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RE: Campus Report for March 15-16, 2023, Board of Regents Meeting

- Radiologic Technology faculty and curriculum review committee chair, Tamara Harp, was appointed by Governor Gianforte to a three-year term on the Montana State Board of Radiologic Technologists.
- Montana Tech experienced phenomenal growth during this academic year with employer attendance at career fairs. Both fall and spring fairs were record-breaking, with 31% growth for fall and a 34% increase in employers attending during the spring to meet Montana Tech students. The 2023 spring fair was the largest the university has hosted since its creation in 2009.
- On February 8th, Montana Tech unveiled a new website. The completely redesigned site allows users to easily navigate through the mobile friendly site.
- This spring, a new dual enrollment course, Introduction to the Mineral Industries (MIN 191), for Montana high school students was launched with 15 students. The class introduces students to the mining and petroleum industries and gives them the opportunity to familiarize themselves with potential career opportunities in these critical fields. Content is being taught by faculty in mining, geological, and petroleum engineering, and by guest lectures from industry experts.
- Graduate student, Bailey Tasker, recently presented at the 2022 North American Artic Goose Conference (NAAGC) in Corpus Christi, Texas. Tasker, from Butte, presented an oral presentation of work developing a fall forecast model for snow geese migration. This model is an important step to advancing the waterfowl protection efforts at the Berkeley Pit. The work is a collaboration between Tech, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Western Ecological Research Center – Dixon Field Station, Environment and Climate Change Canada – Banks Island Project, Montana resources, and Atlantic Richfield.
- Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences professor, Dr. John Ray has had a peer-reviewed paper entitled, “The Decline of Political Institutions: Extent, Causes, and Remedies” accepted for presentation next spring at the Sixteenth International Conference on Climate Change: Impacts and Responses to be held in France.
- Sarah North Wolfe has been appointed interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Dean of Students until a search is completed to fill the position permanently. North Wolfe has spent her career practicing academic advising, supporting student success, and building retention initiatives at various institutions throughout the country. She is interested in leveraging technology and predictive analytics to best support students. She holds a bachelor’s degree in behavioral neuroscience from Western Washington University and a master’s degree in experimental psychology with a focus on college student development from Central Washington University.