

# Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee

## FY 2024 Work Plan

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### CHARGE

- Review all academic proposals that require formal Board of Regents' action, and make a recommendation to approve or disapprove to the full Board;
- Review existing policies and recommend new policies relating to academic programs, research, and student services;
- Review policies that pertain to college access and success, including the interface of student financial aid policies with admissions and other academic policies;
- Coordinate requests for institutional data in the academic, research, and student affairs areas;
- Review MUS policies and commitment to American Indian and Minority Achievement;
- Review online learning proposals and policies; and
- Assume other tasks, as assigned by the full Board of Regents.

### WORK PLAN *(priority areas targeted for FY24)*

#### 1. Student Success

- Expand the Montana 10 student success program and develop a plan for scale and sustainability.
- Finalize and implement recommendations of the MUS Developmental Education Steering Committee
- Review policies and strategies to improve American Indian and minority student achievement.
- Review policies and strategies to address student wellness needs and mental health resources.

#### 2. College Access and Affordability

- Develop strategies that leverage data and partnerships to substantially improve resident student access and affordability.
- Conduct an affordability diagnosis to identify gaps and strategies.
- Establish and share best practices around campus financial literacy / paying for college processes.

#### 3. Research and Innovation

- Coordinate across Montana's universities, industry, and state government to compete successfully for the EDA Regional Technology Hub and NSF Regional Innovation Engine programs.
- Revise Montana's state science and technology plan
- Establish and review shared metrics and goals for MUS graduate education.

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### 4. Teaching and Learning

- Launch single MUS learning management system.
- Expand the Montana Online Course Exchange and improve guidelines that facilitate academic collaboration.
- Support a system arc of teaching and learning events that bring together faculty across institutions.
- Renew the MUS General Education Council and undertake a review of MUS general education policy and practice.