

Dr. Bruce Moses selected as president by Luna Board of Trustees

On Wednesday evening, the Luna Community College Board of Trustees selected Dr. Bruce Moses as the next president of Luna Community College, bringing an end to a months-long process that involved faculty, staff, students and community members.

"Luna Community College has a longstanding history of creating opportunities for students to meet their educational goals and addressing the emerging economic development needs in northeastern New Mexico," said Dr. Moses. "I look forward to serving as the next president of LCC — the highest honor of my career — in building on that rich history with LCC students, faculty, staff, trustees and community members."

Also Wednesday night, the board authorized contract negotiations to begin. The board is scheduled to take action on the contract details at its regular meeting in November.

Dr. Moses is currently the assistant vice chancellor for accreditation and academic quality improvement and the acting assistant vice chancellor of enrollment management and student affairs at Pima County Community College District in Tucson. He has worked for Pima since March 2015. Dr. Moses earned a doctorate in community college leadership from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich. He also earned a master's degree in educational leadership in higher education from Eastern Michigan University. Prior to that, he earned a bachelor's degree



Dr. Bruce Moses (far left) is pictured with Luna employees Dave Kavanaugh, Brenda Ortega and Tycie Jackson after a staff forum on Sept. 27 at the Luna Media Arts Auditorium.

in administrative management and business administration from Eastern Michigan University.

In January 2018, the board contracted with a search firm to conduct a national search that yielded upwards of 80 applicants. Ultimately, a 10-member search committee, which included representation of students, faculty, staff and the community, interviewed 12 individuals. Over the past month, each of five finalists participated in an on-campus visit and an interview before the trustees. Each visit included forums with Luna students, employees and community members.

High on the list of to-do items for the new president will be continued work to secure Luna's accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission. The HLC issued a show-cause order to the college in November 2017. Since then, interim President Ricky Serna and others have worked to bring stability and remedy some of the issues raised by the show-cause order. In July, the college's accreditation status was upgraded from show-cause to probationary. Still, Luna is required to continue its work addressing the issues that prompted the original order and must provide evidence of having done so by March 1, 2019. The HLC is then scheduled to conduct an on-site visit no later than May, with a decision on Luna's status due in November.