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To: Board of Regents

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Subject: Campus Report for January 6, 2014, Board of Regents Meeting

- Dr. John Hartman, General Education / Science faculty member, has been named Chair-Elect of the Montana Section of the American Chemical Society.
- Kimberly Haughee, General Education / Mathematics faculty member, has been awarded the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award by the League for Innovation in the Community College. This award celebrates outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty and staff. Recipients are recognized in a series of activities and promotions, and honored at special events at the League's Innovations conference each spring.
- Haven and Alcohol Edu registration for new students to Helena College began on December 8th, 2014. Students will complete training by March 23, 2015.
- HC hosted the Montana Girls in STEM Collaborative conference on November 6 that featured networking, presentations from mini-grant awardees and plenty of STEM professional development. This conference also included the opportunity to learn more about STEM programs at Helena College as well as ways to partner with the college and other STEM businesses and non-profits.
- HC hosted a Boeing Helena-sponsored Women in Gear Event Women in Gear on November 7 that offered a fast-paced, hands-on opportunity for young women in grades 8 and higher to sample exciting demonstrations in aviation maintenance, welding, fire and rescue, machining, automotive and diesel technology, sheet metal fabrication, and pre-pharmacy programs offered by Helena College. The lunch program featured a panel of successful women working in fields based on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in practical applications that often require special gear. A resource fair, light breakfast, lunch, and safety goggles were provided to attendees.
- To help our students stay abreast of leading-edge technology, Helena College accepted delivery of two new Doosan, Fanuc-controlled machines for use in its computer aided manufacturing lab. Doosan has become the industry standard among manufacturers of machining centers. The equipment, its functions, and program code are all integrated into the existing AAS degree in computer aided manufacturing.

- Seven of Helena College veteran students with benefits are transferring to Montana colleges for Spring '15 semester. Two will be attending Carroll College, one to MSU Billings, one to MSU, one to UM, one to Northern, and one to Great Falls.
- The amount of student loans that are being taken out continue to decline. The accepted amount of Subsidized Loans for 2014-2015 AY is down by 21% as compared to the accepted loans for the 2013-2014 AY. The Unsubsidized Loans are down by 18%.
- There has been a decrease in the number of students who have completely withdrawn in the Fall 2014 term as compared to the Fall of 2013. There has been over a 30% decrease in withdrawals since the Fall 2012 term.
- A Financial Wellness Coordinator has been hired to assist in the Financial Literacy goals set forth through the grant with OCHE.
- Admissions received 682 applications for the fall 2014 semester. This is up 1.6% from the previous year. Registration of new, transfer, and readmitted students was down by 00.9% for the fall semester.
- The Registrar's Office awarded 9 Degrees/Certificates at the end of the summer semester. This is up from 7 for the previous year.