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67th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

January 27, 2020
Capitol Room 317

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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

REP. SUE VINTON, CHAIR (R)

SEN. MARGARET MACDONALD (D)

REP. JACOB BACHMEIER (D)

REP. JOHN FULLER (R)

REP. LLEW JONES (R)

TAYLOR BLOSSOM, PUBLIC MEMBER
DR. SANDRA BOHAM, PUBLIC MEMBER
CASEY LOZAR, PUBLIC MEMBER
JOHN MERCER, PUBLIC MEMBER
MADALYN QUINLAN, PUBLIC MEMBER

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED:

SEN. EDITH MCCLAFFERTY, VICE CHAIR (D)

SEN. DEE BROWN (R)

SEN. FRED THOMAS (R)

REP. BRADLEY HAMLETT (D)

JOE BILLION, PUBLIC MEMBER
PAUL TUSS, PUBLIC MEMBER

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

PAD MCCrackEN, Research Analyst
LAURA SANKEY, Attorney
LAURA SHERLEY, Secretary

VISITORS LIST ([Attachment 1](#))

AGENDA ([Attachment 2](#))

COMMISSION ACTIONS

CALL TO ORDER -- ROLL CALL

10:01:50 Rep. Vinton called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The secretary took roll call.

REVIEW PROGRESS SO FAR AND SURVEY RESULTS

10:03:20 Mr. McCracken ([Exhibit 1](#)) ([Exhibit 2](#)) ([Exhibit 3](#)) ([Exhibit 4](#)) ([Exhibit 5](#)) ([Exhibit 6](#)) ([Exhibit 7](#)) ([Exhibit 8](#)) ([Exhibit 9](#))

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH 2-YEAR CAMPUSES AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS

Bitterroot College

10:11:20 Victoria Clark, Director, Bitterroot College (see Exhibit 3)
10:16:16 Brittany M. Leatham-Olney, Marcus Daly Hospital
10:18:56 Ms. Clark ([Exhibit 10](#))

Commission questions

10:24:53 Comm. Quinlan asked Ms. Clark why Bitterroot College is not a credit bearing college.
10:26:56 Comm. Quinlan asked Ms. Clark what other 2-year colleges in the state have CNA programs and if those programs are associate degrees.
10:27:49 Rep. Vinton asked Ms. Clark what is preventing Bitterroot College from becoming a credit bearing college.
10:28:28 Rep. Vinton asked Ms. Clark if Bitterroot College students are tracked and if the students want to obtain college credits.
10:31:02 Comm. Boham commented on short-term college programs and the difficulties colleges face regarding funding.

Gallatin College

10:32:28 Stephanie Gray, Dean, Gallatin College (see Exhibit 4)
10:32:55 Jason Yager, Quantel
10:40:05 Ms. Gray

Committee questions

10:42:24 Rep. Vinton asked the panel how they recruit students into their program.

Great Falls College

10:45:07 Susan Wolff, CEO/Dean, Great Falls College (see Exhibit 5)
10:48:12 Annie Chase, Dick Anderson Construction

Committee questions

- 10:52:15 Sen. McDonald asked Ms. Chase if Billings City College is considering starting a Dick Anderson program at their college. Ms. Wolff also responded to the question.
- 10:53:39 Comm. Quinlan asked Ms. Chase why the Dick Anderson program became a registered apprentice program.
- 10:54:54 Rep. Vinton asked Ms. Chase for clarification on how students enter the Dick Anderson program.
- 10:55:18 Comm. Lozar asked Ms. Wolff and Ms. Chase what the relationship is between the college and the Dick Anderson program and what effort is needed for the college and business to work together.

Helena College

- 10:58:39 Laura Vosejпка, CEO/Dean, Helena College (see Exhibit 6)
- 11:01:08 Jessica Hayes, Human Resources, Boeing
- 11:07:18 Ms. Vosejпка

Committee questions

- 11:09:23 Comm. Quinlan asked Ms. Vosejпка and Ms. Hayes if they have issues recruiting students into the Boeing program.
- 11:11:51 Rep. Vinton asked Ms. Hayes if Boeing loses students to other companies after they graduate the program.

Highlands College

- 11:13:01 Dave Gurchiek, Dean, Highlands College (see Exhibit 7) ([Exhibit 11](#))
- 11:16:05 Dean Bentley, Northwestern Energy
- 11:20:56 Mr. Gurchiek
- 11:22:05 Mr. Bentley

Commission questions

- 11:23:12 Comm. Mercer asked Mr. Gurchiek and Mr. Bentley if there are enough positions at Northwestern Energy for all the student applicants.
- 11:25:29 Comm. Mercer commented on students being advised by colleges and businesses on the choices they have for study programs.
- 11:27:09 Rep. Fuller commented on the cost to students on 2-year versus 4-year degree programs.
- 11:28:28 Mr. McCracken asked Mr. Gurchiek to discuss the tuition cost of 2-year programs versus 4-year programs. Ms. Vosejпка also responded to the question.
- 11:29:49 Rep. Vinton asked Mr. Gurchiek for clarification if credits through his college program are all transferrable. Ms. Wolff also responded to the question. ([Exhibit 12](#))

Discussion

- 11:33:42 Commission discussion
- 11:41:42 Comm. Quinlan asked Ms. Gray for clarification on her comments regarding the need for 2-year degrees versus 4-year degrees.
- 11:43:08 Commission discussion

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13:13:43 Tyler Trevor, Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education, OCHE

Committee questions

13:20:07 Rep. Vinton asked Comm. Trevor how the revenue brought in by professors doing research is allocated.

13:26:21 Rep. Jones asked Comm. Trevor to comment on the success of performance metrics.

13:30:19 Rep. Jones commented on the 60% increase of Montana State University (MSU) 4-year completion rates due to performance metrics.

13:30:56 Comm. Trevor continued his presentation.

Committee questions

13:33:08 Comm. Quinlan asked Comm. Trevor if OCHE has collected data on students who are enrolled in non-credit bearing courses.

13:35:34 Comm. Quinlan asked Comm. Trevor if students are awarded certificates for course completion from non-credit bearing colleges.

13:37:04 Rep. Vinton asked Comm. Trevor to discuss how students who are eligible in multiple categories fit in the performance funding model.

2-YEAR AND CTE MARKETING EFFORTS AND NEW PORTAL DEMO

13:38:39 Brock Tessman, Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education, OCHE (**Exhibit 13**)

13:45:44 Kelly Cresswell, Executive Director, Reach Higher Montana (**Exhibit 14**)

Committee questions

14:06:20 Rep. Jones asked Mr. Tessman if digital academy has become a single point access for dual enrollment.

14:09:20 Rep. Jones asked Mr. Tessman for clarification of the dual enrollment process in digital academy.

14:14:13 Comm. Mercer asked the panel if there is a single access point where careers and their associated wages are discussed and compared.

14:19:55 Commission discussion

PANEL DISCUSSION ON COLLEGE/CAREER GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

14:25:48 Ellen Ryter, School Counselor, Hamilton High School, and Director on Montana School Counselor Association Board

14:31:11 Teresa Majerus, School Counselor, Lewistown Junior High School

14:39:12 Eric Croft, Automotive Teacher, Capitol High School, and Vice President of Montana Association for Career & Technical Education

14:45:57 Bo Bruinsma, Career Coach, Billings Public Schools

Committee questions

14:52:39 Rep. Vinton asked Mr. Bruinsma if the Billings Works program is through the Big Sky Economic Development Association (EDA).

14:53:22 Kelly Cresswell, Executive Director, Reach Higher Montana

14:54:22 Scott Eychner, Workforce Services Division Administrator, Montana Department of Labor and Industry

Committee questions

- 15:04:49 Comm. Mercer asked the panel to comment on the work of school counselors educating students of the educational opportunities available.
- 15:19:14 Comm. Blossom asked the panel if a lower counselor-to-student ratio would improve the ability for counselors to assist students.
- 15:21:01 Comm. Blossom asked the panel what information the counselors receive from colleges about the various 2-year programs available.
- 15:24:33 Comm. Fuller commented on the history of homerooms versus today's school counselors.
- 15:32:35 Rep. Vinton commented on the use of school counselors and the growing opportunities to students.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO COMMISSION WORK

- 15:34:23 Ed Bartlett, Montanan Community Colleges
- 15:37:31 Kindle Lewis, Montanan School Counselor Association
- 15:39:27 Scott Micklesen, Dawson Community College

COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF

- 15:40:56 Comm. Boham asked for data related to the amount of CTE teachers offering CTE courses across the state.
- 15:43:35 Rep. Vinton asked for Comm. Boham to clarify her requests to staff.
- 15:43:51 Commission discussion and requests to staff
- 16:07:30 Rep. Vinton asked Mr. McCracken to comment on the commission requests to staff.
- 16:08:47 Commission discussion

ADJOURNMENT

- 16:10:49 Rep. Vinton adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.