

DATE: April 22, 2020
TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Karas, Ph.D., President, Flathead Valley Community College
RE: Campus Report for the May 20-21, 2020 Board of Regents' Meeting

- FVCC faculty and staff have met the challenge of delivering remote instruction while maintaining their personal connections with students. FVCC advisors, counselors and tutors have expanded their ability to meet with students via phone, email and videoconference and are scheduling meetings at times that work best for our students. Because of the agility of our faculty and staff to reformat their courses within a few days, students have been able to continue their education.
- FVCC has established an Emergency Student Fund to assist currently enrolled students who need help purchasing course materials, paying for medicine, food, rent or other necessities. We are also identifying students who need support to access the technology required for remote learning and are providing accommodations for them. In addition, FVCC's Business Office is working with students on payment plans tailored to their individual needs.
- FVCC created Wi-Fi hotspots in campus parking lots to allow students to work in their vehicles. In addition, students without access to adequate technology at home can schedule time to use computer labs on campus. Strict sanitation and social-distancing protocols have been implemented to protect the health of students and staff who are using the labs.
- In partnership with local school districts and local businesses, FVCC is manufacturing masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) for our medical community and first responders. We have also donated PPE from our nursing and health care programs and our custodial services.
- FVCC's Student Engagement Office and Residence Life have created virtual activities and events to keep students involved while practicing safe social-distancing measures.
- FVCC announced that it will not hold a traditional, in-person spring commencement ceremony this year. Plans are being made to recognize graduates in a virtual ceremony, and members of the Class of 2020 will be invited to walk across the stage and be

recognized at the 2021 spring commencement ceremony.

- FVCC's Culinary Arts program is baking whole-grain bread with flour ground from Campus Farm wheat and donating the bread at cost to local food pantries.