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Annual Report 2014-2015

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
STUDENT AFFAIRS
In the Division of Student Affairs, we are dedicated to fostering a campus community where students can experience being a Griz to the fullest. By definition, students are at the center of everything we do in Student Affairs. We take great pride and care in providing learning opportunities that support each student’s intellectual, social, cultural, emotional and physical development. We do our best to serve the needs of students in all aspects of student life outside the classroom, while at the same time working with Academic Affairs to support student learning.

For more than 25 years, the Division’s programs and services have been an integral part of the campus community that continues to encourage, challenge and prepare students for life. We do our part in advancing the UM student experience: an experience where students live, learn and thrive.

Dr. Teresa Branch
Vice President for Student Affairs
VALUES AND PROMISE

UM Core Values
- Leadership
- Diversity
- Engagement
- Sustainability

UM Strategic Issues
- Partnering for Student Success
- Education for the Global Century
- Discovery and Creativity to Serve Montana and the World
- Dynamic Learning Environment
- Planning-Assessment Continuum

The Division of Student Affairs is proud to host a number of programs at the University of Montana to ensure students thrive.

AlcoholEdu is an online course students are required to complete as part of their registration. The course creates an opportunity for the University to collect critical data on student attitudes and behaviors related to alcohol. This includes students’ readiness to change their behavior, protective or high-risk factors they exhibit, and expectations they have towards the use of alcohol.

Behavioral Intervention Team is a campus-wide team of appointed professionals responsible for identifying, assessing, and responding to serious concerns and/or disruptive behaviors by students who may threaten the health or safety of the campus community.

Campus Assault Prevention Office targets awareness and prevention of relationship violence, dating violence, sexual assault, rape, and stalking at UM.

DiverseU is an annual campus-wide symposium on diversity. DiverseU provides a forum for honest dialogue in order to explore the complexities of human experience, promote understanding and create community through the practice of civil discourse. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members discuss, present, perform and exhibit art throughout the program.

Minority Mentor is a counseling resource to African-American students enrolled at UM that helps them manage non-academic aspects of student life. Murray Pierce is UM’s Minority Mentor.

4th Annual Not in Our State Sexual Violence Prevention Summit was hosted at the University of Montana, November 8-10, 2015. The summit brought together students, campus leaders and community professionals to learn best practices surrounding interpersonal and sexual violence prevention and advocacy. Attendees learn how to empower survivors of interpersonal and sexual violence and create an oppression-free campus climate.

Student Affairs Assessment Council is comprised of a representative from each department within Student Affairs, a representative from the Office of Planning, Budget, and Analysis, and a faculty member. These members assess Student Affairs programs in a formal report to ensure units are maintaining standards of service delivery in accordance with national benchmarks. Internal and external reviews assist in measuring the effectiveness in attaining the department’s goals.

WelcomeFEAST offers a jump-start to the fall semester with food, live music, campus life information and other fun activities. All festivities are free and open to all members of the campus community.

These Core Values and Strategic Issues guide our efforts in the Division of Student Affairs to fulfill this promise:
- Collaborate with faculty, staff and students to offer educational programs and services and improve student success.
- Provide high-quality programs that prepare students to understand and address the needs of society.
- Budget wisely and prepare for a future in which fewer dollars may be available for new programs and services.
- Utilize improved technology to continually enhance service delivery.
- Foster a campus community that welcomes all, celebrates diversity and is student-centered.
- Reward innovative thinking that improves the substance and delivery of programs.
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AISS "SOUP WEDNESDAYS" ATTENDANCE
MORE THAN DOUBLED
IN FY15 (FROM 40 TO 100)

THE UNIVERSITY CENTER’S
MONTANA EVENT SERVICES
EVENT PARTNERSHIPS IN FY15
• MONTANA SPECIAL OLYMPICS
• JOBS FOR MONTANA GRADUATES SYMPOSIUM
• NORTH AMERICAN CONGRESS FOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGY CONFERENCE
• NATIONAL SMOKEJUMPERS ASSOCIATION 75 YEAR REUNION
• INSANE INFLATABLES 5K RACE

1.5 M+
TOTAL VISITS TO THE UC IN FY15

12,616
UC VISITORS ON THE FIRST DAY OF FALL 2014 CLASSES
16,000 hours of community service contributed by UM fraternities and sororities to local and national organizations.

$1M+ in sustainable food purchased from Montana farmers, ranchers, and food producers through the UM Farm to College Program.

15,359 lbs of food donated by UM Dining to the Missoula Food Bank for Can the Cats.

150 hours donated by UM Dining to local non-profit organizations.

$3,600 raised for summer camp scholarships by Campus Recreation Griz Glow Run.

2 UM Dining staff serve on the Missoula County Community Food & Agriculture Coalition Board of Directors.

1st Ever Industrial Technology Career Fair hosted by Career Services.
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

NEW STUDENT LOUNGE
CREATED IN AISS OFFICE FEATURING FREE PRINTING, 3 COMPUTERS, INTERNET, MICROWAVE AND FRIDGE

AMERICAN INDIAN PEER MENTORING
IMPLEMENTED BY AISS TO INCREASE STUDENT SUCCESS AND IMPROVE STUDENT RETENTION

1,325 STUDENTS REGISTERED WITH DISABILITY STUDENT SERVICES

40 MOVIES CAPTIONED BY THE UC WEEKEND MOVIE PROGRAM

748 VETERAN STUDENTS

3,557 PARTICIPANTS ACROSS 45 UC DIVERSITY PROGRAMS

480 UM STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY TRAINED AS UM ALLIES
220 participants from across the Rocky Mountain region attended the 2015 NASPA Power of One conference at the University Center.

91% of DiverseU participants reported an increased understanding and knowledge of diversity and systemic oppression.

30% increase in DiverseU participation with 880 participants across multiple days.

18% increase in the number of international students with 79 countries represented at UM.
EFFECTIVENESS & SERVICE DELIVERY

32,458 STUDENT VISITS TO CURRY HEALTH CENTER WITH 20,981 TO THE MEDICAL CLINIC ALONE

TESTING SERVICES NATIONALLY CERTIFIED AS A TESTING CENTER BY THE NATIONAL COLLEGE TESTING ASSOCIATION AND WAS APPROVED TO ADMINISTER CPA PROFESSIONAL LICENSING EXAMS BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF ACCOUNTANCY

CAREER SERVICES 9,302 JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS POSTED 991 STUDENT INTERVIEWS COORDINATED 356 EMPLOYERS BROUGHT TO THE UM CAMPUS IN 2015

THE UNIVERSITY GOLF COURSE VOTED BEST IN MISSOULA BY THE MISSOULA INDEPENDENT FOR THE 5TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

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AISS and the UM Financial Education Program now provide financial counseling as a requirement prior to receiving a short-term loan resulting in a decrease in the number of students reported in default status since Spring 2015.

Second year in a row, the Vets Office passed the VA compliance survey with zero discrepancies.

76% of survey participants rated UM dining operations 4 or higher (on a scale of 1-5) in a 2015 NACUFS guest satisfaction survey.

174 videos captioned by Disability Services.

Increases in FSSS consultations:
- 2% personal
- 5% immigration
- 12% academic

$120,000 invested in technology upgrades to the University Center Theater, Ballroom, and Alumni Boardroom.

28,000 student Griz Tix distributed and 2,800 guest passes sold at the source over seven games.

26,257 customers served by Shipex and a 12% increase in mailbox rentals generating $203,932 in revenue.
INNOVATION & COLLABORATION

Disability Services for Students Partnered with Olympus Corporation to evaluate the quality and usability of their digital voice recorders.

Career Services and the School of Business Administration collaborated with Nike to recruit at UM.

Campus Recreation partnered with the Wilderness Institute to create the Freshmen Wilderness Institute.

The Griz Card Center, Central IT, and Student Affairs IT implemented UMONEY as payment on PaperCut.

AISS collaborated with the UM Social Work Department to develop a Social Work Practicum in the AISS Department.

DSS partnered with the National Weather Service to promote trainings on emergency weather alert services to members of the deaf and hard of hearing community.

Health professions career fair participation and outreach was increased through Career Services’ strategic partnership with the Area Health Education Center.
$150,000+ IN NEW REVENUE
GENERATED BY MONTANA EVENT SERVICES FOR VENUES AND CAMPUS SERVICES INCLUDING ALMOST $30,000 IN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA RANKED 6TH IN THE U.S. AMONG MID-SIZED UNIVERSITIES FOR PEACE CORPS RECRUITMENT

F/J VISA $50 FEE TO FUND FOREIGN STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES OFFICE OPERATIONS, SERVICE RELATED EXPENSES, AND PROGRAMMING

AISS SUPPORTED UM RECRUITMENT BY BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS, HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS, TRIBAL COLLEGE ADVISORS, AND OTHER EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS

337% INCREASE IN UM DINING GROWING SPACE WITH THE ADDITION OF SOUTH AVENUE GARDEN

6 UM EVENTS PARTNERED WITH THE SOURCE TO EXTEND HOURS
• 3 UM ORIENTATIONS
• COMMENCEMENT
• INTERNATIONAL FOOD & CULTURE FESTIVAL
• GRIZ VS CAT FOOTBALL GAME
STUDENT LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

5 YEARS (2010–2015) OF NATIONAL DESIGN AWARDS
AWARDED TO THE UNIVERSITY CENTER MARKETING OFFICE AT THE NATIONAL ACUI STEAL THIS IDEA DESIGN CONTEST

UC GARDENS EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
- CLARK FORK SCHOOL
- COLLEGE OF FORESTRY & CONSERVATION
- DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL & PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES
- GREEN PATH HERB SCHOOL
- OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT UM (MOLLI)
- WESTERN APICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA
30% increase in optimal bear wellness program with 506 participants in FY15 (up from 357 the previous year)

63 resident assistants received 4,284 hours of training and 539 students trained in by-stander intervention by residence life

14% higher retention rate of students who participated in the freshman wilderness experience over students who did not participate

3.49 GPA for vets office student workers
- 2.96 GPA of veterans using VA education benefits (up from 2.84 the previous year)

55 hours per week spent by DSS interpreters in the classroom interpreting

635 visits to the student advocacy resource center (up from 279 last year)

5.4% of the UM mountain campus population belongs to a Greek lettered organization

3.18 GPA for the FSI community in FY15
- 3.24 GPA sorority average
- 3.11 GPA fraternity average

Almost 7% more registered DSS students graduated than last year

7% increase in Yellow Ribbon students with 108 in FY15 (88 veterans and 20 family members)
STUDENT LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

43,478

STUDENT OUTREACH ENCOUNTERS WERE REALIZED THROUGH THE EVENTS HELD BY CURRY HEALTH CENTER

TOP 3 MEDICAL REASONS STUDENTS VISITED CURRY HEALTH CENTER IN FY15 WERE:
1) UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS, SORE THROAT, AND COMMON Colds
2) ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER
3) ANXIETY

TOP 3 REASONS FOR COUNSELING VISITS WERE:
1) ANXIETY
2) DEPRESSION
3) ACADEMIC CONCERNS

AISS PROVIDED FREE WORKSHOPS ON ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND INCREASED PARTICIPATION BY 20%

4 UM DINING STUDENT EMPLOYEES EACH RECEIVED $500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

17,649 STUDENT INTERACTIONS ACROSS 941 RESIDENCE LIFE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS IN FY15
MISSOULA INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM MADE
263 PEER MATCHES
THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF FSSS AND THE GLOBAL PARTNERS PROGRAM

150 PARTICIPANTS AND 17 COMMUNITY SPONSORS WERE A PART OF THE
1ST ANNUAL "BIG GIG"
ORGANIZED BY THE UC GAME ROOM AND UM ENTERTAINMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

11,753 INTERACTIONS WITH CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ACROSS 69 UC STUDENT INVOLVEMENT NETWORK PROGRAMS
23 DIVERSITY PROGRAMS
2,197 ATTENDEES
27 FUN PROGRAMS
8,820 ATTENDEES
12 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS
335 ATTENDEES
7 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
401 ATTENDEES

3,170 VISITORS TO UC GALLERY (UP FROM 2,641)
20% INCREASE IN UC GALLERY (UCG) VISITS
44% INCREASE IN UCG OPENING ATTENDANCE
38% INCREASE IN CLASS VISITS TO THE UCG

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32 STUDENTS COMPLETED UC TABLE TENNIS CLASSES

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UPCOMING CHANGES FOR UM STUDENT AFFAIRS

Residence Life is implementing a new Physics Living Learning Community; a collaborative effort between Residence Life and the UM Physics Department.

Residence Life is bringing a new program to UM called Step UP! This is a prosocial behavior and bystander intervention training program that educates students to be proactive in helping others. Students will gain valuable skill sets to help them help their communities.

Disability Services will host “Access Partners” a disability focused workshop series; further integrate services by moving all DSS technology services to Central IT; partner with Rural Institute on Inclusive Communities and Montana Vocational Rehabilitation to host a summer program for prospective students; and Launch a new-web based database and communication system for students.

The University Center will open The Branch Center next fall, a community space for diversity and inclusion located in the existing SOS space on the 2nd floor of the UC. The Center is named after Dr. Teresa Branch the Vice President for Student Affairs who is retiring this year.

Enrollment Services/Admissions will return to the Division of Student Affairs.

Foreign Student & Scholar Services will move from the Division of Student Affairs to International Programs.

The VETS Office completed a $90k renovation project and will begin a $20k renovation this fall in addition to a new crosswalk across Campus Drive.
WANT TO CHANGE A STUDENT’S LIFE?

There are so many ways in which your donation can have a profound impact on the programs, staff and students within the Division of Student Affairs.

For more information about how you can support Student Affairs at UM, visit WWW.UMT.EDU/VPSA

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