



DATE: Thursday, January 5, 2017  
TO: Board of Regents  
FROM: Scott R. Mickelsen, President  
RE: **Campus Report for January 2017 Board of Regents' Meeting**

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### **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:**

- Kathleen Zander, VP of Administration, has met with Ellucian representative. These efforts, led by IT Director Frank Rojas, included MCC personnel on campus December 8, 2016 to find ways to improve Banner/Ellucian procedures, obtain training, and determine what support we should expect from Ellucian and UM.
- Ongoing conversations continue with other community college presidents and VP's of Administration, legislators, governor's office, OCHE, and legislative fiscal division to submit bills, provide information, discuss strategies.
- DCC is strategizing, on efforts, with some international partners. Some countries have contacted DCC to explore degrees in career and technical education.

These partnerships would be with other colleges (The American Campus - Mauritius) as well as countries (Nigeria) to bring students here for career and technical training and general education courses here and abroad. This idea is in its infancy. At this time, Mauritius and Nigeria are our two focal points in this discussion.

Joseph Akpan has requested that DCC work with him on recruiting Nigerian students for practical training purposes related to crop production, vet science, general agriculture,



livestock production and welding. Joseph lives in Nebraska but is from Nigeria. He is instrumental in bringing Nigerian students to the US for study who later return to Nigeria. Recruitment could start as early as Summer 2017 with full programming beginning Fall 2018. Joseph expects 200 to 300 students potentially interested in studying at DCC.

- Glasgow High School principal and instructors were on campus the week of November 28th to set up dual enrollment. Are currently working on their MOU. Should be in place for Spring Semester 2017.
- The MOU for DCHS was finalized and will be presented for signatures on Monday, December 12th to Principal Wade Murphy and Superintendent Ross Farber. The eligible classes are tentatively set to begin Spring Semester 2017.
- Early enrollment numbers indicate flat enrollment growth compared to fall semester 2016. Housing numbers are expected (at this point) to have a net gain of one resident.
- Assistant Rodeo Coach Paul Eiker, had one of his bucking bulls selected to go to the 2016 National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. "Little Big Man" was out in Round 4 of the NFR, bucking Tyler Smith off. The bull will be out again before the end of the NFR on December 10th. This is Little Big Man's second trip to the NFR; he was also there last year.
- *Brooke Jones* received the Mon-Dak Player of the Week honor. Brooke is a 5'10" sophomore and captain for the Lady Buccaneers. In two games last week, she scored 38 points, had 15 rebounds, 4 assists, 6 steals and blocked 2 shots. Brooke is from Manhattan, Montana and attended Manhattan High School. She was an instrumental player in defeating #19 nationally ranked Casper College last week. Brooke scored 21 points, had 9 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals and 2 blocks.
- Student-Athletes helped create a Code of Conduct which is basically a policy manual which details our expectations for student-athletes. It deals with academics, health and medical, social media, personal relationships, sexual harassment, drug testing, and the disciplinary process. It is thorough and comprehensive. We are just waiting for approval from the committee structure and administration before fully adopting it.
- We have worked out a deal with HKT motors for a recruiting vehicle for the department to help us do our recruiting effectively and spend less money.
- As John, VP of Student Affairs and his team (Stephanie, Kortney, and ASB) work toward a dynamic, growing and effective Residence Life Team and Program here are some general beliefs that undergird our efforts...



- Each individual is unique;
  - Each individual has intrinsic value;
  - Each individual has the capacity to learn;
  - Each individual has the capacity to be successful;
  - Each individual is responsible for his/her own decisions;
  - Each individual influences environments, environments influence each person.
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- AVP of Academics and Workforce, Traci, is working on a process for developing new programming at DCC which will streamline our decision making process within DCC as well as align more closely with OCHE, BOR and NWCCU. The process has been discussed with the Teaching & Learning and Academic Quality committees. All agree the process is long overdue.
  
  - The accreditation committee is busily working on the spring 2017 report. 5B1 and 5B3 are the main areas of focus. As the time draws closer we are meeting weekly to discuss. Christina, English faculty, is doing an outstanding job dissecting each section and creating a gap analysis with evidence to support or enhance and to make DCC stronger in these areas. Jerusha, Library Director, has started writing the report to meet the March 1 deadline.