



The University of Montana-Helena
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

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TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Daniel J. Bingham, PhD
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RE: Campus Update Report for the November 2009 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- The rough draft of the self study has been completed for Accreditation. The Steering Committee is reviewing the document and starting to gather the information required for exhibits.
 - The UM-Helena Library participated in the Big Read program. Free copies of *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien were offered to staff and faculty in collaboration with the Lewis and Clark Library. UM-Helena will also host a discussion group on October 20, 2009.
 - Early registration for students will begin November 2, 2009. The Registrar's Office and faculty are currently preparing for advising and registration.
 - The Continuing Education Department has partnered with the Montana Wildlife Association to conduct a lecture series beginning October 20th titled "*Appalachian Treasures: the Dangers of Mountaintop Removal*" which is a special traveling presentation by *Appalachian Voices*; Tuesday, November 17th will be a lecture featuring Capital High School science teacher Tom Pedersen titled "*Connecting Children and Nature*"; Tuesday, December 15th will feature hydrologist (and former Wild Divide Chapter board member) Eloise Kendy presenting "*Rivers for Life*"; all presentations begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall on the Donaldson Campus
 - A new grant writing series began in September with the Basic Grant Writing, Intermediate will be held in October and ending with the Advanced Grant Writing to be held in January 2010 through our Continuing Education Department.
 - The non-credit online Mental Health Direct Care certificate started October 1st
 - The UMH Art committee hosted the "Vision & Lens" Photography Exhibit featuring the works of UMH's own Jeff Block, IT Manager, Mike Cronin, General Education Instructor, and Russ Fillner, Assistant Dean of Fiscal & Plant.
 - Admissions processed a record 862 applications for admissions for fall including 480 new students, 226 transfers, and 156 re-admits. This is a 30% increase from last fall. About 1 in 4 of our applicants used our new online admission application which went live last April
 - We have incredible fall enrollment numbers to report. Our final headcount for enrollment is 1,378 which is a 17% increase over last fall, and FTE enrollment is 978 which is a 22% increase over last fall.
 - In spring 2009, ASUM Student Senate helped a student pay for her national medical coding test. She recently reported that she passed the test and is now employed at a physician's office in what she calls her dream job.

- The UM – Helena celebrated it's 70th anniversary on October 1st with a 70 foot long deli sandwich prepared by Vann's Thriftway, that the school's kitchen staffed served up for community members and students. The two-year college that began as a school for aviation maintenance in 1939, now has 1,378 students enrolled this fall, a 41 percent increase in just three years.
- Women in Gear was held Saturday, October 10th from 9am - 1:30 pm. This fair provided an opportunity for women to explore a variety of non-traditional fields. The fair is designed to highlight various careers in trades that can provide self-sufficiency for women. There were approximately 40 women that attended this years' event.
- Financial aid reports that 66% of the total grant and loan aid awarded for 2008-2009 has been awarded as of this date. So far for the 0910 academic year 1,828 FAFSA's have been received. As compared to a total of 1,855 received for the entire 0809 year.