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Helena College has 75 candidates for degree for the fall 2019 semester. This is the largest fall cohort of graduates the college has recorded. This includes 20 certificates, 14 Associate of Applied Science degrees, 15 Associate of Arts, and 26 Associate of Science degrees.

We are currently searching for the following full time positions: Director of Student Success and Retention, Assistant Dean of Administrative Affairs, Director of Facilities.

The Business and Accounting programs will be offered completely online starting 2020 Fall. The eLearning Office is collaborating with the IT department for the Microsoft Teams integration with our LMS (currently Moodle). We are also working on developing a Computer Literacy course for students who might need to be more technologically advanced in order to succeed in online courses.

TRIO SSS surpassed all objectives due to the hard work of our students and campus support such as our Wellness Initiative with many thanks to Deb Micu and the Necessary Narratives program run by Virginia Reeves. As we move toward the end of this grant cycle we are looking for additional partners in the areas of Diversity and Inclusion, Peer Educators, leadership development, workforce development and career services. We will be increasing our work with STEM peer instruction, in particular with the pre-nursing population, and also with financial literacy.

Walt Wagenhals has joined Helena College as an advisor serving first gen and income challenged students. He comes to Helena College with a career background in various human service roles with the State of Montana and non-profit agencies, identifying needs, providing resources, services and support through various programs. Walt has also contributed to development of community collaboration efforts and partnerships across a spectrum of youth and family serving agencies..

The nursing department is graduating 16 RN's on Dec 13th- we have a 100% retention rate for this cohort. We will be admitting 8 RN's and 8 LPN's starting this Spring semester. Additionally, all of the LPN students have taken the NCLEX and we have another 100% pass rate.

IT Updates: Currently we are wrapping up all Windows 7 to Windows 10 workstation and all Server 2008 to Server 2016/19 migrations prior to their Microsoft EOL on Jan 14, 2020. We are also removing all TLS 1.0 and 1.1 (old encrypted channel versions) and moving exclusively to TLS 1.2 communications. Both TLS 1.0 and 1.1 are EOL in March, 2020 We are also upgrading network link between the airport and Donaldson campus' to 1GB, scheduled for January 7th, 2020. This will allow us to support more robust network services for students, such as cloud dependent storage and centralized computing opportunities.

Maintenance & Facilities Updates: On the Donaldson Campus the roof project has been postponed to spring semester 2020. The chiller project will be completed during the Christmas break. Also during break we are prioritizing regular maintenance issues including general electrical issues around the campus: outlets, inside lights, outside lights, emergency



lights, exit lights, light motion sensors. On the Airport Campus we will undertake general maintenance over the break and also address parking lot lighting issues.

Valerie Curtin has resumed her former role as the Director of Financial Aid. We recently hired for the opening in Grants and Loans and Valerie will be working to reorganize the division. The Financial Aid office is partnering with other campus groups (ie. Advising, Trio) to improve student financial literacy.

Our Retail Sale division is working towards moving all textbook purchasing online. They are meeting with different vendors to discern which one might be the most advantageous for our institution. This move will free up the time and space to increase food offerings, something that students have been requesting. The Airport Campus has experienced significant success with the addition of coffee and some hot food options this fall term.

Budget Management Team is working on a multi-year budget planning process and gearing-up for the next biennium budget.

Safety Committee has updated the Campus Emergency Protocol Manual. We have the Regroup alert system almost ready for deployment.