Two-Year Leadership Conference Call  
May 7, 2015


State Based Financial Aid Update (Ron Muffick)

- Significant reduction in financial aid provided by the state following this legislative session
- Reduction from 6 million to 2.6 million
  - No funding for Baker grant or MT Higher Education grant
  - Amount for Governor’s Scholarship for best and brightest will also be reduced
- STEM scholarship opportunity to be funded by lottery funds
  - Will receive 400K this year
  - Will be awarded through the Commissioner’s Office
    - Tyler Trevor will be determining STEM criteria
  - Could be looking at 3 million once up and completely running
- New policies will be presented at the May BOR Meeting
- Dialogue will be spurred regarding financial aid
  - Need-based aid is a tough sell with the current legislature, merit component needed
  - Trend data regarding student borrowing is being tracked

RevUp Discussion (Matt Springer and Susan Wolff)

- Assessment model-administrative obstacles have been overcome, looking to roll this out as soon as possible
- Assessment Center Discussion
  - Serve underserved areas of the state with occupational training: manufacturing, machining, industrial maintenance and electronics
  - Enables us to serve students across the state that we wouldn’t be able to serve otherwise
  - Expand and contract manufacturing programs across the state
  - Requirement would be placed on infrastructure and revenue sharing between colleges- other opportunities for other training areas down the road would be ideal
  - FVCC has created online opportunities in the areas
  - Currently five assessment centers, may become six
    - FVCC, Northern, Helena, City College, Highlands (possibly Missoula)
    - Practical component to complete the online program, students could travel to these sites for a short period of time
  - Native institution would remain the transcripting institution
- Open Discussion
  - Approvals for new programs? Fees for consumables?
  - Any college that would like this opportunity available to students has a role to play in the near future
  - Specific clarification needed from NWCCU and OCHE and should be shared to provide clarity
o The idea is to put infrastructure in place for later program areas, may not be worthwhile for just manufacturing
o Where will equipment/supplies come from? How many students can we expect for these short hands-on sessions?
  o Brad could send syllabi for courses

• Next Steps
  o Conference call to discuss outstanding questions
  o Matt can outline steps for approval
  o May 20: FVCC faculty will be available for questions

Meeting minutes taken by Katie Spalinger