

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, EFFECTIVENESS, AND ACCREDITATION

MEETING ON MARCH 31, 2026, AT 1:00 P.M., DON 132

MINUTES

Helena College Mission: Helena College Supports our diverse community by providing the paths and tools necessary to assist learners in achieving their educational and career goals.

IDEA Council Mission: The Institutional Development, Effectiveness, and Accreditation Council is a representative body whose mission is to advance the strategic direction of Helena College through assessment and planning. The committee also has oversight for activities related to maintaining institutional compliance with regional accreditation policies and standards.

Attendees

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jessie Pate (Chair), Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness• Marika Adamek, Assistant Registrar• Katelynn Eberhardt, Director of Student Wellbeing and Engagement• Nathan Munn, Social Sciences Instructor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abby Rausch, Director of Marketing, Communications, and Alumni Relations• Bryon Steinwand, IT & Programming Instructor, Assessment Database Developer• Cody Torres, Welding Instructor• Paige Payne (Recorder), Executive Assistant |
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Priorities for AY2526

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1. Carry out the institutional assessment plan.
 2. Coordinate the collection of data in support of strategic goal IM-1 (community engagement).
 3. Recommend leading indicators and real-time metrics aligned with each KPI under the new metrics tree model.
 4. Prepare two ad hoc reports and coordinate one virtual visit in response to NWCCU recommendations.

Pre-Reads/Supplemental Materials

- IDEA Council Minutes 20260317

Agenda

Approve minutes:

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 - Marika Adamek moved to approve. Bryon Steinwand seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

150% Graduation Rates

- The trend is upward.
- The skilled trades graduation rates are the highest.
- General Education rates are not back to pre-Covid numbers.
- In the future, separate the pre-nursing from nursing for a more accurate rate.

- Highest credentials earned:
 - CAS and AAS are on the increase.
- Peer comparisons:
 - Closer to national peers than regional peers.
- All are trending as expected.
 - Gender, Pell, first generation, and traditional/non-traditional groups.
 - Data pulled from small groups is difficult to evaluate because of the low numbers.

Annual Plans

- AI Review:
 - Bryon is not able to work on it currently, but he has seen positive results from his inquiries and is encouraged.

NWCCU Virtual Visit

- The tentative ZOOM schedule was reviewed:
 - Cabinet and IDEA 10 to 10:50 a.m. on April 17, 2026.
 - Budget Council 1 to 1:30 p.m. on April 17.
 - Please review the final report before the virtual visit and the next meeting.
- Review the report at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 14