



# The University of Montana – Helena

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**TO:** Board of Regents

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Dean/CEO  
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**RE:** Campus Update Report for the March 2012 Board of Regents Meeting

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- UMH has issued purchase orders for the hardware to install a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) telephone system on both the Donaldson and Airport campuses. The system will reduce our dependence on the State of Montana for phone service and provide access to emergency calling from all classroom and labs.
- The Airport campus expansion and remodel has been completed.
- An energy retrofit of a major portion of the heating and cooling system in the Donaldson building is in the final stages of completion.
- The bid process is underway for the replacement of failed asphalt on the south and east side of the Donaldson building. The project will include a significant increase in the number of handicap accessible parking spots near the Donaldson Building and great ADA access on the south side of the building.
- New software has been installed in the Airport campus Parts Department. This new software is being setup to allow students to access the system so they can learn how to create and track work orders. This is one of the skills that students will need when they take a job with many of the modern repair shops.
- UMH has opened a Coffee Counter in the main entryway to the Donaldson campus. The counter sells a variety of coffee based drinks to students, faculty, staff and the public.
- UMH's FY12 enrollment has exceeded the all-time high enrollment records set last year. Final numbers will not be available until after the 15 day.
- The Financial Aid Office disbursed just under \$5 Million in FA for the Spring 2012 term.
- Over 100 Financial Aid Appeals were processed for Spring 2012 term.
- Approximately 60 Academic Plans have been created for the approved appeals.
- The Financial Aid Office also created new Cost of Attendance guidelines for 2012-2013.
- The Financial Aid Office is in process of completing Financial Aid Year Roll Over to be ready to award for 2012-2013.
- College Goal Montana will be held on campus February 8<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 7pm.
- Career Services participated in the inaugural LPN Nursing Recruitment Fair held on November 15, 2011 (eight local health care employers participated).
- The spring Nursing Recruitment Fair will be held on April 10, 2012 (Employer participants will be seeking graduating LPN and RN students).

- Several Montana and regional recruiters visited the UM Helena campus during fall 2011 (Menlo Worldwide Logistics from Bismarck, ND, and Diversified Plastics from Missoula, MT, gave recruitment presentations to Welding and Machine Tool Technology students).
- During spring semester 2012 Wyoming Caterpillar, Casper, WY, has scheduled a recruitment presentation to Diesel Technology students.
- The Helena Career Fair co-sponsored by the Helena Independent Record, UM-Helena, Carroll College and the Helena Job Service will be held in the Carroll P.E. Complex from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.
- Disability, Veterans, and Counseling Services had 103 counseling sessions in the fall of 2011.
- 100 students were registered with disability services in Fall 2011.
- 110 students used veteran's services in Fall 2011.
- Four veterans and five students with disabilities graduated in December.
- We have two counselors working with our students this spring.
- The Director of Disability and Veterans Services is currently taking an online course entitled "Developing Technical Standards and Eligibility Criteria that Are Appropriate and Legally Defensible."
- The Advising Center staff advised 265 new and re-admitted students for Spring 2012 Semester.
- In addition the Advising Center staff advised 512 continuing students.