



DATE: Tuesday, September 01, 2015
TO: Board of Regents
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RE: **Campus Report for September 2015 Board of Regents' Meeting**

- Michael Simon resigned the presidency of Dawson Community College effective July 17, 2015. The Board of Trustees appointed me as interim president effective July 27, 2015.
- The college received official notification July 27, 2015 (dated July 20, 2015) from NorthWest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) that accreditation has been reaffirmed. Follow up visits will ensue in Spring 2016 and Spring 2018. Among recommendations was an *accelerated Program Review* (Eligibility Requirement 22, Standards 2.C.1, 2.C.10, and 4.A.2), *continuous development of Institutional Effectiveness System* (Standard 4.A.4, 4.A.5, 4.A.6, and 4.B.1), *address internal controls related to account reconciliation* (Eligibility Requirement 19 and Standard 2.F.4), and *implement and publish a policy for the relationship between general operations funds and auxiliary enterprise funds, including transfers between the two funds* (Standard 2.F.6).
- The Dawson Community College Board of Trustees passed a budget that is \$315,000 short. Faculty cutbacks and reductions in force are imminent.
- The college's enrollment is down to approximately 221 FTE and 274 HC. This reflects a 68% decline since 2010. The college is aggressively employing enrollment management strategies. Recently DCC hosted an Enrollment Management Summit facilitated by Ruffalo Noel Levitz' Peter Bryant. The involvement of all employees, faculty, staff, and administration in the summit was encouraging. New enrollment strategies are being implemented.
- The college is hosting a *Develop a Curriculum (DACUM)* on September 15 focused on Corrosion Engineering Technology. We have commitments from a variety of energy industry organizations, the Dawson County Economic Development Commission, NACE International representation, and are hopeful to have government representatives too. The DACUM will focus on the development of a new Corrosion Technology program here at DCC.