Resolution #2 of the Montana Board of Regents
on Two-Year Education Goals and Strategies
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The Montana Board of Regents resolves to continue to pursue the goals and strategies
developed during the Making Opportunity Affordable “learning year” to increase
enrollments, completions, and successful job placement/transfer through affordable,
efficient approaches to two-year education in Montana. 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 in Montana.

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 “two-year college 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.

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.

6. In collaboration with the Office of Public Instruction, develop a statewide protocol
   for dual enrollment and other high school-to-college transitions.

7. Create a virtual community college offered on a consortium basis, featuring the
   “two-year college transfer core,” dual enrollment opportunities, and 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.