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TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Scott R. Mickelsen, President
RE: **Campus Report – July 2019 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
- Quality career and technical programs
- Highly qualified, dedicated faculty and staff
- Campus-wide WIFI and independent computer labs
- Active student government and student life programming
- Quality learning environment in a unique geographical region of the United States
- Seamless transferability for all core classes
- Career readiness educational programming
- Student-focused modern library facilities
- Competitive athletic programs
- Quality apartment-style housing



REPORT:

At the ACCT Leadership Congress in October, I, along with other members of AACCC's Commission on Small and Rural Colleges, will offer our perspective to help trustees hire and onboard successful CEOs. Our presentation, *"Find the Right Fit: Hiring and Onboarding Presidents in Small and Rural Colleges,"* will discuss the unique skillset, demeanor, and perspective required of CEOs to effectively lead in this type of environment.

I'm very pleased with Dawson's recruiting and enrollment management efforts to attract and retain students. Applications for fall 2019 are 39 percent above what they were at this time one year ago and enrollment is 7 percent above this point in time last year.

Several coaches are hosting youth athletic camps this summer. It's always great to see future Buccaneers on campus having fun while learning fundamentals or improving their athletic skills!

During the summer months, you'll find our staff working tirelessly to improve and upgrade various areas of campus including the Student Center, classrooms, and housing. I appreciate their dedicated service to our students.

Two long-term employees of DCC recently retired. Instructor Holly Dershem-Bruce retired after a 28-year career leading the Criminal Justice Law Enforcement program, and Marilyn Dutton, Instructional Services Administrative Assistant retired after a 30-year career at the College. I wish them all the best in their retirement.