

# Weiss Joins Board

Trustee

**D**on Weiss is the newest member of the JCCC board of trustees, assuming a four-year term of office from July 2007 to June 2011.

While new to the board, Weiss has had a long affiliation with the college as a noncredit instructor with the Center for Business and Technology since the early 1990s.

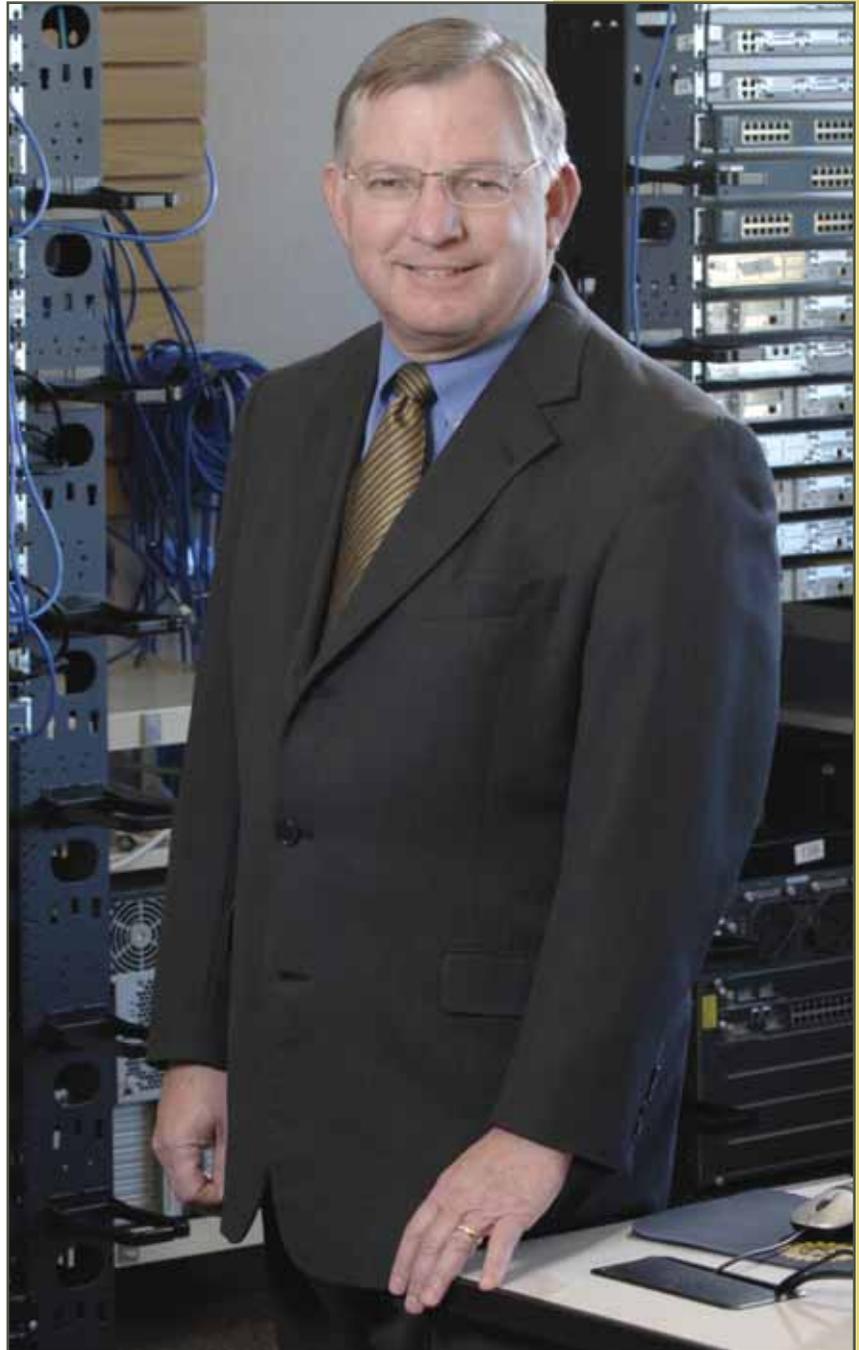
“I have been involved with higher education for a long time,” Weiss said. “Being a board member gives me an opportunity to serve the college in addition to teaching.”

Weiss is currently dean of evening, weekend and graduate studies, Keller Graduate School of Management, DeVry University, Kansas City, Mo., where he is responsible for all the graduate programs with master’s degrees – project management, human resources management, information systems management, telecommunication management and master’s of business administration. He also serves as a senior adjunct faculty member with Keller, teaching business plan writing and information technology courses.

Weiss has a 25-year career in information technology, having worked in banking and retail and as information services manager for the City of Olathe. He was later founder and president of an information technology training company that grew from zero to 172 on a list of 500 fastest growing companies in Inc. Magazine, a magazine for entrepreneurs. He is a member of Kansas Cavalry, an organization that encourages business relocation and expansion in Kansas.

Weiss sees three immediate issues for the board. First, the board needs to be transparent and require the president to answer to the board, not vice versa. Second, a decision must be made whether to refurbish the Billington Library or build a new structure. Third, there is a long continuum concerning the department of public safety’s use of weapons, and the board must decide where the college will fall on the continuum.

Long range, the board will have to look at how the college will provide services as the county continues to grow. Weiss also says the role of the college will be to provide more workforce training in the county and ensure that high school students, who are facing higher tuition rates at four-year state universities, be made aware of articulation agreements between JCCC and those institutions, agreements that afford lower tuition for the first two years of college.



Weiss believes that his DeVry dean position gives him insight into JCCC’s needs regarding student retention, tuition costs and issues of retiring faculty.

What you may not know about Weiss is his hobby – he’s a birder. At the time of this writing, he was looking forward to the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, which provides an annual census of birds in the U.S. and Canada. 🌿

Don Weiss poses in a network classroom in the Regnier Center.

