

FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AGENDA ITEMS 4-6

IV. MONTHLY REPORTS

A.-C. Monthly Reports

- A. Student Activities
- B. Faculty Activities
- C. Executive Staff

BACKGROUND:

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

Student Activity Report

November 2024

Chess and Games Club

The Chess and Games Club has maintained a consistent and lively schedule, holding weekly meetings with an average attendance of four participants and hosting game nights each week, drawing five to six attendees. In October, the club also collaborated with the Veterans Association to co-host a booth at the Halloween Carnival on October 28th, where they welcomed 52 attendees and helped distribute candy to participants. This collaboration allowed both clubs to engage with a broader student audience and foster a spirit of community.

Firearms Enthusiasts

The Firearms Enthusiasts Club, with approximately 14 members, experienced a temporary suspension of some activities this month due to a scheduling conflict. Despite this, three club members and a program alumnus organized a range cleanup at Jewel Basin, highlighting the club's dedication to safe and responsible firearms use. Regular meetings are scheduled in Room 122, the Firearms Bay, on the first and third Wednesday of each month at noon, providing members with a space for connection and discussions.

Logger Sports

Logger Sports, consisting of 12 student members plus coaches, has maintained a strong presence on campus with regular training sessions held every Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Logger Sports training grounds (Arena). The team conducted one practice wood-harvesting event since the last monthly report, ensuring that all students gained hands-on experience and successfully passed safety tests administered by the coaches, qualifying them to compete safely in upcoming events.

The team also contributed to a service project by assisting with cleanup on the donor's property, which had been damaged by a recent windstorm. The team helped remove fallen trees and consolidate broken branches, providing valuable support to the property owner.

Mask and Hammer Theater

The Mask and Hammer Theater has been focused on preparations for their upcoming production, *Ride the Cyclone*. The club has dedicated significant time to rehearsals and planning sessions, ensuring a polished performance for the campus community.

Native American Student Association (NASA)

The Native American Student Association started hosting regular meetings in October, rekindling the club's presence on campus. On October 30th, two club members volunteered with the Spay & Neuter Taskforce, helping to make dog treats to be used in fundraising efforts for the non-profit organization. The event lasted about two hours and demonstrated NASA's commitment to community service and support for local non-profits. The revitalization of NASA represents an important step in promoting cultural awareness and diversity within the student body.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) took a proactive role in student engagement and community involvement this month. PTK hosted a pool tournament, providing a fun and competitive environment for members and students. Additionally, PTK members participated in a Habitat for Humanity project, contributing a combined total of 42 hours of community service.

Veterans Association

In October, the Veterans Association actively engaged in campus life through participation in two significant events: the Halloween Carnival and the Veterans Thank You Breakfast. For the Halloween Carnival, the Veterans Association partnered with the Chess and Games Club, providing candy for all clubs to distribute to attendees and hosting their own booth. With fifty-two participants stopping by their booth, veterans engaged with students and staff, fostering camaraderie and community spirit. At the Veterans Thank You Breakfast, held just before Veterans Day weekend, the Association collaborated with the Eagle's Nest to offer a hot breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and bacon under the covered walkway. Coffee was generously provided by a community partner. This event aimed to promote awareness of the student-veteran population and to honor their contributions to both the campus and the community.

Student Government

Student Government, currently composed of 10 members, dedicated October to orientation and foundational training. Members focused on understanding their roles and responsibilities, studying the constitution and bylaws, learning college procedures, managing student activity accounts and funding, and exploring event planning and office space operations. To connect with the student body and raise awareness about Student Government, they hosted a "Walking Taco" event, encouraging students to engage and participate in campus voting.

Student Wellness Team

In October, the Student Wellness Team hosted several events promoting student well-being and awareness. They held two tabling events: one on October 16th with the Abbie Shelter for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), and another on October 23rd with the Flathead City-County Health Department's Harm Reduction team on Alcohol and Drug Prevention. Each event reached around 20 students. The team also offered a Healthy Relationships and Affirmative Consent Training for DVAM and a "Rage and Rest" event during midterms, combining dodgeball and yoga to help students de-stress and reset. These initiatives provided resources and support to enhance student health and wellness.

Campus Recreation

Campus Recreation offered a variety of activities throughout October. Weekly intramural events ran on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, averaging seven participants per night, with Wednesday being the busiest at around eleven participants, and Tuesday's drawing about three. On October 2nd, Campus Rec hosted a Staff vs. Students Softball Game, with nine students and eight staff attending. In collaboration with Founders Hall, a kickball game was held on October 7th with six students participating. A "Cozy Cardio" session drew four participants on October 14th, and a Disc Golf Club interest meeting later that week also had four attendees, with additional follow-ups afterward. On October 17th, Campus Rec organized a Grocery Bingo night with 14 students. The month concluded with a popular trip to Scarywood Theme Park, attended by 50 students.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry, staffed by four student workers, is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. In October, the pantry distributed 374 pounds of food to students and their families, with 28 visits from 16 unique students. Dairy, eggs, and meat products are especially popular among visitors. Additionally, the pantry provides fresh, cold-storage vegetables from the FVCC Ag Farm, offering students access to nutritious, locally grown produce. The pantry continues to meet vital nutritional needs within the campus community.

Student Engagement

In October, the Student Engagement Office supported a range of activities that enriched campus life and fostered community. A new club, the Tabletop Role Playing Games Club (TTRPG), was officially established, providing eight members with an opportunity to connect.

Service initiatives included partnering with Phi Theta Kappa for a Habitat for Humanity build day with seven volunteers, volunteering at the local community kitchen, and hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on October 30th, which collected 41 donations.

During Voter Education Week, students participated in activities each day to register to vote, learn about ballots, and access voter information. On October 29th, Voter Early Day featured free pizza and non-partisan resources on candidates and initiatives.

To support students during midterms, a “De-Stress and Chill Zone” was set up in the Student Lounge, offering calming activities like skill toys and kinetic exercises. The popular "Stuff a Plush" event attracted 33 students who enjoyed creating custom FVCC-branded stuffed animals. Through its varied support of clubs, service projects, and wellness initiatives, Student Engagement strives to create an inclusive and engaging campus environment.

Faculty Activity Report

November 2024

James Goudy, MS, Associate Professor of Computer Science/Web Technology, Program Director for Programming and Gaming AAS, Program Director for Computer Science Transfer AS

Jim is a co-adviser for the FVCC Vets Association. On Saturday October 5th, Jim helped staff a FVCC table from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Libby Stand Down event with Joanna Gleason from Financial Aid and Makiy Tamcke, president of the FVCC Vets Association.



24th Annual Libby Stand Down
North West Montana Veteran's Stand Down 2024
Honoring All Veteran's

The following **SERVICES** will be made available for **FREE**:

- Haircuts
- Surplus Military Clothing
- Socks & Underwear
- Refreshments & Lunch
- Food Boxes
- Dog and Cat food
- First Aid Kits

CIVILIAN CLOTHING GIVE AWAY. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN THE PARKING LOT ONLY

WHERE???
Libby Memorial Events Center
111 E. Lincoln Blvd
Libby Mt 59923

IMPORTANT !!!
Bring Your DD214
Discharge VA Card or Military ID

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
Pamela Koller
406.756.7304 (w)
406.270.5613(cell)
www.veteransfoodpantry.org

The following **RESOURCES** will be made available:

- Spokane VA Medical Bus
- Montana VA Staff
- Physical Health
- Mental Health
- Benefits - Pact Act - Housing
- Employment - Aging Services
- Many more Veteran Provider

BUS TRANSPORTATION
Saturday Free bus transportation will be provided for Veterans only. Stop in and sign up at Samaritan House, Vet Center or North West Montana Veterans Food Pantry.

WHEN???
October 5th & 6th
SAT: 9am to 3 pm
SUN: 10am to 1 pm
Or while supplies last



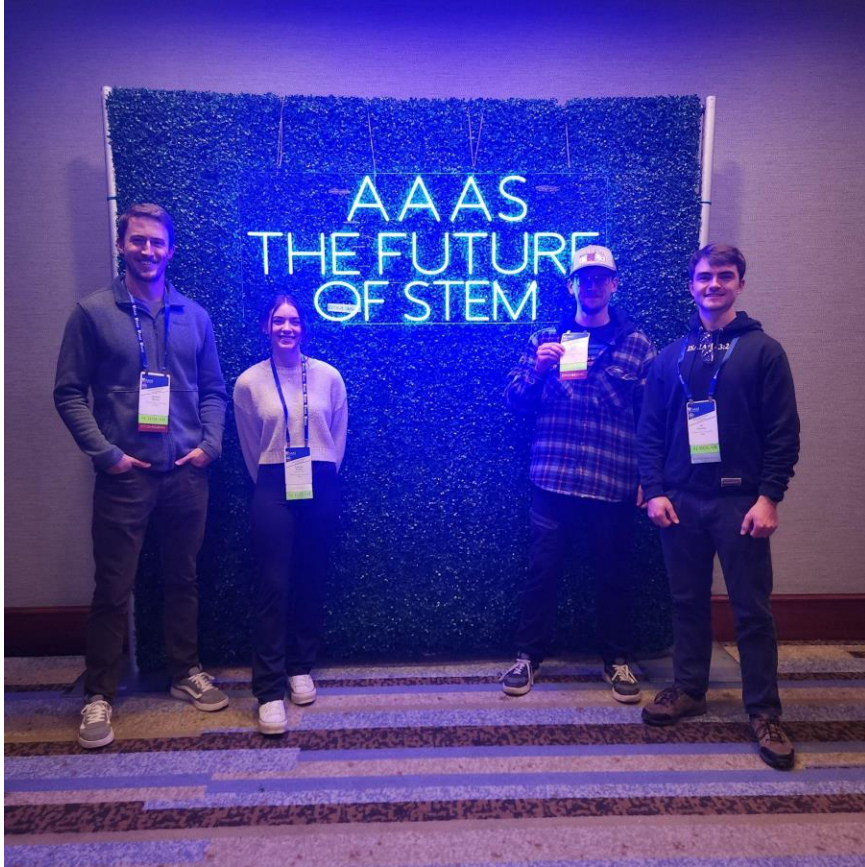
General Renea Dorvall

Nicole S. Sanford, MA, Associate Professor, Music

October 16-19th – Nicole took four music majors (there were supposed to be seven, but some got sick right before we left) to the Montana Music Educator's Conference in Billings, MT where they attended music courses, watched All-State rehearsals, and attended two concerts.

Janice Alexandar, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Chemistry, Science and Engineering Division Chair and Jessica Ennist, Ph.D, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Janice and Jessica brought four STEM Experience scholars to the S-STEM Scholars & PI Meeting. "The S-STEM Scholars & PI Meeting is a nation-wide convening of S-STEM Scholars, PIs, and Co-PIs from active S-STEM Awards. This meeting provides an opportunity to build community throughout the S-STEM network, connect with potential employers and graduate degree programs, engage in professional and career development activities, and present work across a wide array of STEM disciplines." Janice and Jessica nominated Tim Shevtsov, Michael Warner, Conrad Beck, and Rebekah Walker for travel awards and all four students were selected to travel to the Conference with all expenses paid by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).



Eliza Sorte-Thomas, Ed.D., Associate Professor- Early Childhood and K-12 Education
Director of Early Childhood

It's been a busy season in the EDEC and EDU departments. In September, Eliza Thomas attended the fall meeting of MECHEC (Montana Early Childhood Higher Education Coalition) in Missoula with the Early Childhood Institute of Montana. This is a working group of colleges and universities that offer EDEC courses and degrees, including tribal colleges. MECHEC collaborates about the field of early childhood in Montana with other entities such as the DPHHS (Department of Public Health and Human Services) and other service providers to ensure courses are up-to-date, aligned with national standards, and reflect the Montana Early Learning Standards (MELS) and the professional knowledge base. Students benefit from this collaboration through the institutional connections, the current information that can be shared, and by the alignment between coursework and the profession.



On October 23rd, Eliza Thomas and other FVCC colleagues supported the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and hosted their fall meeting on campus. There were over 100 students from across north and central Montana. Eliza shared information about our early childhood AAS degree and then read *The Gruffalo* and taught participants a storytelling strategy that some of the participants could use in an upcoming competition.

Mandee Johnson (FVCC's mental health counselor and adjunct faculty) and Eliza Thomas (EDEC and EDU faculty and Teaching and Learning Center co-chair) shared their work with Motivational Interviewing (modified for a non-clinical setting) with over twenty area counselors at their recent meeting hosted at FVCC. Mandee and Eliza have taken resources from multiple places and people to create a toolbox of resources for faculty and staff to utilize in support student success with ways to address and support behaviors on campus that are odd (glitches), disruptive (bummers), and dangerous (disasters) using the OARS acronym which stands for Open Ended Questions, Affirmations, Reflection, and Summarization. The content has been presented at Teacher and Learning Center events and will continue to be offered to help students and faculty/staff problem-solve situations. Also included were resources FVCC has to support the various levels of student needs. The work is a culmination of a lot of people's efforts to take learning that was gained at a conference and make it applicable and relevant to FVCC's campus. Area counselors (in schools and private practice) saw and shared connections to their settings and circumstances from the recent presentation.

During a staff in-service at West Valley School District, Eliza Thomas had the opportunity to share strategies to RECHARGE (teachers taking care of themselves so they can serve students) with the K-8 staff and administration. This presentation was a way for Eliza and the EDU department to give back to the school community for their continued support of pre-service students through the mentorship of their teachers. West Valley has several FVCC/UM graduates on staff and there are several students placed there for their field experience each semester. And, fun fact . . . it was Eliza's first full-time teaching job in January of 1996.

Executive Staff Report	November 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
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS				
Nursing: ASN and PN Pinning Ceremony will be Friday, December 13 at 3:30pm in AT 139. All board members are invited.	X	X	X	X
FVCC Career Services and the Nursing Program Director, held a Healthcare & Human Services Mini Career Fair on 10/16 that showed students both current and future opportunities and a way to build their professional networks. There were 16 employers and 90 attendees at the fair.	X	X	X	
Recruitment presented to counselors across the state about FVCC at the annual MPSEOC Counselor Update. They also hosted on campus: 20+ counselors, 23 Charlo high school students, and gave tours to 40 members of Leadership Montana.	X	X	X	
Brenda Hanson and Charlie Katerba attended the NWCCU 2024 Annual Conference in Seattle on November 20-22.				X
FINANCE				
FVCC Bookstore worked with the instruction teams to implement an online course material (textbook) adoption platform. All adoptions for Spring were collected using this new process. The adoption platforms gives faculty access to a comprehensive national textbook database to research quality course materials. Historical adoption data is retained to automate and streamline the process in futures reducing manual labor time. System improves access to diverse options and supports textbook affordability.	X	X	X	X
Bookstore replaced register hardware and upgraded Inventory Control System (ICS) to new release cloud software solution.				X
Completed collection of proposals and negotiations to replace photocopier fleet across campus. 16 Xerox units put into production in 2017/18 with Ricoh machines. Equipment delivery scheduled starting in December. Upgrade includes software that enhances data tracking and functionality.		X	X	X
FOUNDATION				
Raised \$67,793 from 74 gifts from October 16-November 14	X	X	X	X
Great Fish Community Challenge Total of over \$92,000	X	X	X	X
Training on new CRM Virtuous-launch first quarter of 2025	X	X	X	X
HUMAN RESOURCES				
Employee Happenings: Joining Us: Rachel Eversole - Associate Registrar Transferring: Devin Marconi - Academic Coordinator, Running Start; Rick Nelson - Facilities Lead Leaving Us:	X	X	X	X
Professional Development: Department Budgeting; Google suite; Access, Belonging and Success; Dealing with Difficult People; Compassion - Our Shared Strength	X	X	X	X
CUPA Salary Survey: Participation in national survey for compensation and benefits benchmarking with higher education institutions		X	X	X
MARKETING				
The Marketing team attended the NCMPR Regional Conference in Spokane, WA. Michele Purcell led two sessions. The team learned in-depth information regarding crisis communications as it relates to a community college hacking incident, received tips on filming and photographing with smart phones, heard how to organize and navigate a website re-design in-house and made many valuable connections with other community college marketers.	X	X	X	X
The Marketing team presented a booth at the "Market Beautiful" event to promote Wachholz College Center's holiday and family-friendly programming and raise awareness for the WCC and FVCC. Almost 200 people stopped by and received WCC schedules and bags. These efforts resulted in 100 new signups for the WCC newsletter. We also spoke to a dozen folks about various interests at FVCC.	X	X	X	X

The FVCC Foundation webpage was completely redesigned and recently re-launched.- https://www.fvcc.edu/about/fvcc-foundation			X	X
The Marketing team supported the Theatre Department's presentation of "Ride the Cyclone" and the Culinary students' first Modernist Chef's Table dinner of the Fall semester.	X	X	X	
The Marketing team supported the distribution of tools and equipment to Occupational Trades students that were paid for via the Metallica Scholars grant. KPAX also covered the event.	X	X	X	X