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INFORMATION ITEM

**Institutional Assessment Report 2009; The University of Montana–
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Below is an excerpt from the 2009 Institutional Assessment report from The University of Montana. Provost Engstrom will bring copies of the full brochure to distribute at the meeting.

In the spirit of providing increased accountability and continued improvement in measurable outcomes, public universities across the nation are focusing intense effort on assessment activities. In no other state is this endeavor more important than in Montana, where efficiency is not only encouraged, it is essential.

Strategic planning, budgeting and assessment are all components of a comprehensive resource management process critical to the ongoing success of The University of Montana. Planning is a process in which the University develops long term priorities and initiatives. Budgeting involves allocating appropriate resources over the short term to achieve these objectives. Assessment requires careful analysis of outcomes, comparing the results with established goals and objectives thereby providing a rational basis for the next round of planning.

This brochure is an executive summary of The University of Montana's first annual assessment report, which incorporates data obtained for the Missoula campus. It summarizes results from many different assessment instruments and is organized around seven major assessment categories. The complete, detailed assessment report can be found at www.umt.edu/strategicplanning.