

President's Report September, 2021

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CCC-GI Campus

- 1) Fall enrollments after the first two weeks show overall headcount enrollment up 6.3% and FTEs up 1.2% over fall 2020. I'm pleased with publicity received from the press release and to see increases in programs in the four instructional divisions of skilled and technical sciences, business and entrepreneurship, health and nursing and academic education. Early college/dual enrollment also is up from last fall.
- 2) Coronavirus cases continue to be reported daily but there's no evidence of college community spread. Some classes and buildings have implemented temporary extra protections as contact tracing or exposures occurred.
- 3) Many employees and students participated in a variety of State Fair events. Husker Harvest Days begins next week where CCC will have a building of exhibits and information available.
- 4) Several of us attended a meeting in Holdrege regarding college needs as they look at a potential new community center/library there.
- 5) Results from a full-time faculty survey at the end of week two indicated the following from respondents:
 - Q 2: Overall student attendance during the first two weeks has been consistent.
 - Q 3: In general, over 80% of the faculty feel students are optimistic and grateful to be in face-to-face courses.
 - Q 4: In general, over 75% of faculty are optimistic and grateful to be in face-to-face courses.
 - Q 5: Over 75% of the faculty are supportive or neutral on current recommending (not requiring) face covering protocol.
 - Q 6: If we changed to requiring face coverings, over 25% of faculty indicated unwillingness to enforce student use.
 - Q 7: Almost 70% of faculty are willing to encourage COVID vaccinations.
 - Q 8: Overall good variety of safety precautions (hygiene, distancing, sanitation/cleaning, etc.) used by faculty with some lower percentages in areas not required by all programs or perhaps limited by number of classroom entrances/exits.
 - Q 9: While not due yet, 60% of faculty have started or completed their annual safety training.
 - Q 10 and 11: Over 95% of faculty are aware of mental health resources for students and our EAP program for faculty and their dependents.
- 6) Diane Keller, Austin Miller and I participated in interviews for the new NCCA executive director. A top candidate was selected but will not be made public until

contract, background check and references are completed. Announcement will be made at the annual meeting in October.

- 7) I attended an event at State Fair promoting animal agriculture and had the opportunity to visit with several state senators and ag industry leaders. I also participated in a TV interview one day and worked the college booth on Labor Day afternoon. It was refreshing to see strong continued interest in CCC – especially our student-designed and made spatulas!
- 8) I worked with some donors on support for construction program in Hastings including NIFA and Nebraska Community Foundation and Builders for the Future.
- 9) The campus presidents and I continue to participate in regular health district pandemic meetings.