

## University Executive Council Notes

February 11, 2020

Attending: Melinda Arnold, Kurt Toenjes, Susan Simmers, Maureen Brakke, Cahle Clampitt, Gillette Vaira, Jana Marcette, Heather Eggum, Lorie Haacke, Barb Shafer, Curt Simpson, Tom Manthey, Vern Gagnon, David Powell, Darlene Hert, Steve Froggatt, Trudy Carey, Krista Montague, Aaron Murrish, Bryan Grove, Brandee Soens, Darla Tyler-McSherry, Denis Otterness, Aaron Like, Cindy Bell, Christine Shearer, Florence Garcia, Elaine Labach, Kathleen Thatcher, Dawn Githens, John Dorr, Jon Egeland, Bill Kennedy, Vicki Trier, Tom Valles, Paul Foster, Joann Stryker, Kathy Kotecki, Brett Weisz, Heather Hanna, Jim Barron, David Craig

Provost Arnold welcomed everyone. Tom Manthey introduced new employee Curt Simpson, Office Manager at the Montana Center for Inclusive Education.

Joann Stryker gave an update on the spring census which closed the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the semester. Good news is headcount for spring semester is 4314 the highest it's been in 5 spring semesters. Graduate students are up, NAS are up by 45, Undergrads 44, and Graduates +1. Retention at City College is up 5.8% and traditional student retention is up. Positive changes on both campuses. For full reports follow this link... [Box > All Campus Information > Institutional Research > Census > Spring > 2020](#)

Krista shared that there still are Honorary Faculty Guest Coach opportunities at basketball Games coming on February 27 & 29, 4 total spots remain.

Remaining Home Basketball Games are:

- February 13<sup>th</sup> Basketball Game: Pink Night and Donor Night –Foundation Campus Partner (5:15 start)
- February 15<sup>th</sup> Basketball Game: Hall of Fame Night - Campus Police Campus Partner (5:15 start)
- February 27<sup>th</sup> Basketball Game: Military Appreciation Night –Campus Partner Library with RMC and Billings Public Libraries (5:15 start)
- February 29<sup>th</sup> Basketball Game: Senior Night – Alumni Association Campus Partner (5:15 start)

Gillett announced nominations close for the Outstanding Alumni Awards on March 10<sup>th</sup> and the event has been moved to the fall. The Athletic Hall of Fame and Game and Social is February 15<sup>th</sup>, Alumni Night with the Jackets is February 29<sup>th</sup> and Golden Graduates Alumni program registration closes March 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information go to:

<https://msubfoundation.com/events/>

Darla Tyler-McSherry updated the group on participation in the Psych Armor Training. As of today we are at 40% of goal. Send list of folks who have completed the training to Darla or Kelli Kittelson. Provost Arnold announced that the offer to have a pizza party for departments that have completed the training is closed. Thank you Dr. Arnold for your generosity.

The first Blood Drive is planned for February 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 4:00 in the Beartooth Room in the SUB. Donors will receive a \$5 Starbucks card. Two more are scheduled one on 3/36 at City College and on 4/16 again on main campus.

Events coming to campus were announced by Maureen. Rebecca Week “Rapid Expansion” Exhibition starts 2/11 in the Northcutt Steele Gallery. City College will have an Internship & Career Fair on 2/12 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Blood Drive on the 13<sup>th</sup>, Offices closed for President’s Day 2/17 and Preview Day is 1/24 from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm.

Announcements were made for the Distinguished Discourse Lectures scheduled in the library for February – April. Also, a request for folks to print and post the Student Satisfaction Survey Poster was made by Joann Stryker.

Tom Manthey announced the winners of the Faculty Award for Exceptional Support of Students with Disabilities are Andrea Payne from ASC and Dr. Brian Ernest from the COE.

In 2003, the Montana Center began honoring faculty who have provided exceptional support to students with disabilities. Faculty members are nominated by students and chosen by Montana Center and Disability Support Services staff. The awards are presented during the MSUB Faculty Excellence Awards ceremony each spring.

David Craig shared that twenty-two MSUB students will present the results of their research and creativity at NCUR 2020. From March 26-28, the Council on Undergraduate Research 34<sup>th</sup> annual conference will bring 4,000 students from all across the country to Montana State University for oral presentations, poster sessions, and performances.

Kurt Toenjes announced that DJ McGee has been nominated for the Goldwater Scholarship.

Finally, the portal for textbook ordering for this fall is up and will be easier than in the past. Also, the faculty regalia website is up for ordering.