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To: Board of Regents

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Subject: Campus Report for November 16-17, 2017, Board of Regents Meeting

- The Helena College Dean/CEO search committee has narrowed the 56-candidate pool to two finalists. WebEx interviews were held during the week of October 6. Dr. Dave Ferreira, Associate Provost of the Georgetown Campus at Horry-Georgetown Technical College in South Carolina, and Dr. Vern Lindquist, Dean of Faculty and Chief Academic Officer of Richard Bland College of William & Mary, are scheduled to visit the campus and meet with students, staff, faculty, and community members. Dr. Lindquist earned his Ph.D. in English from Indiana University. He has taught for eighteen years at a community college and has twenty-four years of experience in higher education, fourteen of those in academic administration at the two-year and technical college level. Dr. Ferreira earned his Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership from Northcentral University. He has been in higher education for over twelve years with progressively responsible supervisory experience in both large urban community colleges to medium-sized suburban/rural community colleges.
- This fall semester, Helena College has enrolled 373 students in 22 different dual-credit courses at 9 participating high schools. This is a 14% increase over fall 2016.
- Helena College has seen a significant increase in the number of students requiring accommodations, with 48% of accommodated students being new to Disability Resources this semester. Through a collaborative effort between Helena College Disability Resources and both Helena High and Capital High Schools, two Disability Resource staff members will conduct all day visits to both high schools to speak with students in core curricular labs (study hall for students with disabilities) about accommodations in higher education and successfully transitioning from high school to college.
- Helena College's Automotive Technology Program is collaborating with the State of Montana Department of Labor and Industry, the Montana Auto Dealers Association, and six local Helena Automotive Dealerships to pilot an automotive technician apprenticeship program. We have had initial meetings with the dealers and hope to have student apprentices in the dealerships by Christmas.
- The Helena College Diversity Committee led the campus in a Diwali celebration during the month of October with decorations, informative displays, and events that included a Bollywood dance demonstration/instruction, Mehndi (traditional art of painting the hands with henna), and Rangoli (Indian art form in which patterns are created). Diversity programming for the month of November

will focus on Native American Heritage month featuring guest lectures, a Native Montana Pop-Up Museum, and a main hall display sponsored by the Helena Indian Alliance.

- With the intent to offer cultural and informative programming at no cost and to engage community partners, Helena College has implemented “Thursdays at Helena College.” This effort to bring community members to the campus to experience free or low-cost events has been very well received by the Helena community. A partnership with the Holter Museum of Art has led to *BYOC (Bring Your Own Canvas)*, artist-led beginning acrylic painting. *Shake Your Groove Thing* was a beginning dance class led by a Helena College employee who is also a dance instructor. November is Family Literacy Month, as well as Native American Heritage Month. Programing in November includes “Family Reading Night” where the college will invites families to join in games, crafts, and book exploration bring the Lewis & Clark Library Bookmobile and their mascot, Booker the Buffalo, to campus, as well as a Native American Language and Culture Panel and screening the Eloise Cobell movie *100 Years*.