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TO: Board of Regents

FROM: Dr. Stacy Klippenstein
President, Miles Community College

RE: Campus Report for the November 2018 Board of Regents Meeting

- Miles Community College continues its update of the 2018-2019 strategic plan. Through a variety of campus-wide and division-wide meetings, MCC faculty, staff, and administration have reviewed and revised the college core themes and core theme objectives, and this information was presented to the Board of Trustees at their October meeting. From here, various campus divisions and departments will finalize action plans for each of the core theme objectives.
- Miles Community College applied for and received a DEQ grant to purchase and install solar panels at the MCC Ag Advancement Center on the college's west campus; the grant covered a majority of the project costs. OnSite Energy Inc. from Bozeman was awarded the bid and began installation in mid-October. The overall solar panel system is intended to provide 20.5 kilowatts of energy, and a monitor will be installed in the building lobby to display energy savings. The project supports MCC's Vision 2020 strategic plan by shifting energy consumption to sustainable and renewable sources of energy, and allows continual training opportunities on renewable energies.
- Guy Lund, POWER Grant Workforce Navigator, Jerry Forman, Heavy Equipment/CDL Faculty, and Dr. Stephen Dent, Science Faculty, participated in a Carolina Coal Ash and Reclamation Tour on October 3-4. In Charlotte, North Carolina, the group toured the Duke Energy River Bend reclamation project and learned the process of coal ash disposal after the plant was closed and dismantled. The group also traveled to Eastover, South Carolina, visiting the Wateree Generating Station to tour the remediation effort there, and to Columbia, South Carolina, to visit the McMeekin Generating station and tour the Goal Ash Recycling Center.
- MCC has launched an Advising Task Force to review campus advising policies and procedures and explore various advising models to better support student success and retention. The Task Force is made up of individuals from across campus, including faculty from both general education and career and technical divisions, student services personnel, and athletics. The Task Force is co-chaired by Dr. Daniel Ferris, History faculty, and Anne Anderson, Director of Student Success and Retention.
- As a part of the reworking of the organizational chart during Spring 2018, MCC created a new position for internal hire: Associate Dean of Instruction and Distance Learning. Sarah Kloewer Pett, English Instructor, was hired for this additional contract and began July 1, 2018. In this role, she manages the instructional side of the distance delivery systems (Canvas and Pexip), provides training and support to faculty and students, and oversees the Quality Matters process of assessing online course development. She also assists the Vice President of Academic Affairs with work on program outcomes learning assessment, articulation agreements, program advisory board coordination, and course scheduling.
- Throughout October and November, MCC Administration will host several "Dining with the Deans" events to collect student feedback on all facets of Miles Community College. Vice President of Academic Affairs Rita Kratky, Dean of Student Engagement Richard DeShields, Dean of Administrative Services and HR Kylene Phipps, and Dean of Enrollment Management and Educational Support Services Erin Niedege have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to engage with students and find ways for MCC to improve.

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