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To: Board of Regents

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Subject: Campus Report for November 15-16, 2018, Board of Regents Meeting

- The Associated Students of Helena College (ASHC) have had the most active senate in its history. All clubs have just been recognized with 6 returning clubs and 3 new clubs that formed. Also, ASHC is beginning the process of seeking student input on a proposed student government fee increase. This would be the first increase of Helena College's student government fee in over 15 years.
- Helena College launched a community engagement lecture program two years ago to invite community members on campus to enjoy information talks and demonstrations on most Thursday evenings throughout the academic year. Thursdays at Helena College are well underway for the fall semester. The college has welcomed community members to these free events to enjoy informative talks on Helena's Northern Pacific Depot and Sixth Ward Architecture, Emotional Intelligence, World Religions and more. Upcoming talks include Montana's Jewish Communities and Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation for mental illness.
- Helena College students, staff, and faculty participated in the 16th Annual NAMIWalk on September 23 to raise awareness of mental illness and raise funds to help individuals and families in the region. The Helena College Hope team was recognized for the most participants sign-up in one week and exceeded its fundraising goal of \$1,000.
- Helena College received 123 applications for this year's College Application Week. This is up from 88 last year.
- Helena College has 566 dual enrolled students for the fall 2018 semester, up from 401 last fall, and an FTE of 161.4 from dual enrollment. This is a 52% increase over last fall and a 63% over the 5 year average.
- Helena College was able to acquire another property in the approved acquisition zone for the college. The college now owns contiguous pieces of property on both sides of the block equivalent to half or more of the available property.
- The Helena School District is building a replacement for the aging Bryant grade school across the street from the Helena College campus. The College and the school district are working together to manage any potential disruptions to access to the college campus and local residents.
- Helena College's Student Support Center is hosting monthly meetings with Native American students to discuss ways the institution can best support their education matriculation. As well, the

Student Support Center and Trio SSS are collaborating to design a centralized Writing Lab to improve access and success for all Helena College students.

- The Helena College Retention, Progression and Graduation Committee is analyzing institutional data to understand the life cycle of the student matriculation experience.
- Helena College Facilities Department is currently working with the Montana University System to get the new Computerized Maintenance Management System up and running. This new CMMS will greatly benefit campus Facilities departments. Over the next few months, data will be gathered and training will take place. This new CMMS is expected to go live in May of 2019.
- Helena College Safety Committee and Emergency Response Team has purchased Three Emergency Trauma kits, two for the Donaldson Campus and one for the Airport Campus. The Fire and Rescue Program Director will then conduct some basic first aid and basic EMT training to Safety Committee and Emergency Response Team.
- Diversity and Inclusion Committee (name change)
- The Helena College Diversity and Inclusion Committee is hosting Diversity Wednesdays twice a month during the 2018-2019 academic year to provide the campus with workshops, films, and general information session on topics related to diversity. The following events have been hosted: “Why is Diversity Important to Helena College” event, a screening of the film “White Privilege,” an open mic event in celebration of National Coming Out Day, and a “Trans 101” workshop. As well, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee is partnering with TRIO in November to celebrate First Generation Helena College students.