Two-Year President/CEO/Dean Conference Call
February 27, 2014
9:00 am

Present: John Cech, Daniel Bingham, Victoria Clark, John Garic, Barry Good, Sue Jones, Jane Karas, Greg Kegel, Stacy Klippenstein, Marsha Riley, Mike Simon, Kali Wicks, Susan, Wolff, Florence Garcia

Preparation for meeting on March 5:
• Will be held at Great Falls College, Room B136, Noon to 3:00, Boxed lunches will be provided
• Agenda was sent last Saturday, February 22
• Workforce issues and SWAMMEI will be discussed
• Governor’s Office is requesting information on work in: Welding, Engineering, Computer IT/Programming, General STEM Tracks
  o Welding: Pretty flat from 2009-2013, variance of 3-4 students a year (graduating with certificates/AAS degrees)
  o Students with degrees? Or students going to work in the field?
    ▪ Action step: John will confirm this with Governor’s Office
    ▪ Students may become certified, but not receive a certificate (although work ability is high, they do not complete general education classes that would constitute a certificate)
    ▪ Big Sky Pathways
      ➢ Working to ensure there are dual enrollment courses
      ➢ Working to build certifications into actual programs
  o Colleges are tracking certified students
  o Perkins performance metrics
    ▪ Collection of technical skills assessments from campuses is critical

Susan Wolff/Matt Springer SWAMMEI Update:
• Matt attended conference with TAACCCT grantees from rounds one, two and three, brought together by Gates Foundation and Lumina Foundation
• Also brought in external evaluators
  o Two billion dollars available, this is our opportunity
    ▪ Significant encouragement and support was given at the conference
  o Been working on revenue sharing framework for project, almost ready to roll out
  o Put together timeline for framework of programs offered at colleges
  o Workforce Navigators are coming onboard at colleges, training on March 11-12
  o March 10-12, Inside Track working with colleges with coaching
  o Continue to work with DOL on scope of work
  o First quarterly reports submitted, copies need to be sent to Ed Binkley
  o Financial procedures need to be very thorough
• Questions:
  o How will timing work to place small certificates in the catalogs?
    ▪ Lead institutions need content plan to share with participating colleges
    ▪ Each institution will submit its own approval of content plan to BOR by April 18th, BOR will approve by May
Nursing APIN Regional Meetings

- Focus group meetings are coming up in April
- Need to pay attention to this, information from these meetings will become public
- Discussion/Concerns:
  - Surprised that all the questions focus on nursing, rather than healthcare or general public
  - Concerned about national goal (80% of nursing workforce at baccalaureate level)
  - How will they know strengths of Montana healthcare?
  - What is the changing need? Confused with need to answer what the changing need is... will increasing baccalaureate level help that need?
- Action steps:
  - John will reach out to Cynthia and Casey this morning to get representation to join the Two-Year meeting prior to the BOR meeting in Great Falls next week
  - Volunteers: Marsha and Susan will write up some thoughts on concerns with introduction/questions