ITEM 152-103-R0811

Endorse 25-Month Timeline to Extend the Comprehensive Two-Year Mission to the Five Colleges of Technology

THAT
The Board of Regents of the Montana University System endorse the 25 month timeline outlining the planning, communication, and rebranding strategies associated with extending the comprehensive two-year mission to Montana’s five Colleges of Technology.

EXPLANATION
Montana’s five Colleges of Technology will implement the comprehensive two-year mission as approved by the Board of Regents in May 2011. A 25-month timeline has been created by a task force appointed by the Commissioner to plan for the implementation of the comprehensive mission at each of the COTs in conjunction with their respective university campuses. The timeline includes strategic planning, internal and external communications, development of individual college plans, branding, and rebranding of each of the Colleges of Technology.

The Board of Regents adopted comprehensive two-year mission states that the following purposes or components must be included in this comprehensive model:

Transfer Education through the Associate's Degree
Workforce Development, including Certificates and Applied Associate's Degrees
Developmental and Adult Basic Education
Lifelong Learning
Community Development

The Board of Regents also charged that the way in which these components are delivered is equally critical. They identified the key attributes for which successful comprehensive Two-Year programs and colleges are known to be the following:

Open Access Admissions    Adult Focused and Accessible Learning
Affordable                Responsiveness to Local Needs
Student-Centered          Cultivation of Partnerships

ATTACHMENTS
25 month timeline for Extending Comprehensive Mission to the Colleges of Technology