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To: Board of Regents

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Subject: Campus Report for January 2022 Board of Regents Meeting

Career Technical Education

- The Diesel Technology Program has a new classroom in their lab. This additional class space includes Snap-On workbenches with toolboxes built-in and a large screen for projecting lessons.
- The Fire & Emergency Services Program obtained a Brush truck from the DNRC through surplus. The truck will be used to practice real-life wildfire training.
- The Airport Campus will host our second annual Welding Rodeo in the Spring 2022 Semester; local high school students will attend, compete, and win prizes. Our Welding instructors will guide the event.
- The SkillsUSA state-wide event will be held at the Airport Campus in April 2020. This event is for those people interested in technical and career service occupations. High school and college-age students will be competing.

Community Education Center

- The Community Education Center is purchasing a new Stryker Stair Chair and a Laerdal Airway Management Trainer for the new Emergency Medical Technician course that is partnered with the Career and Technical Education program to host credit and noncredit students starting in January.
- The Licensed Massage Therapy program is due to begin in January.
- The SBDC is working with small businesses to promote new ARPA funding for customized training through the Community Education Center.
- The CDL program has received Federal approval for recognition as an FMCSA Certified CDL Program.
- The GEERS Grant-funded CDL Testing has been actively testing commercial learners permit holders for the State of Montana Motor Vehicle Division as a third-party examiner. The process supports the demand for testing and the transportation industry.
- The Community Education Center is wrapping up Clinical Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy, and Pharmacy Technician Programs this semester and gearing up for these much-needed programs to begin in the spring semester.
- The GEERS Grant-funded Hybrid-Electric Summit, in collaboration with Career and Technical Education, is expected to run in the early spring semester.

eLearning and Faculty Development

- Helena College currently has nine Smart classrooms (two on AP campus and seven on DON campus). This fall semester, 19 instructors used the classrooms to conduct a total of 44 courses. Instructors can record their in-class lectures and accommodate students' virtual participation easier with the Smart equipment. Students can see the writing on the Smartboard as they participate in the class online through Teams. Smart classrooms are also being used for committee meetings and campus events.
- Additional CRRSAA funding will add seven to eight more Smart classrooms.
- eLearning & Faculty Development Office is collaborating with the Library Learning Hub to develop a Computer Literacy course that will be made available to all students in Fall 2022. Because critical computer and internet skills are valued in today's academic and professional environments, Helena College believes that our students need to be technically competent to succeed in education and employment.

K-12 Dual Enrollment

- As part of the Leadership Helena Education Day event at the Airport campus on November 18, participants were able to hear from a panel of dual enrollment participants, including a high school administrator, dual credit teacher, high school counselor, and two dual enrollment students.
- On November 30 and December 2, Helena College hosted two "Pathway to College" nights for high school students and parents. Topics included dual enrollment as well as budgeting for college and scholarship information.
- Helena College will host two different opportunities for high school dual credit welding students to learn forklift operation on January 3 to 4 and January 5 to 6, 2022, at the Airport campus.
- In partnership with the Helena Area Summer Jobs program, Helena College's Virginia Reeves will offer COMX 115, Interpersonal Communication, for high school students participating in work experiences this summer.

Library Learning Hub (LLH)

- The Library Learning Hub has earned the Level I College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA) Certification for its tutoring program.
- As part of our partnership with Bryant Elementary in providing a variety of monthly educational activities for the two fifth grade classes, the LLH will be facilitating a snowflake greeting card activity based on the book *Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin.
- The renovation of the Library Learning Hub to include tutoring, academic coaching, more group, and quiet study and classroom space with a smartboard, etc. has been well-received and enables the LLH to be a useful resource for the campus as a whole: student and faculty group use, tutoring and library instruction, workshop presentations, graduation activities, and more.

Marketing & Communication:

- A Brawl of the Wild Food Pantry Drive was hosted on Helena College's campuses to encourage donations to the campus food pantry. Participants stated their donations were in support of either the Cats or the Griz with one point being given for each item donated. This food pantry drive led to 866 items being donated, with a final tally of 460 points for the Griz and 406 points for the Cats.

Nursing Department

- On October 20, 2021, the Montana Board of Nursing approved Helena College's request for a substantive change to increase our RN program to 20 students each semester (40 each year) allowing the program to graduate 40 RNs each year (currently HC graduates 32 each year). The nursing program is looking to create a dedicated simulation area to augment student clinical experiences.
- Helena College Nursing is currently accepting applications for our RN and LPN programs for the spring 2022 start. This is the first semester for our expanded LPN program which includes 8 LPN positions in Hamilton through our collaboration with Bitterroot College.
- In October and November, our senior nursing students assisted St Peter's Health with their COVID-19 swab testing clinics and influenza/COVID 19 vaccination clinics. Several nursing students helped administer influenza shots to the veterans at Fort Harrison's influenza shot clinic.
- The Nursing department is holding the 2021 Pinning Ceremony on Friday, December 17, 2021, for 12 RN graduates and 5 LPN graduates.

MT 10

- The MT 10 program just wrapped up its last lecture in its Wellness series. Helena College hopes to build on this series by encouraging MT 10 scholars to be part of various affinity groups next semester such as Certified Peer Educator training or Outdoor Education.
- MT 10 will end the semester with a family-friendly movie night on the Airport Campus. MT, TRIO, and Associated Students of Helena College (ASHC) are all partnering to make the event possible.

TRIO SSS

- TRIO SSS students are being supported in completing the Fall 2021 term well and registering for Spring 2022. Our program uses a case management approach to advising to assist students with wrap-around referrals.
- TRIO is offering two virtual study halls on the December Sunday afternoons before finals.

Student Life:

- The inaugural beard and mustache competition for men's health month had 60 total participants.
- The HC food pantry program collaborated with the Helena Food Share to provide access to holiday meal kits for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.