



CAMPUS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes

Helena College Lecture Hall – 8/15/2016

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- Brian Obert**, MBAC
- Bryan Page**, Dept of Labor & Industry
- Carol Rule**, Helena Job Service
- Doug McBroom**, Dept of Transportation
- Gene Walborn**, Dept of Revenue
- Lisa Cordingly**, Helena Education Foundation
- Margaret Bowles**, OPI
- Rick Hays**, Community Volunteer
- Tiffany Ferguson**, Northrop Grumman

HC STAFF/FACULTY IN ATTENDANCE:

- Daniel Bingham**, Dean/CEO
- Chad Hickox**, Associate Dean of Academics
- Robyn Kiesling**, Interim Gen Ed Division Chair
- Tammy Burke**, Trades Division Chair
- Mary Lannert**, Director of Continuing Ed
- Sandy Sacry**, Director of Nursing
- Ryan Loomis**, Admissions Counselor

Recorder: Summer Marston, Assistant to the Dean/CEO

WELCOME

Dean Bingham began the meeting welcoming the advisory council. HC employees will be asking questions during today's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recruitment and reaching out to the community to help with remediation and special populations

Ryan Loomis, Admissions Counselor, explained that, cross the country, enrollment is dropping in education. Happens every time the economy is good. Introduced Ryan who is looking for info on how to best serve the community. Began by letting the council know what HC is already involved in, what resources are available, what we could be doing. Currently work with Job Service, Access to Success, Adult Basic Ed, DOT, Shodair, area schools, YMCA, PEAK, vocational rehab, CTI, Family Outreach, Helena Industries, Ft. Harrison, Department of Labor (apprenticeship program), TRIO education opportunity center, Helena Indian Alliance, Youth Challenge, Job Corps. Looking for other areas that could benefit students, either HC reaching out or to refer to other organizations. Campus Advisory Board members listed the following suggestions:

- Salvation Army
- Good Samaritan
- Goodwill
- WestMont
- DPHHS
- WORC/TANF, WIOA employment, SNAP
- Rural Employment Opportunities (farm workers, some migrant)
- WIA Youth Program
- Helena Housing
- Community Promise
- YWCA
- United Way (maybe get in on a partner meeting)

- CAWS – many agencies, meets second Tuesday of each month at 10 o'clock, director from United Way will speak in Sept.
- Hometown Helena
- Detention system (working with Continuing Ed on some things), pre-release, H-COR, halfway house.
- Tech boot camps, like coding. Immersion training is very different model.
- Opening an education center at Townsend's high school, for credit courses for adults.

Dean Bingham requested that Campus Advisory Board members email Summer if they have any additional ideas.

Current partnerships and development of additional partnerships around the community

Chad Hickox explained that the College is looking for info, trends, etc., to help determine potential new programs and partnerships. Exploring the possibility of Cosmetology at this time. He requested feedback from the Campus Advisory Board members. Helena College is currently partnering with middle schools to get students thinking about college by sharing resources, sharing space, making introductions. Looking to resolve unmet student needs, unmet workforce needs. The group discussed workforce readiness; soft skills is a major focus of the college this year. Sometimes partnerships are financial/material, as is the partnership with Miller Welding. Some more financial, like with Boeing and Pioneer. There are many ways a partnership can manifest.

Most partnerships are in trades programs. HC students do capstone projects. Often community projects aren't terribly meaningful for students, or timelines are difficult for students to complete. HC welding faculty/students are working with L&C County Fairgrounds on the rocket. Writing faculty will be doing an oral history, stories, photos, etc, of the rocket. HC is working with Carroll on 2+3 Engineering program. Also, the College does a lot of short-term training, but would like to have some sort of organized meeting with state HR directors who could speak directly to the needs of their agency to look for patterns.

Feedback was requested from the Campus Advisory Board members. Suggestions included:

- Working with Helena Housing Authority on meth detectors.
- Working with Sofi to provide some of the programs they use for trainings, programming, etc. Trainings could be developed to help other businesses too. Lisa and Brian will send contact info to Summer.
- Work with state agencies on training developers. Agencies struggle to get network staff. Also, they hire a lot of software vendors who hire staff locally.
- Contact Jim Kerins at CMS consulting does a lot of consulting with HR in state government.

Dean Bingham thanked the Campus Advisory Board members for their attendance and insight.