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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Update Report for the September 2008 Board of Regents’ Meeting

- Deputy Commissioner of 2 Year Education Mary Moe conducted a Making Opportunity Affordable (MOA) Project Advisory Team meeting on our Donaldson Campus July 30, 2008
- The Campus Leaders meeting was held in the UMH Lecture Hall on August 12, 2008
- Hiring of 7 new full-time faculty in Technology, General Education and Nursing
- Addition of 5 on-line courses
- Creation of Interior Space Design and Planning Certificate of Applied Science
- Hiring of new Director of Nursing, Sandy Sacry
- Hiring of new Program Coordinator for Fire & Rescue program delivered at UM-Missoula COT campus
- Development of workforce training programs in electronics technology and large enterprise systems
- Delivered workforce training in Aviation Maintenance to AVMAX corporation in Great Falls
- Delivered continuing education training units for high school instructors in the area of Construction and Welding
- We are installing reader boards and TV screens on both campuses to provide information to all campus visitors
- Our new basement area is complete and ready for classroom use
- Several pieces of new classroom equipment were acquired over the summer including: a MEDIMAN patient simulator for nursing and new Lathes for the Machine Tooling program
- CTA Architects Engineers Planners of Great Falls was awarded the bid for the design of our addition to the Welding shop at the Airport campus
- We are implementing changes to our network which will allow us to provide students with email accounts
As of August 15th admissions has received well over 500 applications putting UM-H Helena on track towards equaling or surpassing last’s year 636 applications, the highest number of fall applications to date.

156 new and re-admitting students have attended 4 orientations thus far this summer with a final program scheduled for August 22nd.

New for this year, UM-H Helena offered a Saturday orientation program which was well received with 71 students attending.

Evaluation comments during the Saturday Orientation confirmed that students appreciated the convenience of not having to miss work or arrange for daycare, etc.

As of August 12, 2008, First Semester Advisors have advised, in one-on-one sessions, 340 new and re-admitting students for summer and fall semesters as well as 59 returning students for these same semesters, for a total of 399 students.

This spring admissions & advising collaborated to streamline the First Semester Advising program making it more user-friendly for students and easier to administrate for college staff.

As of August 12, 2008, the ACCESS Center has administered 405 COMPASS placement tests for the spring, summer and fall 2008 semesters.

Cindy Yarberry, Director of the Learning Center & Disability Services attended the annual national conference of AHEAD (Association on Higher Education and Disability) in Reno, NV, on July 14-19th.

UMH Director of the Learning Center continues to work on a state-wide transition task force for youths with disabilities out of the Governor’s office.

Planning for next year’s regional AHEAD conference has begun.

Valerie Lambert joined UM-H Helena’s staff as the new Director of Financial Aid with over 10 years experience in financial aid working for the Student Assistance Foundation and Carroll College.