



DATE: December 21, 2020  
TO: Board of Regents  
FROM: Scott R. Mickelsen, President  
RE: **Campus Report – January 2021 Board of Regents Meeting**

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### **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:**

#### **Spring Semester**

As we move forward through the coronavirus pandemic, DCC continues to work with the county's health department and is following local, state, and federal guidelines. Currently, spring semester will begin face to face and end one week early with the removal of spring break. We are prepared to pivot to distance learning should the need arise; however, we are excited to welcome our new and returning



students to campus and to offer them a top-notch Buccaneer experience!

Additionally, we have partnered with Dawson County Health to provide COVID quick testing on campus on the following dates. They are:

January 4 – 7 am to 12 noon

January 11 - 10 am to 11 am

January 19 - 1230 pm to 5 pm.

### Advising

Academic Advising survey of students and advisors was conducted:

- 93% of the student respondents were “Satisfied” or “Very Satisfied” with their Academic Advising experience on Advisee Day.
- Of 10 advisor respondents 8 “Agreed” or “Strongly Agreed” that Advisee Day went Smoothly.

We are grateful for the continued efforts of all at DCC who make the Buccaneer experience a positive one!!

### Athletics

Dawson County Health approved our spectator plan for indoor events (basketball/volleyball) to include 20% capacity. It includes 75 students, 25 faculty/staff, 50 Bucs Club members and 50 general admission for sale (they will be sold on a first come/first serve basis where fans will have to reserve in advance).

### Workforce Development

DCC was awarded a \$140,000 School Aged Grant, “After School Program.” We have been offering tutoring, STEM activities, Gaming, Music camps, Animal Science camps, Welding activities and so much more. This has been a big help to school aged children and families throughout our community.