Introduction and Purpose
Great Falls College MSU (GFC MSU) is driven by and responsive to the needs of its communities. Thus, GFC MSU believes the community plays a vital role in advancing the mission of the College. Providing quality, relevant education for its communities requires strong participation and contribution by key stakeholders. To this end, the Executive Advisory Council (EAC) provides a "community voice" for guiding the work of GFC MSU.

Policy Charge
The EAC is comprised of a group of people who are vitally interested in the future of the College and advises the CEO/Dean on strategic issues and opportunities facing the College. The advisors helping to develop strategies and resources to strengthen the College within the context of its mission and reflective of the needs of the community.

Within this capacity, the EAC will function to meet the following objectives:

1. Provide information and ideas that reflect community perspectives;
2. Create connections for the College with various segments of the community;
3. Offer input to GFC MSU regarding its strategic directions and plans for the future;
4. Identify underserved populations in the College’s service region;
5. Assist in identifying future facilities, programming and service needs;
6. Provide advice and support on a variety of College issues; and
7. Serve as knowledgeable ambassadors for GFC MSU in the community.

Membership
Membership on the Executive Advisory Council includes select community leaders appointed by the CEO/Dean. Members will be knowledgeable of the trends in their professions, aware of the needs and engaged in the community, and committed to promoting higher education for residents of the College’s service area.

In totality, the EAC will be comprised of 40 members who will serve staggered three-year terms. A current roster of appointees is kept on file in the CEO/Dean’s office. Terms may be renewed at the discretion of the CEO/Dean with concurrence by the EAC.

Meetings
An effective advisory council to the CEO/Dean will keep members engaged and up-to-date on relevant issues pertaining to the College. Thus, the EAC will meet two to three times per year. Meetings may be adjusted to accommodate full participation. The EAC and CEO/Dean may decide to conduct additional meetings or form ad hoc subgroups to address pertinent or time-sensitive issues. An agenda and any additional materials will be sent to EAC members in advance of the meeting to ensure fully engaged dialog.