

Chair Report, Steve Loosley

September 3, 2018

1. **Advocacy.** This summer, Dr. Thatcher, Guy Kennerly, and I met with Commissioner Tim Freeman and former Representative Bruce Hanna to seek their advice on advocating for UCC at the legislature. We also met twice with Representative Gary Leif to help him understand the challenges community colleges face today. We are grateful for the interest Representative Leif has taken in the College and the strong support he is offering through his work on the House Interim Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development. Thank you Rep Leif!
2. **UCC Foundation.** A big “Thank you!” goes out to the Douglas County Commissioners and Development Board for approving our request for a \$7,500 matching grant request to purchase three new aluminum welding machines for the Welding Program. Through my work with the Foundation, the Executive Committee is raising awareness of costs and examining the payout on Endowments. The Board is considering assessing members an annual fee for meals, and in the future, the Board Packet will only be distributed electronically.
3. **Industrial Technology Building.** Guy and I attended the committee meeting this summer. We are hopeful to have an updated approach from the College soon for consideration.
4. **Student housing.** After meeting with Alex Palm, a principal at i.e. Engineering and other staff members, it became clear the old DHS building on Harvard will be too expensive to convert to student housing. The Committee recommends waiting for the College to prioritize demands for capital before taking further action. Everyone agrees that we have a tremendous need, but that need is weighed against the capital cost of construction vis-à-vis competing demands, including the track, the industrial tech building, and deferred maintenance.
5. **Legion Field turf project.** Guy and I are helping Craig Jackson and Jeff Admire, the American Legion representative, raise funds for installing artificial turf on Legion Field. We’re serving as community volunteers and not in our capacity as board members. A big shout out to Guy for serving as the chair for the project!