



DATE: October 24, 2018
TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Scott R. Mickelsen, President
RE: Campus Report – November 2018 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
- Seamless transferability for all core classes
- Quality career and technical programs
- Career readiness educational programming
- Highly qualified, dedicated faculty and staff
- Student-focused modern library facilities
- Campus-wide WIFI and independent computer labs
- Competitive athletic programs
- Active student government and student life programming
- Quality apartment-style housing
- Quality learning environment in a unique geographical region of the United States

REPORT:

- The Mainstreet Montana Rural Partners Initiative continues to move forward. I am excited that Glendive has been selected as one of the communities for this project. A planning meeting with community leaders identified seven topics; however, tourism and recreation rose to the top as the number one priority for discussion with state officials. This is an important project for Glendive, rural Montana and all rural communities facing similar issues. If you get the opportunity, please take a look



at what the University of Nebraska–Lincoln has done with their Rural Futures Institute (<http://ruralfutures.nebraska.edu/>). I was very involved with this while in Nebraska and still continue to follow its progress. I want to thank Kathleen O’Leary for her work with the Governor’s office on this project.

- Dr. Christina DiGangi is pursuing a Graduate Certificate in Reading Education. This will be very beneficial for our students enrolled in co-requisite courses.
- Dawson Community College has explored a Community College Leadership Certificate focused on three areas. They are:
 - The History and Philosophy of The Community College
 - Community College Instruction
 - Community College Leadership and Administration

The certificate is still in the planning stages and has not been fully approved. It is our hope that the certificate will reach people working in the community college system and those who wish to work within the community college system as well as those who are interested in learning more about the important work we do.

- More than 75 events, outside of classroom instruction and DCC athletics, were hosted on campus between July 1, 2017 and July 1, 2018. The events ranged in size and audience from short meetings for local organizations to a multiple-day workshops and events open to the general public. Events included training classes, community meetings, information sessions, arts and athletic activities, and fundraisers. We continue to do more for Glendive, eastern Montana, and this great State!
- In September, Traci Masau, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, and I attended the NWCCU Peer Evaluator Training at University of Montana. We are excited to step up in this area to help our fellow institutions while gleaning best practices from our neighbors.
- The “Drive 4 UR Community” fundraiser held September 28, and sponsored by American Ford in Glendive, raised \$6,000 for the DC Foundation. Of the 325 people who participated in test drives of new Ford vehicles, 175 people did so on campus. I thank American Ford, the DC Foundation, and all participants for their support of the College.
- Dawson Community College and Miles Community College are coordinating the bi-annual Legislative Breakfast, tentatively set for November 30 and hosted this year at MCC.
- During Montana’s College Application Week, DCC received 117 applications which is 43 more than last year! We are off to a great start and are working on conversion rates for fall 2019.