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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the November 19-20 Board of Regents Meeting

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- Miles Community College received a \$50,000 grant from the Montana Coal Board in October toward the purchase of the old National Guard Armory facility located in Miles City. This, along with a private donation of \$100,000, and the potential of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and an Economic Development Administration Grant (both of which have been submitted and are pending decisions) would make the Armory purchase a reality for MCC. The College is currently leasing the building with hopes of purchasing the facility by the end of November to increase the capacity of the heavy equipment and CDL programs. This would also free up the Vo-Tech facility where the heavy equipment and CDL programs are currently housed to bring back the building trades program.
- Dr. Rita Kratky, Dean of Workforce Development and Continuing Education, is traveling to Missoula the week of November 16 to participate in a Developing A Curriculum (DACUM) study. The first part of the week will entail DACUM training for MCC employees to prepare MCC to assist the DACUM trainers in running a DACUM study. The later part of the week will provide the MCC Team the opportunity to work with the DACUM Study Team and a Construction Trades Team (comprised of five to eight construction experts from industry) to perform a DACUM study on developing a construction curriculum into a skills-based/competency-based format.
- Kim Gibbs, Agriculture Instructor and Ag Club Advisor, is taking a select number of students majoring in agriculture to the Society for Range Management Annual meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas January 31-February 4, 2016. The participating students will be competing in a poster competition and will be researching a topic selected by the event organizers. This opportunity will provide MCC ag students the ability to network with people from all over the world and make contacts that will help them secure internships, identify transfer options, and ultimately help them find employment upon graduating.
- The MCC Athletic Department sponsored Casino Night, a scholarship event that was held Saturday, October 24. The evening entailed many opportunities to support student-athletic scholarships through activities such as a silent and live auction, Bingo, 50/50, and other fun games. The athletes also went throughout Miles City on October 28 and trick-or-treated for canned goods that were donated to the Custer County Food Bank.
- MCC is working with First Interstate Bank, which is relocating from Main Street to Haynes Avenue, to develop a new road and access point to the main campus from Haynes Avenue. This development would greatly increase MCC's visibility and accessibility.
- MCC has been collaborating with the Miles City Police Department and the Miles City Fire Department on active shooter protocols and responses. The agencies and MCC hope to facilitate a drill in the upcoming months.

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