



DATE: December 12, 2019
TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Scott R. Mickelsen, President
RE: **Campus Report – January 2020 Board of Regents Meeting**

MISSION

Dawson Community College fosters a culture of excellence in education providing all students quality learning and opportunities for growth and partnership in local and global communities.

CORE THEMES

- *Excellence through Academics:* Provide curriculum and instruction through multiple learning pathways expanding opportunities in education adaptive to the needs of a changing student body.
- *Excellence through Student Engagement:* Provide a student-centered focus through student and academic support services, quality faculty and staff, residence life, clubs and organizations.
- *Excellence through Community:* Provide the greater community lifelong learning opportunities through open access to the College.
- *Excellence through Outreach:* Provide opportunities for workforce development, apprenticeships and internships, continuing education, personal enrichment and youth programming.
- *Excellence through Recruiting:* Provide opportunities to invite all learners to be a part of DCC, maintain sustained growth with not only more applicants, but also better-prepared students equipped with tools for success.
- *Excellence through Financial Practices:* Provide budget oversight and expanded opportunities in education for both transfer and career and technical education and workforce development, as well as personal enrichment for faculty, staff, students, and community.
- *Excellence through Property and Learning Facilities:* Provide for the management of all grounds and facilities to help provide the best learning environment possible.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Low student to faculty ratio
- Quality career and technical programs
- Highly qualified, dedicated faculty and staff
- Campus-wide WIFI and independent computer labs
- Active student government and student life programming
- Quality learning environment in a unique geographical region of the United States
- Seamless transferability for all core classes
- Career readiness educational programming
- Student-focused modern library facilities
- Competitive athletic programs
- Quality apartment-style housing

REPORT:

DCC offers a Winter Intersession from December 26, 2019 to January 16, 2020 for students interested in improving their GPA or getting a jump start on the spring semester. All classes are held online.



In February, AVP Suela Cela, VP Traci Masau, and I will present at the Community Colleges for International Development (CCID) 44th Annual Conference. We will discuss the benefits of international partnerships and the challenges that DCC faced as we established the partnership with The American Campus in Mauritius.

Seward County Community College of Liberal, Kansas, was recently awarded an NSF grant to design an online curriculum for its corrosion technology program. Dawson Community College is pleased to partner with SCCC to develop this curriculum and provide additional learning opportunities for students in this program.

The Dawson Promise program momentum continues to grow. We will welcome two new Dawson Promise students this coming spring semester. VP Leslie Weldon continues to engage with the Youth Homeless Demonstration Project as they move forward determining how to administer their statewide grant. Leslie agreed to serve as part of their team as the higher education advocate. Dawson Promise is an example of how safe, affordable housing, food and employment opportunities can be available as we educate those recent high school graduates who identified as homeless, unaccompanied and aging out of the foster care system. Dawson Community College is proud to be a part of the solution to end youth homelessness.

The start of a new semester is always an exciting time on campus, and we look forward to welcoming new and returning students. Classes begin January 15.