I. General Updates
   A. Governor Bullock’s MUS Tour
      1. Missoula College
         • Dean Good is unable to be on the call to today as the Governor is touring the MC facility and UM Campus
         • The Governor will be meeting with faculty, staff and students to hear what they have to say about UM
      2. MSU Northern
         • The Governor toured Northern’s campus last week
         • Tour went well
         • The Governor was very interested in two-year and workforce development, as well as the vision of the college

II. Legislative Updates
   • Still very early in the session to make any predictions
   • Executive action was taken by the Education Committee this week and part of next week
      o February 7, 2013 will be the tuition cap proposal
   • The Jobs and Opportunity by Building Schools (JOBS) bill was heard and went well with some opposition from the -golf course advocates
   • Community Colleges’ Decision Packages were heard
      o Waiting for approval of budgeting formula
      o $340,000 biennium approved for Miles & Dawson for Banner
   • No decision has been made on Veterans’ Services package
   • No decision on Universal Enrollment yet
   • Two-year workforce development moved forward at $1 million instead of $2 million
   • WAMI slots cut by 50%
   • Vet Med proposal moved forward with full funding

III. Workforce Development Discussion
   A. Great Falls College Update
      1. ADF (Montreal based major fabricator) has partnered with GFC
      2. ADF has bought land in Great Falls and has started hiring for the company
      3. GFC and ADF are working in conjunction with Great Falls Public Schools System to train high school students in welding while completing high school requirements
      4. GFC working on expansion of welding program to fulfill ADF’s workforce needs
      5. Two or three other companies also interested, but they haven’t made the commitment that ADF has to the college
6. GFC is working with FVCC’s welding program to help with the workforce development needs

B. ADF’s Workforce needs
1. From 2013-2017 ADF will be adding 200 new welder/fitter position per year for a total of 1,000 new jobs in the Great Falls area
2. Currently 87 welding students graduate system wide (A.A.S)
   - Number does not include those who earn welding certificates, but don’t graduate
   - MUS will need to work with each college to collect the data for number of students who earn their welding certification
3. CWB (Canada) & AWS (U.S.) dual certification needed for AFD workers
4. GFC & FVCC have applied to become accredited designated AWS certified test centers

C. Questions for Mel Lehman
1. What is/are the specific certification(s) for CWB & AWS that will be needed to meet the workforce development needs of ADF?
2. Will they need any certified fitters?
3. Hourly rates? Salary?
4. What level of involvement will GFC want with other colleges to meet the workforce development needs of ADF?

D. Other Updates
1. City College—Working with Stillwater Mine on customized contract training
2. Northern—Partnering with Zinc Air (building 150 kw zinc-filled batteries)
   - Northern and GFC WFD project
   - O & M
   - Issues with integration software (research and development)
3. Helena College—partnering with Boeing for machine tools and have received a 30 year old Boeing 727 plane from FEDEX for aviation program (share it with Rocky Mountain Fire Training program)

IV. Update on Name/Community Events
A. Great Falls College—couple of hundred of people attended, lots of student involvement, and Great Falls Mayor read the January Proclamation. GFC may make this an annual event.
B. Gallatin College—event happens February 7, called “Celebrate Gallatin College,” will take place at the Summit Aviation center, and speakers will include: one current student, one former graduate, Deputy Commissioner Cech, Dean Hietala, President Cruzado and Regent Krauss

V. In-Person Meeting Date
A. Meetings are scheduled for both MSU and UM campuses the day prior to the next Board of Regents (BOR) meeting.
B. Hall will send out a Doodle Poll to the group with a selection of possible dates

VI. Update on Developmental Education Reform Taskforce
A. The taskforce has broken down into five workgroups to come up with policy changes/recommendations for the March BOR meeting

Next Meeting
February 14, 2013
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
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