

DATE: Tuesday, December 22, 2015

TO: Board of Regents

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RE: Campus Report for January 2016 Board of Regents' Meeting

 11 students will graduate from DCC this December; we are pleased we were able to help those students achieve their goals and wish them the best as they progress and succeed.

- End of term provided opportunities for students to showcase their talents with various semester projects.
 - o Art students lined the halls with an impressive array of their own works in the annual Christmas Art Show; the judges had a tough time indeed.
 - o Music students presented their annual Madrigal Dinner
 - o Music students displayed their research projects, and while all were good, there were two that were near graduate-student efforts. Well done!
- DCC's VP of Academics resigned; a search will ensue in the Spring term for a new position, Vice President of Academic and Student Services. Meanwhile, current faculty are to be commended for "stepping up" and "rolling up our sleeves" by taking on additional duties through the Spring Term.
- Faculty completed Student Outcome Assessment Plans (SOAPs) for the fall semester.
 These will be critical as DCC embarks on full program review in the Spring 2016 Semester.
- The Institutional Effectiveness System at DCC is beginning to function as planned. The
 Cabinet was encouraged at initiatives put forth by various committees and the emerging
 commitment to shared governance at DCC.
- DCC is pleased to announce that dual and concurrent enrollment agreements with Sidney,
 MT High School are nearly signed. Eight courses will be offered to currently enrolled Sidney HS students.
- Curriculum development is underway for the proposed Corrosion Technology program, and we have several highly experienced professionals interested in instructor positions in the program.
- We expect to announce a few new technical certificates at an upcoming Board of Regents meeting.
- DCC has collaborated to form a *Collective Impact Model* team of community and regional leaders as we pursue federal, state, and local grant opportunities.