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TO: Board of Regents

From: Chad C. Knudson, President Dawson Community College

RE: Campus report for the September 2024 Board of Regents' meeting

- Chad C. Knudson became the president of Dawson Community College on April 8, 2024. Knudson previously served as DCC trustee since 2013. He was Chairman of the board for eight years and Vice-Chairman for three years.
- DCC has replaced several members of senior leadership this summer. Following the resignation of Dean of Academics Matt Hull, and a failed search, we had two internal candidates step up to split the duties on an interim basis. Librarian BreAnn Miller stepped into the roles of Interim Director of Academic Affairs and ALO. Faculty member and program director Gina Roos has been appointed to Interim Academic Assessment Coordinator to take on accreditation efforts as well as program review and student accommodations. BreAnn and Gina work closely together to administer our academic programs.
- In June DCC's Dean of Student Success left to join the team at Northern. Based on his feedback and our analysis, I appointed Director of Human Resources Daisy Nyberg as Dean of People and Culture. This role will supervise HR, Enrollment, Housing, Registrar and other related duties. Financial aid has been reassigned to supervision by the Dean of Finance.
- Cross training is a high priority for our campus, and we have begun a program to create a rigorous cross training program to build sustainability and resilience across a thinly staffed operation.
- DCC expects to (finally) have a completed FY22 audit by the end of September. This has been a very trying process. We have engaged with a new audit firm which has a plan to complete FY23 & FY 24 in tandem by spring 2025. We expect that the FY22 audit, when delivered, will be fairly challenging. Hopefully completion of this overdue audit makes way for the new audit firm to hit the ground running to get us caught up.
- DCC has begun the process of transitioning from Banner to Jenzabar. The costs of this transition in both time and money will strain the college to say the least. We are hoping for state support for the implementation of this new ERP system. With the new system we expect to realize significant efficiencies and cost savings.
- Over the summer DCC hosted a variety of groups, including: geospacial camp for high-school students, cyber-camp for middle school students, the Association for the Blind for a week-long training and advocacy program, basketball and volleyball camps for all ages, a high school basketball tournament hosting 50+ teams, and an officiating training for referees. We also hosted the August meeting of the State Workforce Innovation Board.