

Office of American Indian and Minority Achievement
Report to the Board of Regents
March 1, 2012

To support and facilitate the advancement of American Indian and minority people through the academic, student service, research, human resource, and community outreach efforts of the Montana University System.

- Inter-campus advisory council to develop strategic directions, priorities, timeline and evaluation methods that will work on both the system and campus levels.
 - Reno Charette—MSU Billings
 - Ilene Cohen—UM Western
 - Walter Fleming—MSU Bozeman
 - Stacey Gonzalez—MSU Northern
 - Jed Liston—UM Missoula
 - Heidi Pasek—MSU Great Falls
 - Mick Stemborski--FVCC

- Reviewed current BOR policies and working with Advisory Council to revise and present to Regents as a recommendation ways in which to make Diversity issues more visible and more valued.
- Collaborated with the Office of Public Instruction on a grant proposal for Title II funding for in-service teacher education for Indian Education For All support.
- Discussing issues with the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education regarding teacher training.
- Presenting at the Montana Indian Education Association annual conference and hosting a higher education caucus.
- Continued working on establishing a culture of support for AIMA initiatives to focus on high educational attainment (degree attainment) and high academic attainment (superior skills and subject mastery).
- With campus involvement, support the development of culturally sensitive and multicultural faculty through professional development opportunities and stated goals and assessment for good teaching and student support.
- Connect to regional and national efforts in minority student engagement.

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