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TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Scott R. Mickelsen, President
RE: **Campus Report – June 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
- Active student government and student life programming
- Campus-wide WIFI and independent computer labs
- Seamless transferability for all core classes
- Career readiness educational programming
- Student-focused modern library facilities
- Quality learning environment in a unique geographical region of the United States
- Competitive athletic programs
- Quality apartment-style housing

REPORT:

Congratulations

I'm pleased to announce that Suela Cela accepted the position of Vice President – Academic and Student Affairs effective June 4. She has held several positions with increased responsibilities at the College since 2013. Suela is a DCC alum and is pursuing her Ph.D. at the University of Montana. Congratulations!



Enrollment

Due to Covid-19, all courses for the summer term are online only. I'm pleased to report that enrollment at DCC remains strong. Summer resident and total FTE are trending double-digit increases compared to last year. Fall semester enrollment is holding steady compared to the same point in time as last year.

Fall Semester

DCC administration carefully weighed a number of changes to the fall semester, but ultimately determined that we will best meet the needs of our students by holding the fall semester as originally scheduled. On campus classes begin August 26. We continue to follow state and federal guidelines and are monitoring the pandemic. We are prepared to change plans should the need arise.

Healthy Fall 2020

A task force has been developing a plan of action to ensure the health and safety of everyone on campus this fall semester and beyond. Members of the task force include faculty, staff and student leaders, as well as personnel from the Dawson County Public Health Department.