



**'Jacket Leadership Team Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2022**

Meeting held in person with Web-ex option in Glacier Room, began at 2:00 pm

**Announcements:**

Chancellor Hicswa welcomed new Director of Human Resources Paula Highlander and announced that Krista Montague, former Athletic Director, is new President/CEO of the MSUB Foundation.

**COVID-19 Task Force Update:**

COVID Team Lead V.C. Kim Hayworth announced that international travel restrictions were lifted by the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. COVID Incident Commander Provost Eskandari spoke on the reduction of mask mandates, but continues to recommend masking in certain situations. The COVID Task Force continues to meet regularly, but may meet less frequently going forward.

**MSU Pure Gold Nominations:**

University Communications and Marketing Director Maureen Brakke led discussion on MSU Pure Gold Awards. There have been some misunderstandings about these awards but the hope is that MSUB staff, faculty, and departments are nominated more frequently in the future, giving MSUB more recognition within the university system for our outstanding employees.

**Academic and Student Affairs Strategic Reorganization:**

Provost Sep Eskandari reported that there will be strategic restructuring of academic advising and some student support services under the umbrella of the new Office of Academic Success. Registrar Cheri Johannes will be head of this department in addition to maintaining her duties as Registrar. Changes will take effect before the end of spring semester.

**Montana 10:**

Vice Chancellor Kim Hayworth introduced Montana 10, a funded initiative from OCHE that will greatly or fully reduce the cost of college for eligible students. Eligible applicants will be Montana residents with some Pell Grant eligibility who are degree-seeking full time students. The cohort will number up to 170 students. Several other schools in the MUS have participated.

**'Jacket Giving Day:** March 24<sup>th</sup> Nick Schmidt

**No Meeting Friday March 11th**

Dates of Chancellor's Focus Groups on MSUB's Niche:

**University Campus:** *Beartooth Room, Student Union Building*

March 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am (Staff)

March 30<sup>th</sup> 2:15 pm (Students)

April 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am (Faculty)

April 11<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm (Staff)

April 25<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm (Faculty)

April 27<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm (Students)

**City College Campus:** *Administrative Conference Room, City College*

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:30 pm (Students)

March 31<sup>st</sup> 1:30 pm (Staff)

April 7<sup>th</sup> 1:30 (Faculty)