



DATE: Wednesday, June 15, 2016
TO: Board of Regents
FROM: J. Vincent Nix, PhD, Interim President
RE: **Campus Report for July 2016 Board of Regents' Meeting**

- Dawson Community College's presidential search is nearing its completion. Three candidates will be invited to campus over the next three weeks, and it is expected an offer will be made to one of those candidates. 24 exceptional candidates applied for the position and the process has been embraced by the search committee.
- DCC held its 75th Commencement this spring on May 12; Bozeman businessman Greg Gianforte delivered the commencement speech to a packed auditorium.
- The DCC Foundation held a wine-tasting and fund-raising gala this month, and exceeded its fund-raising goal. The community's support for DCC was evident, and is appreciated.
- The DCC Foundation hired its first full-time Director: Daniel Nolker brings a wealth of experience to the position and we are pleased with the energy and commitment already evidenced.
- Dawson County elections resulted in one Board of Trustee membership change. Trustee Alan Sevier stepped down after 20 years of service. Trustee Kathleen Fritch was re-elected after a brief retirement. The Board elected officers and filled committees in its June 2016 meeting; Trustees Chad Knudson and Bob Stanhope were chosen to continue in their respective roles of Chair and Vice Chair.
- DCC's summer FTE increased 81% over last summer's enrollment. Kudos to our enrollment management team who have focused on the issues and developed tactics that support our strategic enrollment plan for growth.
- DCC's Balanced Scorecard is updated with metrics from the Spring 2016 semester: <https://www.dawson.edu/about-dcc/balanced-scorecard/>
- DCC athletic teams had exceptionally strong seasons and there is ample reason to remain optimistic with excellent returning student athletes. The Mon-Dak Athletic Conference awarded Dawson Community College a high amount of student-athletes with academic achievement. Commissioner Jeff Risk of the Mon-Dak informed the DCC Athletic Department by sending 39 academic excellence certificates to athletes of different sports programs: Each student-athlete was named to the Mon-Dak All-Academic Team.
- Softball- 17; Baseball- 7; Women's Basketball- 9; Men's Basketball- 7 (*Softball and Women's Basketball share an athlete*) –*DCC Rodeo teams compete in the NIRA, not the NJCAA.*
- DCC retained 58% of the 2013 incoming class; improvement over past trends, but still room for increases.
- Interim President Nix will step down June 30. He is forever grateful to the DCC Board of Trustees for the opportunity to have led DCC during a particularly strained time in its history, and has enjoyed working with the leadership of this great state, specifically the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, colleagues in the Montana University System, and especially the Montana Board of Regents.