

University Executive Council (UEC) Notes

July 10, 2018

Chancellor Edelman open thanking everyone for attending. There were 55+ attending today's meeting.

Special recognition and thanks was given to Don Centrone for his outstanding efforts in arresting a hit and run driver. He was presented with a plaque.

Chancellor Edelman gave an update on the successful brick campaign and thanked faculty & staff for their participation. Total is \$170,000 and growing.

New Employees were introduced along with the new Interim Deans: Ed Garding, Dr. Dorr & David Buckingham. Chase Greenfield has been hired and will be the strategic plan coordinator. Dr. Dorr has reduced his salary by 25% with the difference to be used at the College of Allied Health.

New Members to UEC were introduced along with representatives attending. Brandon Gatlin will be the Interim Chief of Police.

HERC committee: will be meeting for the first time August 9th at 10:30 – 12:30 in McMullen 305. Invites will be sent out on Wednesday. This is a leadership opportunity. We would like to see a good exchange ideas in the monthly meetings. If you were not included in this committee you may be on the strategic planning committee. Chancellor is pleased with where we are at and it's a great time to be here with lots of opportunity ahead.

UEC Purpose: This is an opportunity for leaders to communicate, discuss, and ask questions within a campus wide, open forum. To work together as a team. Please submit agenda items to Evelyn by noon the day before.

Foundation Funding is changing. There will be an allocation for a Grant Program from the foundation. You will need to get your request into the Foundation a month before the board meeting. The earlier the better. There are limited dollars. As soon as the Board approves the form the program will be rolled out. Jon Egland will be working with Trudy to get the history.

Space Changes: There is lots going on over at City College to support our Native American and Veteran students. Larger spaces are being provide to promote community for these groups. Changes also affect the Campus Store, Honors, the Food Pantry, and Student Services will have an enlarged space for testing. This is a good example of how we are putting the needs of the students first. There will be a ribbon cutting on November 11th with the celebration of becoming a Purple Heart University. The Chancellor is meeting with Senators/legislators and recruiting veterans. Having MT VA on campus will get veterans familiar with us and hope to move them in choosing our campus for their education. The American Legion is committed to helping...we will make a difference. More info to come.

Jacket Giving Day: October 9th – this is an online event. The opportunity for campus groups to raise unrestricted dollars for their project. 11 confirmed groups, cap is 16. Deans need to be in line with the project. Applications need to be returned by July 30th.

Intent to plan for Doctorate in Education: Draft will be taken to the retreat in August and then moved through all the appropriate channels. This is a huge step, one that has been on the radar for a long time. All needs to be approved by the faculty and hopefully have the 1st small group the fall of 2020. More to come.

Eastern MT Tour: Bussin Beyond Billings is set for July 24-26. Please send friends and family from these areas to the events. It will promote recruitment, alumni friendship and great partnerships with other campuses. The tour will go to Miles City, Glendive, Sidney, and Poplar. Promotion is through social media. Class C schools are being reached out to.

Day at the Montana Fair: August 12 – This is the 2nd year. Alumni will receive a card to get in free. There will be free ice cream and beer while you visit with the Chancellor. Athletics will be at the gate in the morning. This is an opportunity

to showcase our talents in Billings and beyond. Data shows that this is where we need to focus. Have enough volunteer but if you are interested get ahold of Gillette.

Investiture and BOR: September 11th in Petro Hall @ 5:00 pm with reception to follow. Planning continues. BOR will be on our University Campus for the first time. At noon on the 13th the Foundation will have a ground breaking for the new Science Building. Community, donors and BOR attendees will be invited.

Helena Leadership Recap: Provost shared their experience was more a work session and the Deans were included. This will provide more collaboration in the future. Deans met with legal, it was upbeat and affirming in the work we are doing. The Commissioner was enthusiastic. We are all part of the big picture and our work is appreciated. They plan to have more of these in the future.

CFO group: Got together the day before BOR meeting. The state allocation model was shared. This should be implemented in 2020/2021 FY. Tuition rates were discussed along with fees. More to come, stay tuned.

David Buckingham shared that reduction of costs of text books was discussed along with student retention.

Communications folks will continue to meet before every BOR meeting. It has been a good experience. Lee Enterprise State wide will print guest editorials monthly. Billings Gazette has invited the Chancellor to have a column quarterly. These will help to change perception. Need to get positive information out to the public and legislators. Next legislative session will be interesting. We can educate about the 6 mill levy value and what has been achieved, this is not a new levy. We cannot ask for votes.

Collaboration between faculty and staff advising/mentoring/coaching. Staff make presentations when possible to use your expertise to influence students.

Upcoming events: Please use the master calendar to put your events on. There will be HR training 5 part series for Deans and Directors...coming July, August, and October. Title 9 training on campus on August 22nd in the library, room 148.

Chancellor Request Form will be coming to help coordinate the Chancellors time at events/conferences/orientation. If he can't make it he may request someone to go in his stead. Link will be sent out this week.

Strategic planning: September 27th in the afternoon and the morning of the 28th. Will end with a "at a glance" document.

Other: Orientation will have 103 students/40 guests, Thursday and Friday. 20th of July will be bring your child to work day...there are usually 28 -30 kids. Lots of fun planned for the day. Project US Troops is moving forward planned for early August, more information to come. Academic Boot Camp is coming. Three session on has 3 people, one 5 people and one 6 people. Academic Bridge classes are coming August 20-26th. It gets people on campus and opportunity to support them as they transition.