The Montana Board of Regents resolves to continue to pursue the goals and strategies outlined in "Strategies for Advancing Montana's Two-Year Education Agenda" (included in the support materials for the Regents' August 3, 2009 Planning Retreat).

We endorse with particular enthusiasm the following strategies:

1. Bring the comprehensive community college mission – transfer education, workforce education, and college/workforce readiness – to all two-year campuses affiliated with the Montana University System.

2. Develop approaches to programming, services, and tuition/fees specifically targeted to increasing adults’ enrollment in two-year education and completion of two-year degrees.

3. Develop a certificate of completion for the “universal transfer core” to facilitate student transfer and reward the completion of a quality-assured credential.

4. Establish common related instruction requirements in programs leading to the same career to ensure equity of access and adequacy of preparation for high-demand occupational areas.

5. Designate two-year colleges (along with MSU-Northern, UM-Western, and participating tribal colleges) as regional “hubs” for partnerships supporting high school-college transitions and workforce development in the region.

6. In collaboration with the Office of Public Instruction, develop a system-wide approach to dual enrollment opportunities.

7. Create a virtual community college featuring the “universal transfer core,” dual enrollment opportunities, and shared programming of participating two-year colleges.

8. Coordinate/integrate data systems and improve network connectivity to support data analysis and resource-sharing.

9. Implement outcomes-based funding strategies.