Two-Year Leadership Call  
July 25, 2014

Present: John Cech, Sue Jones, Mindi Askelson, Mike Simon, Stacy Klippenstein, Sarah Maki, Daniel Bingham, John Garic, Anneliese Ripley, Barry Good, Vida Wilkinson, Amy Williams

Absent: Victoria Clark, Robert Hietala, Jane Karas, Greg Kegel, James Limbaugh, Rita Kratky, Karl Ulrich, Amy Verlanic, William Rugg, Susan Wolff

Update on Main Street Montana (John)
- First discussion took place in Billings
  - Over 80 local leaders
  - Emphasis on apprenticeship programs and how higher education can be agile to develop new workforce initiatives or assist companies with growing areas
- Earlier this week, discussion took place in Polson
  - Great representation in Pillar One
  - Consistency is becoming apparent
- Upcoming discussions in Fairmont, Great Falls, Glendive
- Focused discussions center around the Five Pillars
  - Pillar One: Train and educate tomorrow’s workforce
    - Significant data being received by the Governor’s Office

Update on Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Visit (John)
- Meeting held in Missoula, July 21-22
- Commissioner received an invitation last year to submit a letter of interest to the Gates Foundation for the next Gates Foundation Initiative
  - Montana was selected along with 11 other states to participate in this initiative
- Significant interest in EdReady and its role in Montana
  - We also received 2.4 million dollars from Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation
- Interest in PLA assessment and how it can be a tool to reach more adult learners
- Initial commitment with the Gates Foundation is through the end of this year

Update on PLA Taskforce (Sue)
- Faculty, staff, administrators, and students make up the taskforce
- PLA survey results summarized by CAEL
- Discussion on learning and assessment, working to build a philosophy
- Next steps: Look at survey information, break into subgroups that approach PLA from four main areas
- Upcoming series of four “Becoming a PLA Expert” webinars free to MUS employee, faculty, staff. Please help spread the word.
- Statewide Summit: September 29th in Helena – focus on awareness and outreach to stakeholders
• PLA 101 Trainings in October, more intensive training for faculty and staff one in Helena and one in Billings (free-of-charge)
• Ultimate goal is to develop a manual with PLA guidelines, policies, procedures

Update on Fall In-Person Meeting (John)
• Tuesday, September 16th in Billings
• Will be working to formalize an agenda soon

Update on TAACCCT 4 (John)
• Grant proposal has been submitted
• John recognized/thanked those involved in this process
• Department of Labor has confirmed the proposal is queued and will be read, results will given in September

Update on Dual Credit Initiative (Amy)
• Spoken with 100+ teachers and administrators
• Increasing amount of communication with those involved in dual credit
  o Bi-weekly conference calls
  o Weekly e-mails
• Operations team meetings at OCHE level
• Website revised on MUS website
• Webinar based training in the fall
  o Spring 2015 start date for use of credit for credit coupons
• Currently working on Grad School options for educators

Updates from campuses
• Updates on fall enrollment
  o Glendive-early indication that enrollment should open slightly higher than last fall
  o Miles City-Overall number remaining flat, possibly a slight increase
    ▪ Incoming class is larger than last year
  o Helena-flat compared to last few year’s enrollment
  o Highlands-enrollment is up compared to the same time last year
    ▪ Block scheduling experiment with developmental math and writing students
      • Students will be enrolled in five classes
        o Study skills class all semester, then four other classes are 3.5 weeks long
      • Theory that students will complete developmental education classes in one semester
  o Dillon-currently enrollment is fairly flat, optimistic as applications are up
    ▪ Arrival of new interim chancellor in the next few weeks
    ▪ Fully adopting EdReady for all developmental math courses
Missoula enrollment looks like it will be up, increase of out-of-state students
  - Roll out of EdReady as a placement tool for math
  - Groundbreaking for new Missoula College campus: August 22\textsuperscript{nd}, Noon-1:30,
Perkins Grants
  - All but one college has received official award letters
  - Excited to see innovative ideas this year