TCC faculty and staff,

I am sure you have read or heard about the recent comments by OSU regarding our university partnership. These comments were made by OSU leadership at a Tulsa Press Club luncheon, which was attended by multiple media outlets.

For the last year, we have had ongoing conversations with OSU and other University partners. We are committed to working with all universities to provide a variety of opportunities for our students.

This year our university partners have approached us wanting to partner and expand our transfer partnerships at levels I've never seen before. I believe there is room in this community for TCC to expand its transfer partnerships with all our university partners while providing in-demand associate and bachelor's degrees for our community. In cities across the country, strong community colleges exist alongside large universities, and the solution for Tulsa's bachelor's degree attainment does not have to be an all-or-nothing approach. Our Regents and leadership are committed to TCC's vision of an educated, employed, and thriving community.

Thanks to you, TCC is one of this community's best assets, and our enrollment, retention, and graduation numbers all show the Tulsa region wants and needs a strong TCC.
The passage of SB701 last year opened the opportunity for everyone to teach freshman and sophomore level classes and allowed TCC to move forward with the launch of our first bachelor's degree, and we hope to pursue additional options this fall.

I am proud of the trajectory that the College is currently on, and the TCC brand is strong in Tulsa. We recently announced our Advancing Together capital campaign that will revitalize our Metro campus, had the most successful Vision dinner in history, and welcomed our largest enrollment since the Fall of 2013. With the support of our TCC Regents, we will remain focused on what is best for our students and the local community. I am also including a recent Tulsa World Reader's Forum article I wrote that outlines TCC's recent achievements and commitment to the community.

If you have questions, I encourage you to reach out to a Cabinet member. They will be happy to discuss this with you.

Thank you for everything you do for our students and TCC.

Sincerely,

Leigh B. Goodson
President & CEO