

FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AGENDA ITEMS 4-6

IV. MONTHLY REPORTS

A.-C. Monthly Reports

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BACKGROUND:

Students, Faculty, and Executive Staff have prepared monthly summary reports of the activities of each of their respective areas.

Student Activity Report

December 2024

Genders & Sexualities Alliance (GSA)

The Genders & Sexualities Alliance meets every Tuesday from 1:00–2:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge (LRC 102). The club has approximately four members and promotes its activities through flyers, newsletters, and word of mouth. In November, they held weekly meetings and organized a tie-dye event that drew 10 attendees. Looking ahead, the GSA plans to continue weekly meetings and host campus-wide tie-dye events.

Music Club

The Music Club holds monthly meetings with about eight members in attendance. In November, they hosted a game and records night on November 15th, attracting 10 participants. Currently, the club is running a canned food and sock drive that will continue through the end of finals week.

Native American Student Association

The Native American Student Association meets on Wednesdays in the LRC Lounge and has around five active members. In November, they hosted a jewelry-making event with three attendees. However, no further activities are planned for the remainder of the semester. The club continues to face challenges with low attendance due to scheduling conflicts.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (ICF)

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship meets three times a week: Thursdays at 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m., and Fridays at 8:00 a.m. With approximately 32 members, the group promotes its activities through posters and campus screens. November events included Bible studies, pizza & prayer gatherings, and game nights. They plan to focus on Bible study topics for the spring semester.

Mask and Hammer

The Mask and Hammer Club meets in the Black Box Theater located in the AT Building and has about 35 members. In November, they held auditions and rehearsals for their upcoming production, *The Art of Dining*. Upcoming activities include participating in a Masquerade meet-and-greet.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK)

Phi Theta Kappa meets weekly in the Student Lounge. The club has approximately 79 members and communicates through FVCC Connect and email notifications. November activities included pool and ping pong tournaments. No further events are planned until next semester.

Chess and Games Club

The Chess and Games Club meets every Thursday at noon in the Student Lounge. In November, they hosted weekly game nights and assisted in organizing a chess tournament. Planned activities include a Game Night and a Christmas Party. As part of a service project, the club volunteered to help organize Thanksgiving meal boxes for students.

Veterans Association

The Veterans Association meets twice a month in the Veterans Lounge (LRC 111) and has about five active members. In November, the group hosted a "Thank You" breakfast before Veterans Day. Their final meeting of the semester is scheduled for December 6th and will focus on maximizing benefits and financial strategies.

Table-Top Role-Playing Games (TTRPG) Club

The newly formed Table-Top Role-Playing Games (TTRPG) Club meets weekly on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge and has approximately 12–13 members. The club is hosting two ongoing *Dungeons & Dragons* sessions and has recently started a new *Warhammer* group.

Logger Sports

Logger Sports is comprised of approximately 12 students and their coaches. In November, the team competed in the Lumberjack Classic, securing 4th place, and participated in a wood harvest event. Plans for the spring semester include practices, competitions, and fundraising. The team's proudest moment this semester was achieving 4th place at a national competition.

Campus Recreation

Campus Recreation organized intramurals on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout November, with Wednesday evenings averaging eight participants. Notable events included a Harry Potter Trivia night on November 2nd, with eight attendees, and a Mario Kart Tournament on November 11th, which attracted nine participants. A scheduled skating event at Woodland Ice Rink on November 22nd was canceled due to poor ice conditions caused by rain. On November 25th, a movie night featuring *Inside Out 2* was held, drawing 11 attendees.

Student Wellness Team

The Student Wellness Team hosted two tabling events in November. The first, on November 6th, highlighted Diabetes Awareness Month, emphasizing the sugar content in common drinks. The second, on November 20th, focused on the harmful effects of vaping and tobacco in partnership with the Flathead City-County Health Department. Both events engaged an average of 15 students. Additionally, the team hosted the Great American Smokeout, a nationally recognized day encouraging individuals to begin a tobacco-free journey, as part of Tobacco Awareness Month.

Fitness Center

The Fitness Center saw strong engagement in November, with 186 total check-ins from 54 unique participants. The busiest hour was 4:00–5:00 p.m., with 34 check-ins, while the slowest was 6:00–7:00 p.m., with only nine. Wednesdays were the most active day, averaging 12 check-ins, while Fridays were the quietest, with an average of five. These numbers reflect the Fitness Center's importance in supporting student health and wellness.

Student Engagement Report

In November, the Student Engagement (SE) office concluded a successful democratic engagement season. An Election Day celebration featured candidate information, ballot initiatives, polling locations, free pizza, and swag, attracting 34 participants. On November 25th, the office hosted a Friendsgiving lunch, bringing 47 students together for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Additionally, the SE office distributed 17 Thanksgiving meal boxes to

student families on November 26th, supporting 25 individuals. The student pantry saw 18 visits from 13 unique students and distributed 277.1 pounds of food.

Faculty Activity Report

December 2024

Tim Price, MS - Associate Professor, STEM

Tim has continued work on the NSF EPSCoR grant known as “SMART FIRES”. This project is attempting to characterize a forest’s health and likelihood of forest fires by analyzing high-resolution video and looking for patterns using machine learning algorithms. The project has provided research experience and student employment for a total of seven students so far, including two students this last semester.

Karla Ryan, MS, Robyn Hoggatt, BAS, Surgical Technology, Denise Pacovsky, ASCP, Medical Laboratory Technology, Kyle Krebs, EMS

On Friday, November 22nd, Karla Ryan organized a field trip, Hyped on Healthcare, with the Health Sciences Division and Anatomy and Physiology. Sixty total students from Glacier High School, Columbia Falls High School, and Lincoln County High School (Eureka) attended. They were split into groups and given an A&P student volunteer tour guide. Each of the Health Science programs had a presentation involving an explanation of what the healthcare career is and then an activity demonstrating a skill performed on a typical day. The programs that participated included Paramedicine/EMT, Surgical Technologist, Radiologic Technologist, Physical Therapist Assistant, and Medical Laboratory Technician. Students performed a mock surgery with Surg Tech, looked through microscopes with Medical Laboratory Technology, toured an ambulance with paramedicine, read x-rays with Rad Tech, studied the cranial nerves with A&P, and did a “Is your body ready for ski season” assessment with Physical Therapy Assistant. Each demonstration had a combination of program directors, lab coordinators, and student volunteers (from the given programs) who offered insight into the career field. This was the first time Eureka joined us for a field trip! Students also were given a grab bag of FVCC memorabilia from Marketing!

Nicole S. Sanford, MA, Associate Professor, Music

- November 21st – ten FVCC students performed in the Opera Theatre Workshop Concert featuring a variety of scenes from various operas.
- November 26th – five ensemble groups (Woodwind Chamber Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Choral Ensemble, Mixed Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and Treble Vocal Jazz Ensemble) performed in McClaren Hall.

Ranell Muller, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Psychology

Dr. Ranell Mueller attended the Gerontological Society of America conference in Seattle, WA on November 13-16th, 2024. She presented her academic poster titled "How Growing Older with Their 'Best Friend' Changes Older Adult Men's Perspectives on Aging." Dr Mueller has been conducting research on aging and human-animal relationships since 2014.

Marty Manor Mullins, Ph.D., Adjunct Faculty, History & Political Science and Associate Director of the Honors Program

Dr. Marty Mullins served on 2 academic panels at the 2024 ASEES (Assoc. for Slavic, E. European and Eurasian Studies) Convention in Boston, November 20-24th (see photo). Earlier this year she was featured on the ASEES Member Spotlight 2024 website.



David Hembroff, MS MED, Assistant Professor of Physics and Mathematics

David Hembroff had the opportunity to present at the STEM Colloquium Twice - once on research at MSU (November 8th), and once on Solar Maximum and potential impacts (November 15th). Here is the Solar Maximum Abstract: The sun runs through an eleven-year cycle of activity. At its peak, solar maximum, the number of sunspots and coronal mass ejections increases dramatically. Although protected by our atmosphere and the Earth's magnetic field, our daily lives can be impacted by whatever the sun sends our way. This presentation covered some of the basics of solar activity types and the potential impacts of geo-based systems. Are you prepared for an angry sun?

Executive Staff Report	December 2024			
	Goal 1	Goal 2	Goal 3	Goal 4
	Increase Completion of Degrees and Certificates	Cultivate a Supportive Teaching and Learning Environment	Foster an environment of diversity, equity, and inclusion	Enhance institutional vitality
FOUNDATION				
Raised \$23,037 from 86 donations from November 15-December 4	X	X	X	X
Year-End appeals in mailboxes, inboxes, and socials	X	X	X	X
HUMAN RESOURCES				
Employee Happenings:				
Joining Us: Valerie Clement - Human Resources Partner Recruiting; Mattingly Hayden - Communications and Social Media Coordinator	X	X	X	X
Leaving Us: Densie Grabowski - Human Resources Partner Recruiting				
Professional Development: Cybersecurity, Indian Education for All	X	X	X	X
Fair Labor Standards Act Audits: All campus positions were audited for FLSA compliance.		X	X	X
MARKETING				
Marketing team members spent two days filming and photographing students, instructors and classes in Occupational Trades to support the FVCC Trades Institute rebrand.	X	X	X	X
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT				
Culinary				
Produced lunch for 120 FCCLA high school students during their annual conference on FVCC campus providing important recruiting exposure to students studying culinary in high schools from northwest MT.		X	X	X
Produced volume production Thanksgiving Pie Drive and new Sip & Slice Pie Cafe for Scholarships returning nearly \$3,800 in scholarships funds.		X		X
Occupational Trades				
Dave Sturgis, TI industrial machine instructor, supported Libby High School in getting their donated CNC machine up and running and began teacher professional development as part of the Montana's Future at Work grant funding.	X	X	X	X
Chris Sherman developed course proposal for stainless steel and exotic metals TIG welding course to be offered in Spring 2025 as an optional course for students to supplement their welding/fab AAS schedule. Thompson submitted to curriculum committee for approval.	X	X		X
John Sinner TI Tools Manager, attended the November 5 - 7 Metallica conference in Houston, TX.		X		X
All Metallica student awards were completed for a total of \$25,000 in student support.	X	X	X	X
Adult Education				
Working with Continuing Education to launch a pre-apprenticeship Building Trades course for March 17-28. Participants will complete online OSHA 10 training, NCCER modules in related coursework, and utilize Spring Break week for the hands-on portions. This is also the same time as Flathead county school district spring breaks so local high schoolers can also attend. This will be an intro course. Working with OPI to approve a longer Integrated Education Training pathway, as part of a stackable pathway to a full apprenticeship in Building Trades.	X	X	X	X
ELL hosted the second annual Friendsgiving on November 26 at 6:30 in AT139. 106 individuals brought dishes from their home country to share - almost double the number of participants from last year.		X	X	X
Continued partnership with KSD5. Adjusted the enrollment process for HSE prep to accommodate growing numbers, especially through their communications with former Kalispell students, and are now providing more on-ramps for individuals to join our program. This also will allow for more individualized learning plans as we can advise on next steps	X	X	X	X
As of November 8th, Adult Ed has served 182 individuals across Flathead, Lake, Lincoln and Sanders counties. 16 students received their HSE diplomas across HiSET and GED.	X	X	X	X

Continuing Education				
For Contract Training: Instructor Lisa Jones took the 406 Workforce program (customer service & hospitality training) on the road to Libby again, the middle of three sessions being hosted there by the Department of Labor & Industry. Sam Herbert provided DiSC training in Eureka for a leadership team at Interbel.		X		
As a former Alum, Jodi Smith helped host a campus tour and reception for participants from across the state in the current 2024-2025 Leadership Montana class.			X	X
Dane, Giovanni and Jodi met with the North Valley Food Bank to discuss ongoing Campus Farm partnership possibilities.		X		X