TURTLE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MONTHLY REPORT

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Month: November 2011

Department: President’s Office

Brief Description/Goals of Department: The department has the overall responsibility for fulfilling the mission, goals, and activities for the TMCC.

Monthly Activities:

1. We’ve had three meetings this past month with P2P regarding the downtown campus and Phase I of the Key Stone Project. We have discussed the TMCC buildings at the downtown campus, prepared a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and a letter to go with the MOU. We have one more meeting before our Board meeting and we’ll finalize the MOU and have it presented at the meeting on 28th. You will note in version #1, page 3 - 2-b, that this is where it is spelled out what direction the Board wants to go with the buildings and the fund-raising. In P2P’s version, they would like all affected buildings moved so they can take possession of the land/property which will allow them to move forward with raising the funds for this project. In other words, it is our understanding that before they can commence to raise funds for this project, they need to have possession/access to the land. The P2P Board will be present to answer any questions the Board may have. I have attached the version #1 MOU with this report.

2. A committee has been working on a review of the salary scale. They are providing some historical information along with trying to determine how the scale may be mathematically incorrect. A report will be provided on this to the Board.

3. On Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 2-3, 2011, we had a focus visit from the North Dakota Board of Nursing (NDBON) for our LPN program. The visit went quite well. The team members indicated they will recommend continuation to May 2013 to the full NDBON later in the month. By the 28th I should have official word on this and will report it to you.

4. Three of our people attended a two-day expo in Bismarck. The title of the expo was “Great Plains and Empower ND Energy Expo.” Much of this expo was in regard to the oil boom in western ND. We have attended other meetings and expos in the past two years with the intent of keeping abreast of the oil impact in ND and what we must do to address job preparation that involves oil development in ND.

5. An annual report is being completed and will be available for the 28th and/or Dec. 2-3, 2011. This report will be part of our power point presentation on December 2nd in Grand Forks.

6. Kellie Hall and Glenn Longie were recently appointed to the Board of Directors and we will be providing them with a brief orientation on Tuesday, November 22nd. They will receive a broader orientation on December 2nd when we do the power point in Grand Forks.
7. Our Building Construction Trades curriculum and students have started on their third house. The second house has been moved off campus to its owner and second year students are working on the interior of the house for completion.

8. There have been some meetings on campus by local tribal members concerned with “fracking” which is a method used in the drilling and the extraction of oil. This is all in response to the likelihood that oil will be drilled for on and near our reservation.

9. We were notified by the Shakopee Tribe that they denied our request for a donation in the amount of $250,000. We will continue to apply for these funds next year with hopes that the Tribe (TMT) can assist us with this. During the past three years we have had a donation request to the Shakopee Tribe and it was always recommended that our Tribe meet with the Shakopee Tribal Council and present our request. This would give us a better chance of receiving the donation. UTTC, with the help of their Board of Directors, has received $1,000,000, and was due to receive another $750,000 this current year.

10. We’ve had an initial meeting on the work to be done on the roof of the main campus building. We will continue with these meetings and eventually in early 2012 we will be able to put this work out for bids. Funding for this project comes from our Title Ill program and a USDA grant.

Highlights/Successes: We should be notified soon that we have received extension approval from the NDBON for our LPN program. I believe we have made a lot of progress working with P2P with regard to our buildings down town and Phase I of the Key Stone Project. Part of this could mean that two or three of the buildings could be moved to the main campus for storage or for other uses.

Anticipated Travel for December: Attend the Board of Directors meeting in Grand Forks December 2-3, 2011.

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