



DATE: June 22, 2015
TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Dr. Michael J. Simon
President, Dawson Community College
RE: Campus Report for June 2015 Board of Regents' Meeting

- I have resigned the presidency of Dawson Community College effective July 17, 2015. The Board of Trustees is considering the appointment of an interim president and planning for the search process.
- The college upgraded and increased the amount of exercise equipment in the Toepke Center for student, employee, and community use. The upgrade is part of a plan to increase use of the facility that includes opening a coffee shop and expanding the product lines in the bookstore.
- The college hired Joe Peterson to serve as head coach of the men's basketball program. Mr. Peterson holds a Bachelor of Science in mathematics education and a Master of Arts in sports administration. Additionally, he served at a school for AIDS orphans in rural Kenya for 11 years. Joe has successfully coached at the collegiate level for a number of years. In 2001, he helped lead the Northwestern State University Demons to their first NCAA Tournament appearance and first ever NCAA Tournament win.
- The college hosted a symposium for employers and professionals in the oil and gas industry with the support of Workforce Navigators from a number of MUS campuses. The symposium participants made a number of suggestions for improving existing academic programs, helping students obtain key soft skills, and new academic programs for consideration. The college is following-up on each of the suggestions.