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LCC Board of Trustees offer president one-year contract extension



Dr. Pete Campos

The Luna Community College Board of Trustees voted at its Wednesday meeting to extend the contract of its president Dr. Pete Campos for one more year.

Dr. Campos is in his fifth year of his original five-year contract. His tenure as president of Luna Community College began on July 1, 2008.

"We are confident that Dr. Campos will continue to do a fine job leading this college," said Luna Community College Board of Trustees Chairman Jerry Maestas. "Dr. Campos has extensive experience in education and knows our service area well."

The college has been working on a new strategic plan with the assistance of Quality New Mexico. Luna Community College recently received the Piñon Award for committing to excellence.

The college will be seeking national re-accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission which is taking place this year and in 2014.

"We have built a foundation for the re-accreditation process," said Dr. Campos.

During his tenure, the college has earned several national accreditations.

The Luna Community College Dental Assisting Program received national accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). In addition, the Luna Community

College Building Technology Program is nationally accredited through the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). Also, the LCC Nursing Program earned national accreditation by the National League for Nursing Commission.

"Overall, Luna Community College is a very successful two-year community college and we have a good reputation," said Dr. Pete Campos. "We are committed to being a quality institution that is affordable."

During Dr. Campos' tenure, the college has not had any furloughs or layoffs during the tough economic times that have faced America and New Mexico.

"I will continue to do everything possible to safeguard the employment of our Luna family and most importantly work to retain students until they successfully complete their education and are prepared to go into the world of work, higher education or the military," said Dr. Campos.

Dr. Campos has been a New Mexico state senator since 1991. Dr. Campos earned his doctoral degree in educational leadership from the University of

New Mexico in 2003. He also has a master's degree in counseling from Highlands University and a bachelor's degree in economics and philosophy from UNM. Dr. Campos is a 1971 graduate of Santa Rosa High.

The full text of Dr. Campos' contract will be available to the public upon completion of negotiation, review and signature by Dr. Campos and the LCC Board of Trustees. The contract extension calls for no increase in Dr. Campos' current salary.

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