guided Inquiry” at the seminar.
- **Dilan Starkel**, football player, has been named recipient of a 2014 Montana Athlete in Service Award for exemplary commitment to civic engagement by the Montana Campus Compact (Head Coach: **BJ Robertson**; Athletic Director: **Ryan Nourse**).
- Notable GRANTS: **Jen Gilliard** (National Association for the Education of Young Children); **Danielle Jones** (Translation Institute: Moscow).
- Notable PUBLICATIONS: **Russ Richardson** (*Athletic trainers have a place in interprofessional education and practice*: Journal of Interprofessional Care; November 2014); **Craig Zaspel**, (*Edge effects in nanoscale vortex-based oscillators*: Physical Review, December 2014); **Sally Cobau** appointed Associate Editor, *Newworld Review*.
- Notable PRESENTATION: **Alan Weltzien** (Western Literature Association, Victoria, B.C.; November); **Estee Aiken** (National Association for Gifted Children, Baltimore; November).
- Volleyball players **Breanne Kelley**, **Madison Mansch**, and **Kendra Mendicino** have been named 2014 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes for outstanding performance in academics and athletics (Head Coach: **Lisa Griffiths**; Athletic Director: **Ryan Nourse**).

Programs

- *On the Rocks*, UMW’s popular Environmental Sciences Department speaker series, featured **Lynda Lyon** on December 8. Following a sabbatical in Scotland, Dr. Lyon spoke of her experiences with crofters, weaving together aspects of history, land tenure, sustainable agriculture, and botany to examine challenges faced by past and present agriculturalists.
- *Bridges to Business*, an executive speaker series created by the Business Department, featured UMW Alumnus **Travis Cottom**, Vice President at Helix Business Solutions, on December 4. Business students and professors were given insight into the incredible opportunities available in this new high-tech endeavor moving into Dillon.
- *The Meaning of Life: A Spiritual Journey*, a symposium developed by **Michael Fancisconi**, **John Xanthopoulos**, and **John Hajduk** (Moderator) brought together 14 speakers representing unique perspectives to share and discuss historical, theological, and pragmatic answers to life’s most compelling question.
- Dining Services/Events served its annual holiday prime rib feast to overflow crowds of campus and community guests in the nation’s finest town-and-gown collegiate night, with flawless preparation and planning by **Cheri McCarthy** (Director of Dining Services), **Kathy Simkins** (Director of Conference/Event Services), and **Louise Bruce** (Culinary Services Supervisor).

Projects

- University Council hosted **Pat Barkey**, Executive Director of the Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research, who delivered a presentation regarding the economic impact of Montana Western on the City of Dillon and Beaverhead County.
- Teaching Learning Development Committee created a networking space for faculty and staff with support from the Emeriti Board. **Estee Aiken** (Chair), **Roxanne Engellant**, and **Jim Corr** and **Joe Chipponeri** took the lead.

Promises

- G.I. Jobs named University of Montana Western “Military Friendly School,” thanks to the tireless efforts of Veterans Board Members **Jed Fitch**, **Tom Straugh**, **Sandy McOsker**, **Wendy Dumke**, **Trent Gibson**, **Heather Haas**, **Mike Piazzola**, **Susan Briggs**, **Ilene Cohen**, and **Erica Jones** (Chair).
- **Mike Vanderzanden** (’90) of Portland, OR, established an endowed men’s basketball scholarship at UMW.