Mission and Core Themes

Planning Committee Open Forum
August 17, 2011
Background

- 2010-2011 Mission Statement developed by Planning Committee with public input
  - Open Forum May 2011
  - On-line comments
• Summer 2011 Planning Committee develops **Core Themes** and **Indicators**

• **CORE THEMES**: Essential elements of the Mission

• **INDICATORS**: Measurements used to demonstrate progress on the Core Themes
Coming Soon…

- September 15, 2011 We provide our accreditation agency (NWCCU) with our:
  - Mission Statement
  - Core Themes
  - Indicators

NWCCU = Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
TODAY

• We are seeking public comments on the DRAFT Core Themes and Indicators.
MISSION

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Core Theme #1: Educate Students

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Core Theme #2: Create Knowledge and Art

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Core Theme #3: Serve Communities

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Core Theme #4: Integrate Learning, Discovery, and Engagement

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Core Theme #5: Ensure Sustainability

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Core Theme #1: Educate Students

Objectives:

• Our graduates will have achieved mastery in their major disciplines.

• Our graduates will be ready to become active citizens and leaders who are effective critical thinkers and make informed ethical judgments and decisions.

• Our graduates will have a global perspective and demonstrate cultural attunement and an understanding of the benefits of diversity.

• Our graduates will understand the ways that knowledge and art are created and applied in a variety of disciplines.
Core Theme #2: Create Knowledge and Art

Objective:
Students, faculty, and staff create knowledge and art that is communicated widely.
Core Theme #3: Serve Communities

Objectives:

• Our education is available to all qualified students.
• Educational opportunities are widely available in underserved Montana communities/populations.
Core Theme #4: Integrate Learning, Discovery and Engagement

**Objectives:**

- Each student will have experiences that integrate learning, discovery and engagement.
- Outreach activities will educate students and address the needs of the communities we serve.
- Students, faculty, and staff create knowledge and art that addresses societal needs.
- MSU faculty, staff and students create an active environment that creates synergistic relationships within and across disciplines, roles and functions.
Core Theme #5: Ensure Sustainability

Objectives:

• The public trusts the institution to operate openly and use resources wisely.
• Our publicly provided resources are used efficiently and effectively.
• The faculty and staff are well-qualified and engaged.
• Energy is used efficiently and sustainably.