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**TO:** Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Royce C. Engstrom, President *Royce C Engstrom*  
**RE:** Campus Report for the September 2011 Board of Regents' Meeting

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- Associate Vice President for Planning, Budgeting, and Analysis **Bill Muse** received the J.B. Speer Award for Distinguished Administrative Service during the UM Employee Recognition Day ceremony in April (reported in accordance with BOR policy 322.2). Other award winners are listed at <http://www.umt.edu/president/fsawards/>.
- *G.I. Jobs* named UM as a Military Friendly School for 2012, ranking in the top 20 percent of all colleges, universities, and trade schools nationwide.
- The Corporation for National and Community Service honored The University of Montana with a place on the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, an annual recognition program that celebrates exemplary commitment to service and volunteering from institutions of higher learning.
- Dining Services received the Certificate of Sustainability for meeting or exceeding the sustainable business standards for restaurants set by the Western Sustainability Exchange. UDS purchased more than \$612,000 of local food this year. A significant portion of that money was spent on purchasing beef from eastern Montana through the UM Farm to College Program. The certificate recognizes that UDS spends 16 percent of its total budget on Montana foods, has reduced food waste in the main dining room through the Trayless Program, and has decreased solid food waste by 90 percent using a food pulper and waste dehydration system.
- UM has joined a group of 29 higher education institutions across the country to launch "Gig.U: The University Community Next Generation Innovation Project." The project aims to accelerate the deployment of ultra-high-speed networks in communities near leading U.S. universities. Planners hope that growing high-speed networks will drive economic growth in those communities and stimulate a new generation of innovators to address critical needs in areas such as health care and education.
- The Learning and Belonging Pre-School, a program of the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences, recently earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the country's leading organization of early childhood professionals.
- **Jim Burchfield** is the new Dean of the College of Forestry and Conservation, replacing Perry Brown, who was named Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs last October. Burchfield has worked on campus 15 years.
- The NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification renewed the certification of UM's intercollegiate athletic programs, after the University underwent a certification process starting last summer with a self-study focused on governance, commitment to rules compliance, academic integrity, gender diversity, and student-athlete well-being.

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