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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Stefani Hicswa
President, Miles Community College

RE: Campus Report for the November 15 – 16 Board of Regents’ Meeting

- Sarah Peterson was hired as the new Miles Community College Endowment Executive Director. Sarah Pett began her new role on campus as the Coordinator of Student Success and Disabilities Support Services. Sarah also instructs all of the remedial reading courses at Miles Community College. Sharon O’Meara is the new part-time Medical Lab Technician instructor who coordinates the partnership MCC has with Bismarck State College’s Medical Lab Technician Program. Three part-time Clinical Resource Registered Nurse instructors were hired: Pam Rorvik (Glendive), Mary Janssen (Miles City), and Tammy Jones (Glendive). Rachel Finn, who is the CRRN in Miles City for the sophomore class as well as instructor of Psychiatric Mental Health, has been hired to teach courses within MCC’s new Pharmacy Technician Certificate Program. Nathan Nash has been hired as the Assistant Coordinator of Student Life and Nancy Aaberge has been hired as the Business Services Director.

- Loren Lancaster, Financial Aid Director, received the Blue and Silver Award for being the Employee of the Semester for Fall 2012.

- Miles Community College celebrated Constitution Day on September 17. Students were encouraged to stop at Student Services and take a 10-question Constitution “IQ” quiz and watch segments of a video about the Constitution.

- MCC hosted the Eastern Montana Development Forum on September 18. This event was the rollout of Senator Max Baucus’s Eastern Montana Energy Workforce Development Initiative. People from the energy industry were invited to learn what training is available from the colleges across the state.

- Student Senate partnered with the Miles City American Association of University Women (AAUW) to sponsor voter registration at Miles Community College during National Voter Registration Day on September 25. There were 30 people who registered to vote. This included four faculty who updated their information, four
community members who stopped in and registered, and the rest were students. The event was a wonderful way to engage everyone and get the word out to vote!

- With the Miles City Star, Miles Community College sponsored a forum on October 11 for the candidates running on the November ballot for state and local offices. MCC President Stefani Hicswa facilitated the evening’s forum.

- The Miles Community College Educator’s Conference was held on campus October 18-19. Area educators participated in a variety of professional development classes including one by President Hicswa titled *Pink Flamingos for the Teacher’s Soul*. Harassment Prevention Training was also available for MCC faculty and staff during the conference.

- The MCC Endowment hosted the fourth annual Main Event “Night of Knowledge” on October 27. The Main Event is the college’s annual fundraiser. The evening consisted of an Italian-themed dinner, variety show by students, and testimonials from alumni.

- The Center for Academic Success ran a fall Boot Camp, Bridge, and Beyond program that integrated the GED Bridge to College and Careers Program from October 22 – November 2. Ten people signed up for the Boot Camp Program, which is the highest enrollment the program has had at one time since its inception.

- Miles Community College was named to the Military Friendly Schools ® list by Victory Media Inc.

- A search has been conducted for the Vice President of Student Success and Institutional Research and interviews will be conducted within the next couple weeks for a start date of January 7, 2013.

- President Hicswa and Erin Niedge, Director of Educational Support Services, attended the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities for accreditation training on November 7.