

University Executive Council (UEC) Notes January 8, 2019

Attending: Dan Edelman, Evelyn Noennig, Melinda Arnold, Reno Charette, Bret Weisz, Joann Stryker, Barb Shafer, Jill Hirschi, Janet Simon, Shannon Wilkes, Dan Benge, Laura Gittings-Carlson, Lori Borth, Tom Manthey, Trudy Carey, Dawn Githens, David Powell, Darla Tyler-McSherry, Darlene Hert, Sheri Steiner, Vicki Trier, Mary Susan Fishbaugh, Sue Balter-Reitz, Christine Shearer, Heather Hanna Kristin Peterman, Kathy Kotecki, Brian Mackey, Florence Garcia, Gillette Vaira, Paul Foster, Trudy Collins, John Dorr, Kevin Nemetz, Joy Honea, James Barron, Stephanie Cowen, David Buckingham, Krista Oaks, Robbie Carpenter, Kalie Porter, Emily Williamson, Becky Lyons, Tammi Watson, Cindy Bell, Mo Casey, Bill Kennedy, Jon Egeland, Aaron Like, Ed Brown, David Craig, Denis Otterness, Cheri Johanna, Nate Millward, Krista Montague, Aaron Murrish, Rebekah Reger.

Welcome from the Chancellor and introduction of new employees: Dr. Edelman introduced Dawn Githens, Director, Military & Vets Center; Provost Arnold introduced Vicki Trier, Dean, City College; Emily Williamson introduced Kalie Porter.

Dr. Edelman introduced the presentations “What’s Up, MSUB? He is open for other suggestions if anyone has them for the name.

Presentations were made by: **Paul Foster, International Programs:** Handouts: OIS Update with mission: Comprehensive Internationalization of MSU Billings. Stakeholders: MSUB Students, MSUB Faculty. Highlights: From 2013 there were 4 traveling abroad in 2018 51. OIS has raised over 125K for scholarships for MSUB students. #1 barrier is financial. Handout: NAFSA Data/Benefits from International Students.

There were 3 TRIO Presentations: 1. **Dan Benge: Educational Talent Search & Upward Bound;** Purpose: These Federally funded programs are an educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. There are 7 programs (Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, Student Support Services, Veteran’s Upward bound, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program. Educational Opportunity Center, Math/Science Upward Bound) targeted to serve and assist low-income, first-generation college, and disabled students to progress through baccalaureate programs. 2. **Lori Borth: Veterans Upward Bound;** 155 students served; Goal: to increase the rates at which participants enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education. Serves high school students from low-income families, high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor’s degree. VUB serves low-income, first-generation military veterans who are preparing to enter postsecondary education. 3. **Laura Gittings-Carlson: Student Support Services:** Serves 258 students annually. Provide students: Holistic and student-centered services, resources and educational opportunities to encourage persistence at MSUB. Services, resources and educational opportunities that support successful graduation, personal and emotional growth, financial literacy, active learning and self-advocacy, and the development of skills necessary for life after college.

Handouts: Slide presentation, Veterans Upward Bound info card, Upward Bound pamphlet & card, Student Support Services pamphlet, Educational Talent Search pamphlet, Montana Trio Fact Book 2018.

Chancellor Updates:

Budget Council/budget process will be changing as there are better ways. If you have suggestions please send to Evelyn. A new policy will be worked on, brought to UEC and back to Cabinet. This will be a collaborative process. Stay tuned more information to come.

Accreditation:

Chancellor Edelman, Provost Arnold and Interim Vice Provost Balter-Reitz will be attending NWCCU meeting, in Seattle, on Thursday and Friday. We are working on the strategic plan and completed the updating of employee job descriptions. We will keep you posted.

Housing/Out of state tuition:

Reduction of housing and tuition was approved by the Board of Regents today. A 20% reduction will take place with wavers to help cut cost for out of state tuition. More options have been made for the meal plan and for later night opportunity to get food (7:30 am – 9:30 pm). Also, a plan of short term stays to provide place in emergency situations.

Community Engagement Report:

Chancellor is looking at software that would allow the input of community engagement information to be saved at one location. This will be assessable so folks working on community projects can access to make sure duplication of efforts is not happening. More to come.

Last 8 Months:

Dr. Edelman presented a PowerPoint of what has happened on campus in 2018. A short overview of the year.

Foundation Update:

Bill Kennedy updated us on the progress of the YSAHB. All is signed off on for a total of the project being 17.1 Million. Drawings will be done in May with a shovel in the ground hopefully the 1st of July. The Foundation Grant Program is available for student centered projects. Make sure to submit requests with two signatures as required.

Communications & Events: Shannon Wilcox handed out what media support was received in the past weeks plus what events are coming up on campus in the coming weeks. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Next UEC is February 12th

Be sure to attend upcoming Basketball games, MT VA reception on Wednesday and upcoming meeting with the MET to discuss better routes/possible partnership for free rides for students.