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Approval of Core Themes; Montana Tech of The University of Montana

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In accordance with the request of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, Montana Tech's accrediting body, Montana Tech proposes the following Core Themes for the Board of Regents' approval.

EXPLANATION

Montana Tech's Mission Statement is as follows:

To meet the changing needs of society by supplying knowledge and education through a strong undergraduate curriculum augmented by research, graduate education and service.

Through a shared process involving input from Montana Tech's Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) steering committee, faculty, students, and staff, Montana Tech has identified the following four core themes:

- 1. Education and Knowledge;
- 2. Student Achievement;
- 3. Engaged Faculty; and
- 4. The Montana Tech Community.

Education & Knowledge:

The following five objectives have been identified within this core theme:

- 1. Create and sustain strong graduate, baccalaureate, associate, and certificate programs.
- 2. Facilitate student learning through diverse delivery and educational experiences.
- 3. Prepare students for successful careers.
- 4. Provide students a gateway for transfer education.
- 5. Provide students with a general education.

Student Achievement:

The following 3 objectives have been identified within this core theme:

- 1. Students make acceptable progress towards their Montana Tech degree.
- 2. Students are prepared for employment, graduate school, or for professional school after graduating from Montana Tech.
- 3. Students have the opportunity to obtain academic distinction while attending Montana Tech.

Engaged Faculty:

The following three objectives have been identified within this core theme:

- 1. Faculty engage in the pursuit of successful teaching.
- 2. Faculty engage in research, scholarly activity, and/or professional development.
- 3. Faculty engage in service to their profession, the campus, and/or community.

The Montana Tech Community:

The following four objectives have been identified within this core theme:

- 1. Promote a diverse and inclusive environment.
- 2. Provide instructional, research, and living environments that enhance the educational experience.
- 3. Provide events and programs that serve the Montana Tech community.
- 4. Engage Montana Tech alumni and friends.

ATTACHMENTS

None