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TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for the September 2022 Board of Regents' Meeting

- Dawson Community College received its formal notice from Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities regarding its accreditation status. NWCCU reaffirmed accreditation for DCC. NWCCU gave 3 commendations and 5 recommendations. DCC will need to submit an ad hoc report regarding recommendation 3 and NWCCU will do an in-person focused visit in Spring 2024.
- The DCC Board of Trustees approved the new strategic plan framework for Dawson Community College at its regularly scheduled board meeting in June 2022. The administrative team at DCC is working on a formal plan to roll out the strategic plan and put it into action steps. With this new strategic plan comes an updated mission and strategic priorities. They are as follows

Mission

Dawson Community College strengthens our community by providing quality education and empowering diverse learners to achieve their educational goals.

Strategic Priorities

- Provide Quality Education – DCC offers courses and support for students to achieve their educational goals.
- Strengthen our Community – DCC provides opportunities for individual growth and industry development throughout the region.
- Enhance our Effectiveness – DCC uses data to develop and maintain consistent processes and systems for continuous improvement and sustainability.
- Advance Access and Equity – DCC commits to building the foundation needed to create a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture.

- The DCC women's basketball team tied for #1 in the nation by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association for having the highest GPA in the nation among the two-year sector. The team GPA was 3.490.
- Dawson Community College is actively preparing to offer Second Chance Pell programming at the Montana Women's Prison in Billings. The selected program is Chemical Dependency Counseling and will be offered for the Spring 2023 semester. MSU Billings will be offering programming there as well, and Dawson Community College will explore sharing resources with them to serve the population there. Representatives from Dawson Community College presented the Chemical Dependency Counseling program to the incarcerated individuals in early August 2022 and there was very high interest as these individuals want to beat their own addiction and then help others do the same.
- Enrollment Update – Fall 2022 enrollment is down at DCC. There has been turnover at the institution, including an unfilled recruiter position. The administrative team is working on a formal enrollment strategy which focuses on engaging students from all walks of life. The enrollment strategy will have a strong emphasis on ensuring our CTE program offerings are marketed and filled.