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Request for approval of updated core themes – University of Montana-Missoula

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The Board of Regents of Higher Education approves the University of Montana-Missoula's mission and core themes.

EXPLANATION

The University of Montana-Missoula developed five core themes through our process of creating a new strategic vision. This vision came out of an inclusive, transparent, and data-informed process that involved thousands of stakeholders at UM, in Missoula, and across Montana. These core themes will form the foundation of the University's Year One report due to NWCCU in spring 2018 and are aligned with the MUS Strategic Plan.

University of Montana-Missoula Mission:

The University of Montana--Missoula pursues academic excellence as demonstrated by the quality of curriculum and instruction, student performance, and faculty professional accomplishments. The University accomplishes this mission, in part, by providing unique educational experiences through the integration of the liberal arts, graduate study, and professional training with international and interdisciplinary emphases. The University also educates competent and humane professionals and informed, ethical, and engaged citizens of local and global communities; and provides basic and applied research, technology transfer, cultural outreach, and service benefiting the local community, region, State, nation and the world.

University of Montana-Missoula Core Themes:

- 1. Engage Students Where they Are**
 - a. Enhance Professional Advising and Support Faculty-Student Mentoring
 - b. Ensure Access through Flexibility: Reimagine When and Where Students Learn
 - c. Strengthen Student Support that Sets us Apart
- 2. Invest in People**
 - a. Invest in Leadership
 - b. Invest in Professional Development
 - c. Invest in Relationships
- 3. Partner With Place**
 - a. Design Student Experiences that Engage and Promote our Setting
 - b. Organize a Campus Hub for Community Partnership and Sustainable Solutions
 - c. Value Diversity through Place-based Partnerships and Internationalization
 - d. Foster a Neighborhood Alliance: Building a Bright Future for Missoula-UM
- 4. Support Excellence and Innovation in our Curriculum**
 - a. Reassert and Rebrand our Model of Education
 - b. Reimagine our Delivery of General Education
- 5. Foster Knowledge Creation and Innovation**
 - a. Sustain and Expand Research and Creative Scholarship in Support of Academic Excellence

b. Catalyze Innovation and Sustainable Economic Development through Entrepreneurship

Additional details can be found in UM's strategic vision: <http://www.umt.edu/strategy/strategic-vision/default.php>.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments