



The University of Montana-Helena

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Update Report for the March 2011 Board of Regents' Meeting

- TRIO SSS Director John Binzt was hired in December 2010 and as of next week our new TRIO program will be fully staffed (Advisor and Program Support Specialist)
- Dr. John Hartman, UMH Chemistry Instructor received a certificate of appreciation for conducting a chemistry refresher course to the members of the 83rd Civil Support Team (WMD) at Fort Harrison. The Civil Support Team is comprised of full-time Montana National Guard personnel.
- The Director of Retention and Advising and the Career Services Coordinator participated in a pilot advising program with the Academic Advisor. They supported General Education, Office Technology, Accounting and Business, and Computer Technology faculty during group advising for those current students with 0-18 credits.
- Applications for Spring 2011 are showing an 11% increase over applications for Spring 2010.
- The UM-Helena Bookstore has installed a new inventory management system, Courseworks from Follett, as well as point of sale software, Booklog.
- Student Services staff completed the Noel-Levitz ConnectionsNow Customer Service Training in November.
- The UM-Helena Veteran's Benefits Coordinator completed a new webpage for UM-Helena's students who are veterans and their families. In Fall 2010, the UM-Helena's Benefits Coordinator served 98 veterans in Fall 2010, a 24% increase over Fall 2009.
- The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology will receive \$23,852 in Acce\$\$ Grant funds from nonprofit Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) on Friday, Dec. 3. Since 2000, the school has received \$154,836 through this program. Acce\$\$ Grants are awarded each year by SAF through financial aid offices at all Montana postsecondary schools, including tribal and private institutions, and two-year and four-year schools. The amount awarded to each school is determined by enrollment numbers. Financial aid officers use the grants to help students in need pay for their education. Individual award amounts vary by individual and are determined by the financial aid office.
- The Office of Disability Services provided support for 92 students Fall 2010.
- With the assistance of Student Senate and Staff Senate, the Circle K club gave out Thanksgiving baskets to ten of our families on campus. The original plan was to sponsor five families; however there was greater need. Thanks to the Circle K club!!
- The Aviation Club will provide pictures with Santa for students and their children on December 3rd in the Donaldson campus Student Center

- The Donaldson remodel has been completed; New offices for Nursing, expanded areas for the Bookstore and IT, remodeling of some classroom space to make it more conducive to multiple program usage
- Airport campus network link has been upgraded from a wireless link to a fiber optic cable connection greatly increasing the bandwidth and stability of the link between the two campuses
- UMH received a \$50,000 donation from a local non-profit foundation to complete one of the new computer labs on campus and purchase an aircraft for the Aviation Maintenance Program.
- The local building association (HBIA) donated \$1400 to the local student chapter to assist with the travel of five students in the Construction Program to the International Builders Show in Orlando, FL.
- The Wall Foundation contributed over \$9000 toward assisting the cost of the student built home for the Construction Program.
- The Aviation Maintenance Program has acquired a new aircraft through the trade of old unused equipment from the program.
- The RN program will be undergoing a site visit February 15-17, 2011 for accreditation through the National League for Nursing.
- Two faculty have been recognized for their excellence in teaching through the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development. Dr. Nathan Munn, Social Sciences Faculty and Candace Pescosolido, MSN, Nursing faculty, will attend the national ceremony in Austin, Texas in May.