



DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2017  
TO: Board of Regents  
FROM: Scott R. Mickelsen, President  
RE: **Campus Report for March, 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

### **KEY CHARACTERISTICS**

- Low student to faculty ratio
- Career readiness educational programming
- Dedicated and friendly faculty and staff
- Seamless transferability, of courses, for all core classes
- Quality Career and technical programs
- Up to date Library facilities that is student focused
- Campus-wide WIFI along with independent computer labs plus library computers
- Competitive athletic programs
- Active student government and student life programming
- Quality apartment-style housing

### **REPORT:**

- New key characteristics were established for Dawson Community College. These characteristics were vented through administration, faculty and staff as well as the Board of Trustees. The Key Characteristics are listed above.
- The housing and residential education program exists as an integral part of the educational program and academic support services of Dawson Community College. The programming of the department includes our commitment to provide competitively priced



living environments that are clean, attractive, well maintained, comfortable, and which include safety features supported by systematic procedures and operations. We strive to provide orderly and effective administration of the program through sound management. Our commitment to continuous improvement includes providing an environment, including programs and services, which promotes learning in its broadest sense, with an emphasis on academic support, social diversity, enrichment and enhancement.

- During the Break upgrades we made to the Commons area now named “The Cove”.

The Cove added:

The entire area was given a fresh coat of paint.

A part of one wall was painted with Buccaneer red chalkboard paint for message.

New Furniture...couches, tables, and additional “nice stuff”.

Pool Table was updated with new felt – bright Buccaneer red.

Computers were upgraded and a new counter built and leather covered barstools were added.

Two new 60” TVs have been purchased and installed.

New carpet was installed.

In addition to the Cove, we have upgraded the following:

We also installed a change machine in the laundry area.

We now have a Residence Life Office adjacent to The Cove...still work to be done here and we will be seeking ways to make the office a comfortable and inviting area.

A new 40 gun safe has been installed.

- Suela and her team have led DCC to a spring 2017 enrollment increase over Spring 2016 in FTE's and headcount. Please see the attached enrollment information for the past three years. In addition, a big thanks goes to our coaches for bringing in new players for spring ball. Thank you, Chris, for bringing us five new student-athletes!!

A couple of things to note: Our in-state FTE has increased by 20.93 FTE (amazing), or 15 percent. Our Total FTE has increased by 17.54 FTE, or 8 percent.

- Dawson Community College has started reviewing its policy's. We have been writing new ones and aligning them to current Board Policy's. A system is now in place that reviews all policies over a three year cycle.
- Working campus wide to set and establish our recommended budgets. There have been key discussions regarding new tuition, housing costs as well as fees.
- Dawson Community College has developed a cutting-edge action plan that ties directly to the Strategic plan. This plan is implemented college wide and focuses on key issues that are relevant to the overall success of DCC. Some of those key factors are:



- Enrollment
  - Budget
  - Program quality
- I had a great meeting with Penny Zimmerman of Senator Tester's office. We discussed the following:
  - Trio
  - Energy Center
  - Agriculture Center of Excellence
  - Funding for Higher Education – specifically raising salaries for Staff and Faculty at DCC
- DCC is working on the final stages of requesting funds for a Ranch Rodeo Team to begin in fall 2017. A sponsor list has been identified and support categories with dollar amounts established. Currently we are working with the DCC Foundation to establish the last details as we begin soliciting funds of support.
- We had a great Board of Trustee's retreat. Chad and I had discussed ideas to move us forward as we develop a plan for the future. We began by looking back at core themes from past leaders, developed a vision and had further discussions about the action plan and forward thinking of the institution.
- DCC did testify at the Joint Appropriations Sub-Committee on Education hearings on February 6th. The presentation focused on the state's funding formula, cooperation with MCC and information about DCC. This was all done in conjunction with FVCC and MCC. Our Board Chair and a student joined me in the presentation.