

FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AGENDA ITEMS 4-6

IV. 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**

**February 2025**

### **Campus Recreation**

Campus Recreation hosted a variety of events during Week of Welcome to engage students and promote upcoming activities. On the first day of classes, a firepit event provided students with a warm and welcoming start to the semester while also serving as a promotional opportunity for Campus Rec events. On Wednesday and Thursday, Campus Rec participated in Club Days by hosting a Fitness Center and Campus Rec table, which led to 20 new student enrollments in the Fitness Center.

To wrap up the week, a movie night was held on Friday featuring the new Mufasa movie, with 15 students in attendance. Intramurals resumed on January 27<sup>th</sup> and will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the semester. Monday intramurals will feature a variety of sports, while Wednesdays will be dedicated to Volleyball. So far, Monday's intramural events have included Indoor Soccer and Dodgeball. Additional programming included The Office Trivia Night on January 28<sup>th</sup> and REC Fest on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fitness Center**

The Fitness Center operates from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM for students and is staffed by several student workers who cover approximately 85% of its operational hours. It currently has 172 enrolled student members, with 110 total check-ins from 43 unique individuals. Peak usage occurs in the mid-to-late afternoon, with the busiest time being 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, which saw 39 check-ins. In contrast, the slowest periods were 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (3 check-ins) and 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (4 check-ins). Attendance is significantly lower in the mornings and on Fridays, reflecting a preference for afternoon workouts among students.

### **Firearms Enthusiasts**

The Firearms Enthusiasts Club focuses on responsible firearm use and safety education. This month, the club elected a new Vice President and discussed upcoming events. Meetings are held at the Trades Institute and Firearms Bay, with 12 members attending. Announcements are made during class. A trip to the Cody, Wyoming, Firearms Museum has been scheduled.

### **Genders & Sexualities Alliance (GSA)**

The Genders & Sexualities Alliance provides an inclusive space for LGBTQ+ students and allies. In January, the club participated in both Club Days, engaging with students. Six students have expressed interest in regular Tuesday meetings from 3-4 PM. Promotion is done through flyers and emails. Planned events for the semester are under discussion.

### **InterVarsity Christian Fellowship**

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship fosters a supportive Christian community through weekly Bible studies on Wednesdays from 12-1 PM at the Eagles Nest Café and prayer gatherings on Thursdays. The club has 28 members and promotes meetings via the Privy Press and flyers. In January, they held two Bible studies with 12 attendees and two prayer gatherings with 10

attendees. Upcoming plans include continuing Bible studies, hosting a Prayer and Pizza event, and attending a regional conference.

### **Logger Sports**

Logger Sports is dedicated to traditional logging competitions and outdoor activities. The club held its first meeting and several practice sessions, with approximately 10 students and coaches participating. Meetings are on Tuesdays from 3-5 PM and Fridays from 2-5 PM, with communication primarily through group text messaging. Planned activities include birling practice, a fundraiser in March, and an 8th-grade logging camp.

### **Native American Student Association**

The Native American Student Association promotes cultural awareness and supports Indigenous students. No activities were held this month, as meetings are yet to be established for the semester. The club consists of approximately 10 students and coaches. Publicity methods are still in development, and plans are underway to set up weekly meetings.

### **Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK)**

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) recognizes and encourages academic excellence. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 1:00 PM in LRC 123, with 103 members. PTK promotes activities via FVCC Connect, flyers, and the Privy Press. In January, the club participated in Club Day by hosting a table. Upcoming activities include pool tournaments, trash pickup, tree planting, and other service projects.

### **Student Engagement**

The focus for January was Week of Welcome (WOW), which took place from January 21-24. WOW featured 11 events, including a welcome breakfast, a firepit gathering, two club day events, a "Stuff-a-Plush" activity, and a Martin Luther King Jr. Day service project where students made no-sew blankets for local nursing homes. The week concluded with a movie night.

The Fiesta Club Day event on Wednesday was the most popular, attracting 52 students from 11:30 – 1:30. Throughout WOW, the library also hosted various activities to promote its services, including a Nintendo Fest, virtual reality experiences, magnet and button making, and a coffee and donuts social with the library staff.

In January, Marketing played a key role in promoting the food pantry on social media, generating a great response, including a potential donation. As a result, the pantry distributed 351 pounds of food, serving 18 unique students throughout the month. This marks a significant increase from November's total of 277 pounds and 13 unique students, highlighting the growing impact of this essential service.

While it is difficult to track attendance, the student lounge continues to be a popular hub where students gather to relax, play pool, and ping pong, enjoy gaming, work on computers, take naps, or even get a massage. Additionally, several student organizations regularly use the space for meetings and activities, making it a fun and versatile space on campus.

**Student Wellness Team**

The Student Wellness Team actively participated in both Club Days during Week of Welcome on Wednesday and Thursday. Over the two days, the team engaged with nearly 40 students. Currently, the Wellness Team is planning meaningful events for the semester to support student well-being and engagement.

Introduction Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC) hosts a diverse range of student clubs and organizations that contribute significantly to campus life. These groups provide students with opportunities to engage with peers, develop leadership skills, and participate in extracurricular activities. This report summarizes the survey responses submitted by various clubs at FVCC, outlining their recent activities, future plans, and operational challenges.

**Veterans Association**

The Veterans Association supports student veterans. On January 17, 2025, four active members attended a Veterans Forum. Meetings are communicated via student emails and bulletin board postings. The club plans to collaborate with other student organizations for the FVCC Fund Run. A new treasurer has been elected.

## Faculty Activity Report

February 2025

### **Janice Heil, MA, Associate Professor, Program Director, Physical Therapist Assistant**

Janice Heil went to the University of Montana to lecture on the Physical Therapist (PT) - Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) relationship in November. She presented to 33 students who were in the first year of their Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. Research supports that DPT students who receive education on the PT/PTA relationship throughout their 3 years of DPT school have a better understanding of the utilization of a PTA, the scope of practice and the contribution to the patient care experience leads to better patient outcomes.

### **Jessie Smith, MS, Assistant Professor of Biology**

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, Jessie participated in an event with the Montana High Tech Business Alliance and Montana BioScience Alliance, hosted at FVCC called "Future of Biotech in the Big Sky". This was an event that brought business leaders, educators, and elected officials to explore opportunities for growth in Montana's biotech sector. She sat on a panel and discussed FVCC's biotechnology program and the Biotechnology Aptitude and Competency Exam (BACE), explaining how we are training students to enter the biotech workforce in Montana.

### **Dr. Kelly C. Kissane, Assistant Professor of Biology**

Kelly attended the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB) conference during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January. It was held in Atlanta, and she attended a lot of good science and science education talks. She particularly liked the talk that involved teaching about hormones and their effects on the body by using a card game called Homeostasis. This included data showing how the test scores improved after the students played the game for a few rounds.

### **Dr. Jacoba Rock, L.C.S.W., M.S.W., Adjunct Faculty, Social Science.**

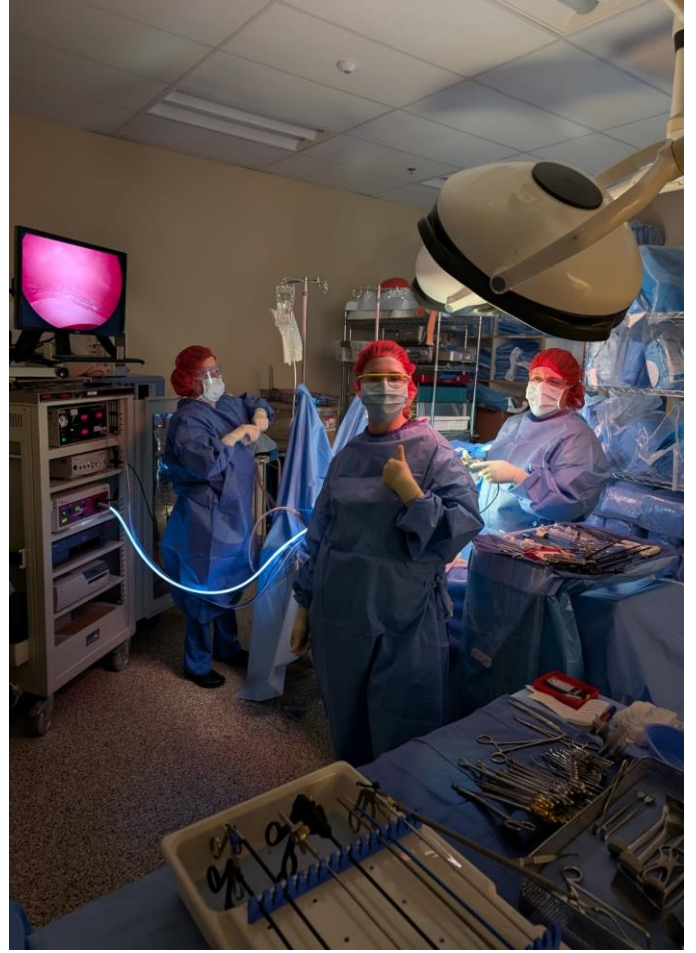
Jacoba had the opportunity to publish and present their work.

Publication: Lattas, D., & **Rock, J.** (2025). Bridging the Gap: A Collaborative Model For Forensic Social Work Dissemination and Translation. *British Journal of Social Work.*

Presentation: **Rock, J.,** & Lea, C. (2025). *De-implementation as abolition praxis: Exploring opportunities and obligations to abolish ineffective and oppressive programs, practices, and policies in social services.* Workshop, Society for Social Work Research, Seattle, WA.

**Robyn Hoggatt, BAS, CST, Program Director, Surgical Technology**

In week 4 of Surgical Technology, students performed a simulated laparoscopic cholecystectomy (gall bladder removal) using a new simulator purchased with Perkins funds. There was much excitement in the air since this was the first simulated procedure for the new cohort.



Executive Staff Report	February 2025			
	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
<b>ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS</b>				
Career Services hosted "Grab a Slice" during the Week of Welcome. Over pizza, we connected with 7 students about resources.	X	X	X	
<b>FOUNDATION</b>				
New CRM went live January 28, 2025	X	X	X	X
\$77,895.16 raised from 101 gifts	X	X	X	X
Chef's Table Tickets went on sale January 29, 2025. Sold out in 30 minutes	X	X	X	X
Art of Dining Donor Experience with Theater and Culinary School February 8, 2025	X	X	X	X
<b>HUMAN RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Employee Happenings:</b>				
<b>Joining Us:</b> Shafiullah Barez - Custodian III, Steven Phillips - Mathematics Faculty, Michael Schwager - Foundational Math Faculty				
<b>Leaving Us:</b> Devin Marconi - Coordinator, Running Start	X	X	X	X
<b>Professional Development:</b> Writing Tips; FVCC103 - LCC/Workforce Development; Think Again Book Discussion; FVCC104 - Understanding the College Budget	X	X	X	X
<b>Grants:</b> Zero to Five grant to assist employees with their childcare needs is in process		X	X	X
<b>Wellness:</b> The Biggest Winner six week fitness challenge		X	X	X
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>				
Thesis Elements, the new student information system, with new mobile responsive student portals are planned to be implemented on 24 February.			X	X
<b>MARKETING</b>				
Onboarded 2 Interns and one student employee, all FVCC students in the Graphic Design program	X	X	X	X
Completed total Marketing equipment inventory and identified items to be sold in a future surplus sale				X
<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>				
<b>Adult Education</b>				
Salish Kootenai College and FVCC are developing a Adult Education partnership. SKC will follow the state mandated enrollment policies FVCC is responsible for; FVCC will provide TABE assessments and resources (LACES, DRC, Essential Ed) as well as 1:1 online support. This partnership means FVCC has 3 physical locations for students across our 4 counties.	X	X	X	X
Integrated Education Training (IET) state approval for Building and Construction Trades received.	X	X		X
Jobs for Montana's Graduates is providing \$3,000 to Adult Education to advance the Building and Construction Trades IET. This funding allows Adult Education to scholarship students enrolled in the IET program, as well as purchase necessary equipment for the hands-on portion of the course.	X	X		X
PROGRAM STATS UPDATE: As of February 14, we have 120 students with 12+ reportable hours, have had 30 students complete their high school equivalency diplomas, and overall have served 218 individuals.	X			X

<b>Continuing Education</b>				
Spring registration and the first weeks of enrollment have been very strong with numerous classes filling, across several categories of classes. As of Feb 5, 1,167 students registered for 1,682 classes.	X	X		X
Senior Institute kicks off on Valentine's Day with 215 students currently registered.				
The Campus Farm is expecting to again sell out with their Summer CSA shares - 25 full shares for \$450 and 8 split shares for \$500.	X	X		X
<b>Entrepreneurship Center</b>				
Twelve new non-credit business/entrepreneurship courses are being conceptualized. New courses will focus on entrepreneur-centric topics such as: business plan development, financing and marketing a new business, small business accounting, and business structure, among others.	X	X	X	X
Advisory board creation: seeking to create two advisory boards for the Center, one internal and one external. Potential board members are being considered now.		X		X
<b>Occupational Trades</b>				
Accelerated CNC Essentials (developed by Dave Sturgis and Lloyd Haugen) two-week intensive course wrapped up on 2/13/2025. Among the ten participants included employees of Timberline Tools, Skinner Sights and Nomad with a waitlist of 12 currently for a possible second offering.	X	X	X	X
Trades Institute is developing internships for FVCC manufacturing AAS and firearms tech AAS students in their 3rd or 4th semester with local manufacturers in response to requests by local businesses (e.g., Shields Arms).	X	X		X
<b>SBDC</b>				
33 new clients served 1/6-2/12, goal of 100 for 2025. Two new businesses started, goal of six for 2025		X	X	X
Loans attributed to SBDC \$1.1 M as of 2/15, goal \$2.2 M, 2025,		X	X	X