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To: Board of Regents

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Subject: Campus Report for September 13-14, 2017, Board of Regents Meeting

- The Helena College Registrar’s Office now offers Electronic Transcripts through the National Student Clearinghouse. Students now have the ability to order electronic PDF versions of their transcripts and have them sent to the school or entity of their choice. This greatly reduces the amount of time for processing a transcript and allows the student to track when their transcript is sent and when it is received.
- The Helena College Registrar’s Office posted 178 degrees and certificates for spring graduation cycle.
- The Director of Disability Services met with a representative from MonTECH, a federally funded program offering access to assistive technologies to college student with disabilities. By partnering with MonTECH and referring students to this service, college students across the state can have access to assistive technologies at very little or no cost to the students thus freeing up limited institutional disability budgets for other things. MonTECH also provides resources for matching up students to the most appropriate technologies as well as providing training to individuals and campus staff on how to use various programs and devices.
- The advisory council for community members working with individuals with disabilities will again be hosted by Helena College Disability Resources. This council consists of individuals from several public schools, Carroll College and community services such as Vocational Rehabilitation and PEERS Unlimited. The council will meet August 22, 2017.
- US Senator Jon Tester, US Senator Steve Daines, and US Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Dr. David Shulkin visited Helena College for a Stakeholder Town Hall on Veterans Health Care on Monday, August 21, 10-11 a.m. in the Student Center. The public was invited to attend. A rep for US Representative Greg Gianforte was also in attendance.
- Helena College has created a “One Button Studio” on the Donaldson campus. The studio will allow instructors to record lectures, tutoring sessions, demonstrations, guest lectures, etc. for later play back in the classroom or for on-line student viewing through Moodle. The studio will incorporate “light-board” technology, which allows the instructor to write, seemingly in the air between them and the camera. This is accomplished by utilizing a piece of heavy glass, special lighting, and software that reverses the image. This project was accomplished through the coordination of

several departments on campus and with information shared by other MUS campuses who have installed similar studios.

- Helena College, Bryant Elementary School, Lewis and Clark County, and Pure View Health Care are exploring options for creating a neighborhood health clinic on either college property or school district property. For Helena College, the clinic would create a location close to campus that our nursing students could participate in clinical studies.
- Helena College is enacting a new scholarship process where faculty are asked to nominate students who might be eligible in order to increase the number of scholarship applications. The hope is this will result in a decreased the amount of loan monies students borrow.
- All of Helena College's May 2017 RN graduates have all passed NCLEX, putting the College at a 100% pass rate for the third year in a row. The Spring LPN cohort is also at 100% NCLEX pass rate for NCLEX. Helena College has a record of 64 RN students enrolled for Fall 2017. The College last cohort of Old Curriculum RN students will graduate in the Spring 2018.