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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the September 16-17 Board of Regents Meeting

- Miles Community College received official notice from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities that it has reaffirmed MCC's accreditation status on the basis of the Spring 2015 Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation* which occurred April 22-24, 2015. The Commission commended the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students for their intentional relationship building and for fostering a culture of belonging that supports and encourages student success. They lauded the College for effectively using assessment to redesign developmental Math and English pathways. The Commission applauded the College for its commitment to providing professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, and the administration for deliberate, effective, and diverse methods of internal communication. MCC has already begun work on the recommendations received from the Commission which addressed assessment, timeliness and consistency of business practices, and the long-range plans for facilities, technology, and equipment replacement. There will be a spring visit from the Commission with the Year One Report in Spring 2016.
- The change to MCC's start date has pushed the beginning of fall semester to Wednesday, September 9. Enrollment is tracking positive for fall 2015 with full orientation sessions throughout the summer. The women's basketball team and men's baseball team will arrive early to begin practicing and conditioning, and the Resident Assistants will return early for a comprehensive RA training which will include suicide awareness training.
- Miles Community College is working with Transco Railway Products, Inc. and their facilities in Miles City to develop a local workforce training program for a Railcar Technician Certificate and Railcar Paint Technician Certificate. This would expedite Transco's training of new railcar technicians as their business grows with the need to retrofit railcars to meet the new industry standards.
- MCC's allied health faculty collaborated with Montana Health Network in applying for a Rural Network Allied Health Grant in which they received. This \$200,000 grant extends over a three-year period and is effective as of August 1, 2015. The grant will help build rural allied health training programs and, specific to MCC, will include the medical lab technician, pharmacy technician, and radiology technician programs. The medical lab technician program, for example, will be enhanced with new technology to offer microscope capabilities so students can participate via distance education. The Montana Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Office at Montana State University will serve as the fiscal agent for federal grant funds and coordinating the programmatic activities with other grant members and network partners.

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