



DATE: Thursday, April 13, 2017  
TO: Board of Regents  
FROM: Scott R. Mickelsen, President  
RE: **Campus Report for May, 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 are 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:**

- Dawson Community College was awarded the 2017 Employer of Choice by the Glendive Job Service Employer Committee. A small reception was held, to present the plaque and make the announcement at DCC on April 11, 2017.
- Suela Cela, Enrollment Director for DCC, along with the state coordinator of dual enrollment, presented a talk, "Dual Enrollment 101" at the Western Regional Dual Enrollment Conference in Missoula, April 3-5. They were the only Montanans to address the conference.
- Special letters of invitation have been sent to local and state leaders for our graduation ceremony on May 11. This year we will host a special luncheon, for invited guests, prior to graduation. I look forward to honoring all of our graduates and the great achievements



they have made at Dawson Community College. We thank all those who have sent of letters of thanks and who will be coming to graduation.

- Dawson Community College is excited to once again host the GEAR Up Summer Camp on our campus this June. Thanks to Marilyn Dutton and her efforts to secure the grant and coordinate this program.
- Makoshika State Park is placing an Information Kiosk on DCC property. Placed in the gravel parking lot south of the Toepke Center, it will identify the property boundaries as well as several of the incredible hiking trails within the park system. A small move toward a closer alignment with our Makoshika neighbors.
- We continue to work with MSU Agriculture Education on an articulation agreement. The proposed plan is for them to accept our Agriculture Business - Livestock Management degree and we will create an educational certificate for those who choose to transfer into Agriculture Education at MSU. I want to thank Bob Mokwa for putting us in contact with Tracy Dougher.
- We have outlined our academic unit plan for OCHE. This plan will be sent to all faculty for feedback. Feedback will be provided to the President by May 1.
- Residence Life is looking toward future growth and will add Residence Assistants to its team this fall. The selection process is underway and our goal is to include Learning Objectives to this component of the DCC Learning Environment as we move forward. Nothing is yet set in stone as we will process this concept and others after the team is mostly in place. Next fall, Learning Objectives may look something like this...

*The outcome goals for the Residence Life Program are summarized as follows: Intentional activities and actions take place to assist students in learning the following:*

- *To Lead*
  - *To Serve*
  - *To Participate as Committed Citizens of the Community*
  - *To Execute Tasks to Completion*
  - *To Function Collaboratively*
  - *To Negotiate and Resolve Conflict*
  - *To Live a Healthy Life*
  - *To Be a Good Student*
- Student Government has been active and will be planning events for the remainder of the semester. The students have been great to work with and share a common commitment to DCC. The entire group has been active and has shown great maturity over the past few months. I am impressed with all of them!
  - DCC has been awarded \$2,000 from the Montana Urban and Community Forestry Grant. Friday, April 28, we will have a tree planting ceremony to help educate students and the public on the importance of Urban Forestry projects.



- Traci Masau attended the NWCCU Annual Conference in March. This conference provides colleges with valuable information, updates and procedures for writing reports. Next year I plan to take the writing team to the conference to network and ensure that we have all the pieces in place for reaffirmation of accreditation. DCC will send at least one person annually to this conference.
- Dawson Community College will have the first ever Ranch Rodeo Team competing under the NILE umbrella. We are the first college in Montana, and possibly in the nation, to have this type of competitive team. We plan to have two teams of five students each. Montana cowboy and cowgirl country is the best place to begin this great adventure!!