



Meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

Sep Eskandari and Kim Hayworth announced that they are making strides thanks to teams' efforts. The results are beginning to show improvement, and they thanked everyone involved for their work.

Sep Eskandari and Kim Hayworth spoke about the power of education to transform lives. Higher education has proved instrumental for incarcerated people to reintegrate into society. MSUB will work with the Montana Women's prison in Billings and Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge on the Second Chance Pell Program. There is capacity for ten students in each of the two programs we will offer. This will require joint effort and cross collaboration across divisions.

Julie Pettitt and Kim Hayworth spoke about the Montana 10 initiative. The goal is for MSUB to have 170 students for the first cohort. The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) has committed to cover the cost of the first cohort program.

The virtual viewing link has been provided for the State of the University Address but Chancellor Hicswa strongly encourages everyone to come in person. She will deliver the address at 9:00 on August 25th in Petro Theatre.

Maureen Brakke showed the new and outdated MSUB logos. Everyone is reminded to wear MSUB gear and their updated nametag when we host the September Board of Regents meeting on campus. This will show our school pride.

Staff Counselor Jerry Girard spoke about the creation of the 988 suicide crisis hotline; it functions similarly to 911 and can also receive text messages. He announced that MSUB will be hosting the Enhancing Community Mental Health and Wellness conference which is an expansion of the MUS suicide prevention conference.

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