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**To:** Board of Regents

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**Subject:** Campus Report for July 18, 2017, Board of Regents Meeting

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- Helena College was listed at #10 in the Top Ten Certification Centers by the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) with 290 certifications. NC3 was established to address the need for strong industry partnerships with educational institutions in order to develop, implement and sustain industry-recognized portable certifications that have strong validation and assessment standards. As a network of education providers and corporations that supports, advances and validates new and emerging technology skills in the transportation, aviation and energy industry sectors, NC3 develops, implements, and sustains industry-recognized portable certifications built on national skills standards.
- The nursing program has accepted the last RN students into the Old curriculum. There were 42 applications for 24 slots. The new curriculum program has accepted the second cohort of RN students. There were 26 applications for 8 slots. The new curriculum LPN program will take applications in the Fall for a Spring start. Those students are currently taking pre-requisite courses.
- CSAO/Title IX Coordinator was accepted to and attended the Law and Policy Institute Certificate program offered by NASPA and Peter Lake and has been asked to assist in the development of a special chapter addressing advising structures and the impact on student retention and performance based funding for the Journal of Student Retention.
- On May 26, two representatives from Helena College disability resources spent the day at Helena High School meeting with the students with disabilities and high school disability professionals to discuss and inform them about the transition from high school to college; specifically, appropriate documentation of disability and the differences between accommodations provided by the high school and accommodations available on a post-secondary level. It was a beneficial process and a date is planned for a similar training to take place at Capital High School in the fall.
- Helena College Veteran Resources is working in conjunction with TRiO, Disability Services, and the Student Support Center on enhancing Helena College's Academic Recovery Program. The Academic Recovery Program is designed for students who are on academic and/or financial aid probation. Advisors work with these students to create plans (perhaps involving tutoring, workshops, etc.) that will assist them in improving their academic standing.

- A representative of Helena College is a member of the Community Advisory Council to help the architect, parents, school district officials, and other community groups to develop plans for rebuilding Bryant Elementary School, which is adjacent to Helena College.
- On May 13, Helena College faculty, staff, and administrators successfully re-dedicated the “Rocket Slide” — a historic and iconic piece of playground equipment from the space-race era and an important landmark in Helena’s history. Through partnership with the Lewis & Clark County Commissioners, Helena College provided the expertise and labor to restore that structure. Furthermore, Helena College students, led by a dedicated faculty member, created an oral history of the slide which is set to become a book that will be available to the community.
- Helena College hosted Dr. Stacy Klippenstein, President of Miles Community College, who facilitated a workshop to update and refine the College’s strategic plan. The entire college participated in the day-long activity, and insights gleaned from this exercise are being compiled/forwarded to the institutional Strategic Planning and Assessment committee for review. Based upon the feedback from this inclusive review process, the Senior Leadership team will formally adopt revisions/refinements and share the results with the entire college in Fall 2017.