

President's Report September 10, 2020

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- 1) Federally, the stimulus CARES bill included funds for the U.S. Department of Education to send to all colleges and universities to assist students and the institutions with COVID-related expenses. We were approved for the full amount of \$1,890,454, with a minimum of 50 percent designated for direct aid to students impacted by coronavirus-related expenses. Due to additional needs from students this fall, we moved \$180,000 from the institutional half to the student financial aid portion. All CARES funds should be expended by the end of September 2020.
- 2) Most fall classes started on August 17. Enrollment down about 5 percent for fall and 3 percent for the entire year (summer and fall). Additional courses will begin in October (8 weeks), and the spring schedule will proceed as planned with no additional intersession or changes to Spring Break as other institutions have mentioned. Students in the Hastings hotel have all moved back into available space on campus. Over 20 residence hall students remain in the Columbus hotel. Both campuses have had only one or two individuals in isolation rooms, though over 100 CARE team referrals collegewide have been received due to COVID impacting self, family, friends, etc. The CCC website is updated weekly on CCC's known onsite cases.
- 3) I participated in a virtual small group discussion with U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer this past month with individuals from central Nebraska providing perspectives of COVID-related responses and other issues of federal legislative interest. I also participated in an invitation-only audio briefing with the U.S. vice president and other members of the White House Coronavirus Taskforce sharing guidance to college and university presidents regarding college re-openings and recommendations for campus isolation of students with COVID.
- 4) October 22 will be the groundbreaking ceremony at CCC-Columbus for the new Center for Science and Technology located in the East Education Building. Construction is beginning this week. The groundbreaking event will be held between the CCC Foundation and CCC Board of Governors meetings and scheduled between 11 a.m. and noon that day. Greg Adams with the NCCA will be present at the October meeting.
- 5) I have visited all three campuses and three of the four centers during the first four weeks of classes to discuss fall re-engagement with faculty and staff. I met Ord's new Chamber of Commerce executive director.
- 6) CCC Foundation's 30th annual Pro-Am golf tournament will be September 14 at Lockland Country Club in Hastings. A modified awards and social event will follow with over 36 teams registered. The Nebraska Open was not held this year due to COVID 19 restrictions; however, donations toward community college scholarships were still secured and will be distributed to the five community colleges within NPPD's service area yet this fall.