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NWCCD board planning for the future

“Sheridan College is continuing to think forward about the future of its academic programming and services for students and the economic vitality of the Sheridan Community,” said Bruce Hoffman, Northern Wyoming Community College District Board Chair.

In a Board of Trustees workshop to be held on Tuesday afternoon with the Sheridan College Foundation Board, Whitney Benefits Trustees and senior college administrators, the group will be reviewing academic, enrollment and facilities plans designed to realize the vision and strategic plan of Sheridan College.

The past 12-months of grassroots planning will culminate in a master plan which the Trustees will consider for adoption at their March 25th board meeting. Today’s workshop is an important step in the process to gather input, respond to questions and further refine the plan, according to Hoffman.

The plans to be reviewed during the workshop outline how the college intends to manage enrollment growth from its current 1,820 to an eventual 2,500 students, identify program areas targeted for expansion and enhancement and present the benefits of more students living on campus. Vice President of Administration Cheryl Health will also provide an overview of facility planning, both on and off campus, to support the enrollment and academic strategies.

“This is an absolutely important milestone in the future of the college,” said Hoffman. He expressed his thanks to all those staff, faculty and community members who have contributed to the planning and to the Whitney Board for their support in funding the updated architectural plans.

In emphasizing the importance of engaging students in and out of the classroom, Interim President Jon Connolly said, “I’m excited that these plans are sensitive to the many aspects of student learning. Likewise, they underscore the college’s deliberate efforts to enhance programs that support the economy of the region and the state.”

“I am pleased that the Foundation has been engaged in this planning process,” said Anthony Spiegelberg, a member of the Sheridan College Foundation Board. “As a businessperson and a community member, I’m impressed with the work that the college has undertaken. This is a great opportunity for the community to work in partnership with the college to bring this vision to reality.”

As noted by Tom Kinnison, President of Whitney Benefits, “These plans represent Sheridan College’s future, and it is important to move forward, maintaining the momentum that has been created. Sheridan College is key to Sheridan being a successful community.”