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To: Board of Regents

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Subject: Campus Report for July 2021 Board of Regents Meeting

eLearning and Faculty Development

- The eLearning and Faculty Development Office offers a variety of training opportunities throughout the entire summer to all faculty. [Training sessions](#) include quality course design, HyFlex course format, LMS navigation, instructional technological tools (e.g. TEAMS, Screencast-O-Matic), creating accessible online materials, etc. Most of the training sessions are recorded. Instructors can access those recordings anytime in the “Faculty Team” on TEAMS.
- We are assisting the Library Learning Hub for TechHelp workshops and resources for students to meet the students' tech-support needs.
- The June workshop “*What Does Online Look Like?*” highlighted what online teaching and learning look like at Helena College. The workshop covered online courses in various disciplines and the similarities and differences of online education.
- Nine SMART classrooms will be added to HC by the end of June. SMART classrooms can expand our course delivery modalities to satisfy the different needs of our students with diverse schedules outside school. Students can choose to attend a class either in person or virtually (or watch the recordings at different times) without the need to offer multiple sections of the same course. This will have a lasting impact on recruitment and retention as the SMART equipment allows us to maximize the use of our classrooms and expands the learning opportunities to students who live remotely or those who cannot come to our campus because of their work/family responsibilities. A SMART equipment training will be offered to all HC employees in August.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

- In early May, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee completed Helena College’s first Campus Climate Surveys for employees and staff. The employee response rate was nearly 63% and the student response rate was nearly 26%.
- The committee produced two hard data reports, two summary reports, and a list of institutional recommendations. The reports have been distributed to campus employees and distribution to students will take place early this coming Fall semester.

Enrollment

- Enrollment for new, transfer, and readmit students is currently up 80% from this time last year. The numbers for these students look closer to pre-Covid numbers.
- The Registrar’s Office has completed awarding degrees and certificates for the spring semester. There were 129 degrees and certificates awarded. This is comparable to the spring of 2020.
- All spring students have been contacted about registration for the fall. We are seeing a good response from these contacts.

K-12

- The Helena College Summer Bridge Program, *Humanities Through Film* is currently recruiting students for its inaugural cohort. Students can apply online to participate in this 2-week program scheduled for August 9 to 20, 2021 on the Helena College campus. Participating students will work with Helena College faculty and professional filmmakers to produce a documentary film, with the focus of this summer's film being *Pandemics Then and Now*. In addition, students will receive a stipend and the option for college credit.
- Nine high school students are enrolled in college credit offered through Helena College this summer.
- High school students participating in the Helena Area Summer Jobs Program will have the option of receiving a Work Readiness Certificate offered through ACT's WorkKeys assessment. The assessment will be administered by Helena College's Testing Center through the Community Education Center.
- Four students from East Helena High School are registered for CSCI 100 in the fall of 2021. This course will be delivered in a new remote learning classroom on the EHHS campus, paid for by funds received through a GEER grant.

Nursing Department

- Two full-time tenure-track faculty were hired in June. The Nursing department is now fully staffed. Both new hires have master's degrees in nursing and extensive nursing experience.
- GEER fund LPN is progressing well. Several major purchases including a geriatric simulator manikin and two workstations for the remote teaching piece of the LPN didactic classes. Training on the new geriatric simulation manikin will occur in the fall and include the clinical resource RN's (CRRNs) to be hired in Hamilton.
- Continuing to post openings for CRRNS for fall clinicals. Candidates need a current RN license with 2 or more years of experience in nursing.

MT 10

- Recruitment for Montana 10 Fall 2021 cohort is in full swing. We are planning on having a cohort of 30 students and have currently admitted 13 students into the program.

Student Life

- The newly hired Director of Student Life starts July 1, 2021.
- The Student Code of Conduct will be reviewed and updated by the start of Fall 2021.
- Finalizing updates on Policy 100.3 Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Stalking & Retaliation
- Implementation of the new EverFi, ThrivingCampus, You@College, and Kognito is well underway to help address alcohol and sexual misconduct awareness, as well as financial literacy and mental health.