



DATE: Wednesday, August 24, 2016
TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Scott R. Mickelsen, President
RE: **Campus Report for September 2016 Board of Regents' Meeting**

MISSION

Dawson Community College provides affordable and open access to quality teaching and learning

CORE THEMES

- College Transfer Education: Provide programs and services that prepare learners for transition to and success in further degree programs
- Career & Technical Education: Provide programs and services that prepare learners for vocational and technical career entry, transition, and advancement
- College Readiness Education: Provide pre-college programs and services that prepare learners for successful transition to college
- Continuing Education & Community Service: Provide programs and services that help address the professional, social, and personal enrichment needs of the region

REPORT:

- Below are our DCC 15 talking points. DCC has finalized the talking points as well as put a press release together and released.
1. Dawson Community College's average annual cost of \$7,878 is lower than the National average of \$16,574.
 2. Dawson Community College's graduation rate is 61% as compared to the National average of 43%.
 3. Ninety-eight percent (98%) of DCC graduates are satisfied with the educational training they receive.
 4. Ninety-eight percent (98%) of DCC graduates are satisfied to very satisfied with advising at DCC.
 5. Ninety-six percent (96%) of DCC graduates are satisfied to very satisfied with DCC's core curriculum.



6. Ninety-Three percent (93%) of DCC students receive financial aid. Forty-one percent receive Pell Grant and 60% receive other scholarships and grants.
 7. In men's basketball DCC had seven players named Mon-Dak Academic All-Conference.
 8. In women's basketball DCC had nine players named Mon-Dak Academic All-Conference.
 9. In softball DCC had 17 players named Mon-Dak Academic All-Conference. In addition, the team was the Mon-Dak Conference Champions, the Region XIII Champions and Coach Jim LeProwse was named Mon-Dak Conference and Region XIII Coach of the Year.
 10. In baseball DCC had seven players named Mon-Dak Academic All-Conference. Additionally, DCC was the Mon-Dak Conference Tournament Champions.
 11. Layton Bohlman, of the DCC Rodeo Team qualified and competed in the NIRA National College Rodeo Finals. Furthermore, the team was selected as the most improved Rodeo team in the region with their coach, Kortney Diegel, named Regional Coach of the Year.
 12. DCC Foundation awarded \$15,000 in athletic and tuition waivers for the 2016-17 AY.
 13. The DCC Foundation has agreed to pay for the first 3 credits of any high school student that will enroll in a Dual Credit course beginning fall 16.
 14. Dawson Community College began a new Career and Technical Education program, Corrosion Technology. The program has an instructor and five students enrolled for fall 16.
 15. Summer 2016 enrollment was up 38% over summer of 2015.
- A questionnaire has been developed to obtain feedback from listening sessions at DCC as well as the community. Some sessions have been held and information gathered.

Dawson Community College (DCC) Listens to Feedback from Participants: Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Gender:

Age:

Occupation:

Educational level attained:

 1. What is DCC doing well that currently serves your needs?
 2. What can DCC improve upon?
 3. What direction should DCC be taking with its Transfer programs?



4. What direction should DCC be taking with its Career and Technical programs?
 5. What is new on the horizon that DCC should be aware of (new trends, etc.)?
- Dawson Community College and Miles Community College are currently working in partnership within the following areas:
 1. Sidney collaboration with Superintendent Farr.
 3. Shared programming in the Colstrip project.
 4. Shared breakfast meeting with the Legislatures in mid-November.
 - Early indications look like fall enrollments are looking up from fall15 for DCC. We had 35 more FTE's in summer (which roll into fall) and the dorms are reporting approximately 125 occupants. Approximately 15 more than fall15. A big thank you to John and Kathleen for their leadership as well as the dedication and vision of their teams.
 - The Lady Buccaneers posted a team GPA of 3.534 during the 2015-16 academic year in the country, which trailed only Northwest (WY) and Sheridan (WY) at the NJCAA level. The third-place ranking is the best in school history. The Lady Bucs also received national notoriety tying for 16th place out of 407 members of the National Junior College Athletic Association.