



DATE: February 16, 2021  
TO: Board of Regents  
FROM: Scott R. Mickelsen, President  
RE: **Campus Report – March 2021 Board of Regents Meeting**

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### **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
- Active student government and student life programming
- Campus-wide WIFI and independent computer labs
- Seamless transferability for all core classes
- Career readiness educational programming
- Student-focused modern library facilities
- Quality learning environment in a unique geographical region of the United States
- Competitive athletic programs
- Quality apartment-style housing

### **REPORT:**

#### **Congratulations**

I'm pleased to announce that Dawson Community College has hired a new Vice President of Business and Finance. Doug Cherry will join us on March 1 and transition fulltime by May 1. We are excited to bring him and his skill set to DCC!!



Also, we have hired Katie Carrier as our Dean of Academics. Katie was our agriculture instructor and has been with Dawson for 2 years. Her work ethic, experience in growing programs and aligning educational opportunities will serve her well in her new role!

### Spring Semester

At Dawson Community College we have been on an aggressive growth model the past 5 years. During the pandemic we have not slowed our aggressive approach.

We have a total of 659 unique students who enrolled for Spring semester. Of those, about 24% are athletes, and about 25% are dual enrollment students taking classes here on campus with DCC students and/or taking dual enrollment classes from their high school instructors. A little over 30% of those students joined us to take a Winter Session class, and about 20% of our students are taking at least one moodle class with us. A whopping 65% of these 659 students are Montana residents!

In unduplicated headcount we have seen a 43% increase from 462 in spring 2020 to 659 in spring 2021. Our FTE has seen a 32% increase from 278 last spring to currently 366. I could not be more proud of the team at Dawson Community College!!