

Committee Report Form - -Yellowstone Presbytery

Committee Name: Higher Education

Committee Report for Council Meeting, scheduled for: 2/15/13

Submitted By: Bob Culbertson, Moderator of Higher Education committee

I. For Council's Information:

- a. The Committee's Stated Goals for 2013:
 - i. Priority 1: Create better method of assessing collegiate programs.
 - ii. Priority 2: Develop a structured guideline to facilitate the continued relationships between the campus ministries in Montana (currently MSU, MSUB & RMC)

- b. Date of Committee Meeting: 1/31/13 Date of Next Meeting: 3/21/13

- c. Members Present: Bob Culbertson, Kim Woeste, Curt Kochner, Chuck Broughton

- d. Main agenda Items:
 - i. Update of Presbytery restructuring as pertains to Higher Education.
 - ii. Ministry reviews of:
 1. MSU: Presby-Cats continue to go strong w/ student led Bible studies and activities; Mission trip to Belize w/ church Youth Group planned for March; Winter retreat planned for February 1 & 2 at Rock Haven; FPC Bozeman designates \$9,500 from mission budget for Presby-Cats.
 2. RMC: Spring semester starting off good; has regular student activities w/ study & mission activities: participating in several special mission activities including the Stand-up RMC Wellness Initiative and "Going Bald" (Relay-For-Life fundraising & cancer awareness).
 3. MSU Billings: Part-time interim Campus Minister coordinating student led activities; Board hoping to have full-time Campus Pastor hired and starting work in July – the UCM Board of Directors decided that less than full-time will not produce acceptable results.
 - iii. Christus Collegium negotiation update.
 - iv. Review rough draft of guideline to facilitate the continued relationships between the campus ministries in Montana – much discussion & many questions.

- e. Decisions we made:
No votes taken
Update Draft of Collegiate Ministry Guidelines

Who will follow through:

Bob Culbertson

II. We Request Council's *Input* on the Following:

- a. Identifying the transition of church ministry between high school and post-college adulthood.
- b. Will there be a Presbyterian contribution to higher education ministries in Montana? What could/should it look like?
- c. What will be the nature of the relationship between the Presbytery and the higher education ministries?
- d. What will be the nature of the communication between the Presbytery and the higher education ministries?
- e. How will the relationship between the Presbytery and the higher education ministries be maintained?
- f. As a "Presbyterian College" what support (other than nominal) can RMC expect?

III. We request Council's *Action* on the Following:

IV. Council desires the Committee to consider the following: