

## Fire & Emergency Service Program Advisory Council Agenda

Thursday, October 22, 2020

WebEx On-Line Meeting

**ATTENDEES:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Sanders, Chair, Bozeman Fire             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trevor Schilling, Billings Fire              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chrisgin Anderson, Park County Fire | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Tuck, Rocky Mtn Emergency Serv         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dann Babcox, Park County Rural Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Webster, St.Peter's Hosp Ambulance                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Brandt                         | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Calnan, Frenchtown Fire         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandy Bauman, Dean                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Chambers, Helena Fire          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tammy Burke, Exec Director CTE               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Culbertson, MSU Fire School    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridget Guerin, Administrative Associate APC |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Macinnes, Livingston Fire       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Loomis, Dir Com Engage & Workforce Dev             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Newman, Missoula Rural Fire        | <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Roberts, Adjunct Instructor                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Sammons, L&C County Rural Fire            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lyn Stimpson, Instructor                     |
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**• Update on Fire and Rescue AAS program review process and Helena College personnel changes.**

HC Fire & Rescue Program had a decrease in enrollment and our cost per student to run the program was very high. Mike Wiederhold is no longer with the college, and Tammy Burke (Executive Director of Career and Technical Education) has taken over the lead roll in the Fire and Emergency Services Program. Her and Lyn Stimpson, full-time instructor, did an intensive review of the program over the summer; they came up with more options for degrees. The F&R Program was an Associates of Applied Science degree and now the Fire & Emergency Services Program is an Associate of Science degree.

**• Review updated Fire and Emergency Services AS degree program, course content and sequence.**

First year students will work mostly on their F&ES degree credits along with working in the field. During the second year students will take general education classes (30 credits) which will have them ½ way to achieving a Bachelors Degree. HC works with UM, MSU Billings, and/or

the Fire Career Training facility. The students will take less fire classes and more general education classes. EMT will be offered at HC, but it will not be in the F&ES Program directly. HC will accept credit from the Training School when the outcomes are the same. At least 1/3 of the student's credits need to be completed at HC. \*The Advisory Members would like to see the new degree plan to review and advise the HC F&ES instructors.

- **Provide work-based learning opportunities for students.**

The committee agrees that the more hands-on the students can be the more they will learn. Ride-alongs are important to get a feel for the profession. Driving training is important because it helps with on-scene circumstances. Helena College is leading for hands-on training in the state; we have technology, equipment, and partnerships. Hands-on certifications are a top priority for alumni.

- **Provide input on budget, facilities and equipment needs.**

HC uses the fire house on the airport property. We would like to work with others to get a better training facility that could be shared. The Helena College Foundation is willing to help with the funding, but we will need to work with other fire departments to have sufficient funds. The F&ES Program will be moving from the Donaldson Campus to the Airport Campus over winter break; classes will begin at the APC in Spring 2021. This will be a time for the F&ES Program to get really organized and prepared for a new start.

- **Assist in developing a marketing plan.**

Lyn will be working on updating the FaceBook page and a website for the new program. Right now we are mostly marketing by word-of-mouth. The new program will be advertised to the high schools and will encourage taking advantage of the dual credits offered (College Algebra, College Writing, and COMX courses) with the 12Free Program. HC is working directly with East Helena High School, and a program may be set up for the seniors to take classes at HC. Paramedics are needed; articulations and partnerships with other colleges are available. We will be offering certificates that coincide with 3 class offerings. Our program is not officially approved yet. We expect the Board of Regents to approve the new program October 28; the first week of November we should be able to start advertising the new and improved program. EMT classes could be started this Spring 2021 for new student and then they could continue and start their Fire courses next Fall 2021.

\*Tammy will get the new degree plan to Bridget, and Bridget will email it to all of the advisory members.\*