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MUS 2-YEAR COMMISSION
67th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

June 22, 2020

10:03 AM

Virtual Commission Meeting

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Members Present:

Rep. Sue Vinton, Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Joe Billion, Public Member
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Casey Lozar, Public Member
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)

Madalyn Quinlan, Public Member
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)
Paul Tuss, Public Member

Members Absent

Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Taylor Blossom
Dr. Sandra Boham
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
John Mercer

Staff Present:

Pad McCracken, Research Analyst
Laura Sankey, Attorney
Veronica Sullivan, Secretary

FEDERAL HIGHER EDUCATION UPDATE

10:06:34 Will Carraco, Office of U.S. Representative Greg Gianforte.

Commission Questions

10:09:35 Sen. Brown asked Mr. Carraco about time frames.
10:10:46 Rep. Vinton asked Mr. Carraco about the apprenticeship programs.
10:12:26 Will Parsons, Education Policy Advisor, Office of U.S. Senator Steve Daines.
10:17:48 Comm. Quinlan asked Mr. Parsons about a funding chart that was brought up in the Education Committee.
10:19:59 Comm. Quinlan asked Mr. Parsons about funding for apprenticeships .
10:21:24 Sen. Brown asked Mr. Parsons about the time frame of the funds coming in for the work force training.
10:23:09 Sen. Brown asked Mr. Parsons if the award money is for students or for introducing new programs as well.
10:24:34 Rep. Vinton asked Mr. Parson about what oversight is provided for the Cares Act.
10:25:23 Katie Rubinger, Office of U.S. Senator Jon Tester, continued with the presentation.
10:31:18 Rep. Hamlett asked Mr. Parsons about the administrative costs.
10:32:59 Sen. MacDonald asked Ms. Rubinger about the program funding mechanisms.
10:35:04 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD), Research Analyst, asked Mr. Parsons about the Reimagine Workforce Preparation Grant program.

MONTANA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND EDUCATION PRIORITIES

- 10:38:40 Matt Olson, Director of Network Development, MT Chamber (Exhibit 1) (Exhibit 2).
- 10:45:13 Tony Rosanova, President/CTO, Zoot Enterprises.
- 10:50:04 Comm. Quinlan asked Mr. Rosanova about his students interpersonal training skills.
- 10:52:36 Comm. Tuss asked Mr. Rosanova about engagement for internship programs.
- 10:55:42 Comm. Lozar asked Mr. Olson about research on other states about career counseling.
- 10:59:15 Bridger Mahlum, Director of Government Relations, MT Chamber.
- 11:03:51 Sen. Brown discussed workforce development.
- 11:07:51 Sen. Brown discussed the hands-on career development.
- 11:08:37 Rep. Vinton discussed workplace learning.
- 11:10:08 Rep. Hamlett discussed interpersonal communication training.
- 11:12:09 Comm. Billion discussed opening communication lines between businesses and colleges.
- 11:14:10 Mr. Mahlum continued with the presentation.

Commission Discussion/ Commission Questions

- 11:18:15 Rep. Vinton discussed barriers that she heard throughout the discussion.
- 11:18:58 Sen. Brown discussed the barriers.
- 11:19:49 Comm. Tuss discussed barriers at all levels of education.
- 11:20:56 Mr. Rosanova discussed dual enrollment.
- 11:22:34 Sen. Brown discussed bonuses of dual enrollment and who it is geared for.
- 11:23:28 Comm. Tuss asked Mr. Mahlum about dual enrollment.
- 11:24:26 Comm. Lozar discussed the progress of dual enrollment.
- 11:26:36 Rep. Fuller discussed his experiences with dual enrollment.
- 11:30:22 Dr. Brock Tessman, Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education.
- 11:35:42 Comm. Tuss asked Dr. Tessman what the goals of OCHE are.
- 11:38:32 Rep. Hamlett asked Dr. Tessman about funding for new programs and backfill.
- 11:41:07 Rep. Hamlett discussed the Montana Digital academy.

RECESS FOR LUNCH (Reconvened at 1:30)

POSTSECONDARY CTE AMIDST COVID-19: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- 13:31:02 Dr. Tessman introduced the panel and began the presentation.
- 13:37:04 Ron Slinger, President, Miles Community College.
- 13:42:49 Dr. David Krueger, Dean of Technical Sciences, MSU Northern.
- 13:49:02 Dr. Jane Karas, President, Flathead Valley Community College.

Commission Discussion/ Commission Questions

- 13:57:10 Comm. Tuss asked the panel about 2-year and 4-year college student challenges and differences.
- 14:03:44 Comm. Quinlan asked the panel how they are getting feedback from student about the blended online learning.
- 14:06:43 Comm. Quinlan asked a follow up about conductivity.
- 14:15:13 Rep. Hamlett asked the panel about the lab costs on campus and percentage of credits that will be on campus.
- 14:23:23 The panel discussed and answered Rep. Hamlett's questions.
- 14:30:49 Rep. Hamlett asked the panel if there is a policy about wearing a mask on campuses in Montana.
- 14:33:12 Rep Hamlett asked the panel if visitors are required to wear masks when visiting campuses.
- 14:34:05 Rep. Fuller asked the panel about masks.

INCENTIVIZING CTE AT MUS 2-YEAR CAMPUSES - FOUR MODELS FOR CONSIDERATION AND AN OVERVIEW OF FEDERAL PERKINS PROGRAM

- 14:37:48 Tyler Trevor, Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education (Exhibit 3).
- 14:45:00 Dr. Tessman continued with the presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO COMMISSION WORK AND POSSIBLE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 14:54:06 Rep. Vinton discussed the public comment sent to Mr. McCracken by Scott Eychner (Exhibit 4).

COMMISSION WORK SESSION; DISCUSSION OF WORK PLAN AND POSSIBLE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS; DIRECTION TO STAFF

- 14:54:41 Mr. McCracken (Exhibit 5) (Exhibit 6).

Committee Discussion/ Committee Questions

- 14:59:42 Sen. Thomas discussed looking at the governing structures of the vocational schools.
- 15:02:38 Sen. Thomas discussed Mr. McCracken's suggestion.
- 15:03:53 Comm. Lozar discussed looking into the integration of K-12 into college programs.
- 15:07:11 Sen. MacDonald discussed a report created by the committee.
- 15:10:37 Comm. Quinlan discussed workforce needs for 2-year programs and discussed school counselors in schools.
- 15:15:59 Commission discussion on the counselor ratio in schools.
- 15:18:30 Comm. Tuss discussed dual enrollment.
- 15:20:36 Sen. Thomas discussed working with Mr. McCracken on a minority report.
- 15:22:25 Comm. Quinlan asked Mr. McCracken about number 5 on his memo. (see Exhibit 6).
- 15:28:13 Committee discussion on dual enrollment.

15:29:11 Comm. Lozar discussed communication between K-12 and the MUS.
15:30:11 Comm. Lozar asked a follow up about the governance structure.
15:33:10 Committee discussion on the minority report.
15:35:50 Rep. Vinton discussed a half day meeting in August to discuss the report.
15:36:23 Mr. McCracken discussed having the draft report before the meeting.
15:37:32 Committee discussion on the half day meeting.
15:43:18 Comm. Quinlan discussed looking over number 10 on the memo.
15:44:27 Mr. McCracken discussed revising the memo and sending it to the commission.
15:44:35 Comm. Lozar asked Mr. McCracken about structure for the final report.
15:47:27 Comm. Tuss asked about voting on all the new points in August.
15:49:43 Commission discussion on voting.

ADJOURNMENT

15:51:58 With no further business before the commission, Rep. Vinton adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.