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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the September 22-23 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Miles Community College hosted six S.O.A.R. (Student Orientation, Advising & Registration) Sessions this summer. One hundred forty five students took part in the all day events. Students were able to get acquainted with the college, register for classes, receive their college id cards and meet future classmates. Special breakout sessions were held for parents as well.
- Summer enrollment at Miles Community College was high compared to previous years. Sixty five percent of the classes were offered online and the remaining 35% were taught face-to-face on campus. Total headcount was 374 resulting in a 23% increase in FTE from the previous year.
- Dr. Stefani Hicswa served as a member of the faculty for the American Association of Community Colleges Future Leaders Institute and the Future Leaders Institute Advanced which took place in Newport Beach, California June 29-July 2.
- Rob Bishop was named the new head Baseball Coach at Montana State University – Billings. Bishop was the head baseball coach for the Pioneers for the past 10 seasons and the athletic director for the past five. During his tenure as coach, Rob led the team to 10 conference championships, five consecutive regional championships (2006-2010) and qualified for the NJCAA College World Series in 2007.
- Miles Community College hosted the Annual Pioneer Scramble Golf Tournament August 28th. The Pioneer Scramble is a fundraiser for the athletic program. Over 90 golfers took part in the day's event, including alum that traveled many miles across Montana to show their support for Pioneer Athletics.
- The employees of Miles Community College participated in the Welcome Wagon Program August 21-22. The Welcome Wagon is a volunteer effort by the employees to assist students moving into the Residence Halls. Employees carried luggage, televisions, refrigerators, computers and much more to the

students' new dorm rooms. Lunch was served both days for students and their families.

- The President's Cabinet Planning Session took place August 4-6 in Red Lodge. The college's annual strategic plan, utilizing the priorities set by the MCC Board of Trustees during their June Retreat, was developed. The strategic plan includes goals, performance indicators, timelines, responsibilities, and accreditation core themes.
- Miles Community College underwent several facility improvement projects during the summer. New carpet was laid in the hallways, new windows were installed throughout Lucas Hall, and the HVAC system was updated with new controls and equipment. All projects came in under budget and on time. The improvements are very noticeable and have upgraded the look of the college substantially. A combination of stimulus dollars and DEQ funds were used to finance the renovations.
- NJCAA Region IX has voted to go to 2 sub-regions (instead of 4) for Basketball. This means in 2011-12 and beyond Miles Community College will no longer play in the MonDak Conference in Men's and Women's basketball. MCC will instead have home and away games with teams in Wyoming and Colorado. Total expenditures for travel will be relatively the same. Competition will be at a higher level.
- The Center for Academic Success has produced a television commercial for recruiting students into the G.E.D. program offered at MCC. The 30 second spot was co-produced by Mid-Rivers Communications and will air before all of the local programs offered on the Miles City community channel currently operated by Mid-Rivers. Funds used to cover production costs of the commercial were made available through a W.I.A. mini-grant that was awarded to MCC last April.
- Banner implementation is continuing on schedule. Business office and student modules went live in July and August respectively. The Human Resources module implementation is currently underway.
- The 2010 Summer Teachers Institute, under the direction of Workforce Development Coordinator Kassie Taylor, was held during the months of June and July. Forty-four teachers from eastern Montana were able to obtain the credits they needed for teacher recertification. An additional 13 teachers chose to take online credit bearing courses through MCC's Ed2Go offerings.

- Dr. Hicswa has been appointed by Governor Schweitzer to serve as a member of the Montana Commission on Community Service.