Introduction and Purpose
Great Falls College MSU recognizes that financial challenges exist for both current and prospective students, as well as their family, when accessing higher education. Similarly, the College recognizes the financial needs of academic programs and campus projects that may require funding beyond what state appropriations and tuition provide. Thus, GFC MSU believes community driven philanthropy can hold the promise of advancing the College and its mission. The GFC MSU Development Board is established to increase private giving in support of the College.

Policy
Mission
The Mission of the GFC MSU Development Board is to “enhance Montana’s future through increased access to public higher education by advancing the philanthropic support of student scholarships, academic programs, and select campus projects at GFC MSU.”

Charge
The Development Board is charged with advancing the philanthropic activities of the College to ultimately ensure students are provided the fiscal means to attend college, and when they do, experience high-quality programs, services, and facilities. The Development Board provides leadership and guidance to the College, serves in an advisory capacity to the CEO/Dean of the institution, and leads the institution’s charge to generate private resources on behalf of students.

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

1. Serve as advocates for GFC MSU in the community;
2. Create relationships for the College with various segments of the community;
3. Identify prospective donors for the College to solicit in support of the College;
4. Review and approve campus policies related to private giving at the College; and
5. Identify and set near-term and long-term goals to improve the College’s private giving.

Relationship with MSU Foundation, Inc.
The MSU Foundation, which supports Montana State University, is a separately incorporated entity, organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") governed by the Foundation's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and organized to enhance the continuing excellence of the University by attracting financial support and being prudent stewards of its resources and friendships. The Foundation has agreed to accept and manage gifts made to GFC MSU in compliance with the MSU Foundation Gift Policies and other governing documents.

Membership
The Development Board is comprised of concerned community representatives that can fulfill a myriad of roles necessary for a well-rounded, philanthropic body. The Development Board shall consist of up to 15 members who serve alternating three-year terms. Board members are appointed by the CEO/Dean, and are ratified by the Board. Members may serve multiple terms. The Board also includes the CEO/Dean of the College, acting as an ex-officio member. The Board is staffed by the Director of Development and Governmental Relations.
Executive Committee/Officers
The GFC MSU Development Board shall have an Executive Committee formed of three officer positions. These include a Chair, Vice-Chair, and an At-Large Member. The Board shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and At-Large Member to serve as the Executive Committee on an annual basis. Officers may serve multiple terms as determined by the Board.

Meetings
The Development Board will meet at least quarterly at times established jointly between the Chair and CEO/Dean. Other meetings may be called, and business of the Development Board can be conducted via electronic mediums such as telephone or email. For any action items requiring approval of the Development Board, a quorum will be constituted as a simple majority of the board members.

Board Governance
The Board may develop and approve bylaws to provide for the governance and operations of its Members, Officers, and Mission beyond the scope of this policy; however, such documentation must reflect the broad parameters prescribed herewith in.