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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for March 2016 Board of Regents' Meeting

• 29 students completed their goals at DCC in December. Despite, that, we expect our headcount to be higher than the beginning of fall 2015, due to an increase in online enrollments and some concurrent/dual enrollment agreements. Our team has done a nice job of promoting these opportunities in our marking materials.

- Dual-enrollment is up and running with Sydney High School; we are continuing conversations with local area schools and expect those numbers to increase in the Fall 2016
- DCC has hired several new adjunct instructors and early feedback from students is encouraging. DCC's Pep Band increased from four to 31 students this semester!
- We had the largest recorded crowd at a DCC basketball game against Williston, ND on January 28. The men rewarded the crowd with a thrilling 116-109 overtime win, which many in attendance are still describing as the "most exciting basketball game I've ever seen."
- DCC continues to evolve and find creative and entrepreneurial ways to achieve its mission and meet objectives of its core themes.
  - o The Corrosion Technology program at DCC is ready to be approved; we have the first semester's curriculum written, and are making progress on the second semester's curriculum of the 2-year associate's degree.
  - o We have partnered with the Montana State Professional Development Center to serve as the training center for Eastern Montana, and will offer a 27-credit Certificate of Public Service also.
  - o Discussions are underway with an online provider to offer our Agribusiness courses, and offer those as dual-enrollment options; we expect to offer short-term, stackable credentials in that program in addition to our associate's degree.
  - o DCC's Board of Trustees approved the request to offer our Chemical Addiction Studies program fully-online, and course development is underway.
- DCC is finalizing Ad Hoc reports to accompany its Year-one Self-Study, and will host an NWCCU team April 4-5.