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CAMPUS REPORT | November Board of Regents Meeting | January 6, 2022



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Nursing Accreditation – The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) extended MSU-Northern's ASN and RN to BSN programs for eight more years, with the next site visit in spring 2029. The ASN and RN-BSN programs have been accredited by ACEN (formerly NLNAC) since 1991.

New Dean of CASE – MSU-Northern is pleased to announce Dr. Beth Durodoye as the new Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education (CASE). Dr. Durodoye comes to MSU-Northern with an EdD in counselor education from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and a wide range of education, administrative, and counselling skills.

Virtual ABET Accreditation Visit – On Oct. 25-27, MSU-Northern hosted an Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) virtual accreditation visit. ABET accreditation provides assurance that MSU-Northern's civil engineering program meets the quality standards of the profession for which that program prepares graduates. The visit went very well and their exit comments were very positive.

Faculty Promotions – The following faculty members received promotions and/or tenure for both 2020 and 2021: Dr. Terri Hildebrand – promotion to professor and tenure, Dr. Chad Spangler-promotion to associate professor and tenure, Dr. Samantha Balemba-Brownlee – promotion to associate professor, Dr. Valerie Guyant – promotion to associate professor and tenure, Mr. Trygve Magelssen – promotion to professor, Dr. Joseph Todd – promotion to association professor and tenure, and Mr. Kevin Holzworth – tenure.

TekNoXpo and ShowCASE – 316 high school students from across northcentral Montana came on campus to learn about MSU-Northern's COTS and CASE programs. The Border Patrol helicopter was on hand to demonstrate aspects of our criminal justice degree.

Second Annual Modern Machinery Days – MSU-Northern was pleased to once again host Modern Machinery Days, which started in 2019 as an annual event but was interrupted by COVID-19. Now it is back to reestablish the tradition, which helps students receive hands-on training and take a second look at career opportunities.

Library Receives New Chiller – A new chiller unit was installed to replace the unit that was on the roof and damaged during a windstorm on January 13, 2021. A new covering was put on the damaged roof this past summer.

COTS Advisory Board Meetings – During October and November the College of Technical Sciences hosted seven advisory board meetings for the following programs: Diesel Technology, Electrical Technology, Automotive Technology, Ag Mechanics & Agricultural Operations Technology, Business Administration, Civil Engineering Technology, and Plumbing Technology.

2021 Fall Career Fair – Forty employers and 250 MSUN students attended the 2021 Fall Career Fair. Eleven of those employers conducted formal interviews with students seeking co-ops/internships and/or full-time employment with local, state, national, and international companies.

Northern Receives \$15,000 PATH Scholarship to Support Students – MSU-Northern has been awarded \$15,000 from the Progress, Accomplishment, Thriving, Hope (PATH) Scholarship, which is provided by the Ellucian Foundation. Established in 2020, the PATH Scholarship provides grants to higher education institutions to support students facing economic hardship.