

COLLEGE COUNCIL
Updates for 6/14/2016

BUDGET

The last assignment of the budget committee, prioritization of enhancement requests, has been completed. The budget has been passed to Senior Leadership. The last budget meeting was April 6 and no new meetings are scheduled.

DIVERSITY

Diversity committee will meet in August. We will change out the posters to represent Asian heritage month and these will be on display for the summer. No other activity planned until school resumes in the fall.

FACILITIES AND SAFETY

No update at this time.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Looking into doing an IT Support Vendor RFP to assist students with computer issues. Will create a list of “will/won’t do” things that IT department can help with and have referrals to vendors who will help students with other issues at a discount. Once it has been approved by Leadership, the info will be given to students at orientation and in the bookstore. Some discussion of programs requiring laptops (Aviation and Nursing do currently), usage of computer labs, software accessibility (Adobe products going up in price). Finalizing committee Mission and Goals. Working on syllabi verbiage to help direct students to best possible support for class-specific software. Working on tech support FAQs to distribute to students. Refining IT support segment of orientation to work with student ambassadors. Working with Mike Brown to determine best layout for satisfaction surveys. Student Senate approved request to expend funds to purchase faculty computers. Going to the BOR in July. Hope to have ordered for Fall. Most will be surface, some will require more RAM/bigger screen. Researching use of Cloud-Based Office. Looking into additional Moodle training for Jessie. May update to Office 2016 and Windows 10 this fall. Testing to ensure it works for everyone.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Haven’t met since the last College Council update. No update at this time.

QUALITY WORK LIFE

No update at this time.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND COMPLETION

- The chairs of each committee met with Dean Bingham to discuss the goals and accomplishments of each group. They were given instructions to keep moving the institution forward in the areas of recruitment, retention and completion as these committees affect every area of campus. In an effort to ensure that we are not working at cross purposes, the chairs have decided to meet monthly to ensure collaboration and communication, discuss challenges and share accomplishments.
- **Recruitment** committee hasn’t met since the last College Council meeting. The group will meet before the end of June to continue the discussion of special populations recruiting and Helena College Day at the Fairgrounds. **Retention** committee met and discussed advising sheets in the AA & AS programs. The group provided input and the sheets will be vetted through faculty before implementation. **Completion** committee has begun working on program/career clusters. The committee will continue to meet this summer to work on implementation.

FACULTY SENATE

No update at this time.

STAFF SENATE

- At the June meeting for Staff Senate we announced the newly elected members. For the 2016 – 2018 term, newly elect Vice President is Jessie Pate and Treasure is Cari Schwen. Congratulations to the both of them.
- Staff Senate will be partnering with Marketing to present a night at a Brewers game Monday, August 15th. There will be an employee sign up, the first 40 tickets will be free to employees. All other employee and dependent tickets will be available at a rate of \$20 for adult and \$15 for children. We hope to have a great turn out for this event! Thanks to Barb McAlmond for all her work on putting this together. Keep an eye out for the sign up!
- Other activities coming this summer: a BBQ, date and time to be determined. A (we hope) nice friendly Staff vs Faculty dodgeball or kickball game. More details to come!
- We will be hosting a clothing drive for Bryant school at the start of school. Bryant school has been contacted and they are excited that we are willing to do a clothing drive as they tend to get plenty of school supplies but never enough spare clothes. A date has not been determined at this time, we will have that completed in the July meeting.

STUDENT SENATE

Classes not in session, no update.