

# Southern State Community College

## June 2011 President's Report to the Board of Trustees

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*Dr. Kevin Boys, President*

### Commencement Schedule

#### Friday, June 10, 2011, Central Campus

4:30 p.m. | June Board Meeting | Room 149

5:30 p.m. | Dinner with Speaker/Guests | Room 203/4

6:30 p.m. | Prepare for Processional | Room 103

7:00 p.m. | Graduation Ceremony | Patriot Center

### Associate of Nursing Pinning

The pinning ceremony for the ADN graduates will be held 7 p.m., Thursday, June 9, in the Patriot Center.

### Ohio Association of Community Colleges Governing Board Meeting

Chair Ayres and Vice Chair Wilson were able to attend the spring meeting of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges. I chaired the committee charged with updating and revising the OACC's bylaws and the report of the committee was acted upon at the Governing Board meeting. Also at that meeting, I was elected to the position of vice chair elect, a position that is always held by a college president. As part of that responsibility, I will also serve on the Board of the OACC Center for Development, the fundraising arm of the association.

### All-College Meeting

I convened a meeting of all faculty and staff on Friday, June 3 to hear an update on the progress of the college's strategic vision goals and to hear the Facility Assessment Report that was presented by KZF Architects at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees. There seems to be a lot of positive energy and enthusiasm about the possibilities for addressing long-range facility needs of the college.

### President's Activities and Involvement

Since my last report, I have been involved in the following meetings and events:

- Tour of Properties
- OACC Spring Conference
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meeting
- Individual Foundation Endowment Fund Visits
- SSCC Theater Production of *Trifles*
- Foundation Executive Committee Meeting
- All-College Meeting
- Phi Theta Kappa Induction

# Academic Affairs

## Chemical Education Research Summit Conference

Southern State Community College Chemistry Professor Dr. Don Storer has been accepted and will be attending the ChemEd DL/Chemical Education Research Summit Conference. Dr. Storer was one of only 15 individuals chosen to attend the conference. The selection criteria were based on “participants who demonstrated ability to design technology-based instructional materials, familiarity with ChemEd DL resources, and experience in chemical education research.”

This Summit Conference is an opportunity to learn about creating online learning materials using [ChemEd DL](#) resources and then learn how to plan, execute, and analyze a chemical education research project to test how effectively your materials improve student learning. Participants will collaborate with other two- and four-year college educators and have the guidance of experts in both online learning from ChemEd DL (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and chemical education research from the Chemical Education Research team at The Catholic University of America (CUA).

The program consists of a week-long residential workshop on CUA's campus in Washington, D.C. July 11-15, 2011, followed by continuing support/consultation during the 2011-12 school year.

## Semester Schedule

Southern State Community College's first tentative semester schedule has been created and distributed to faculty for review and feedback. The schedule is a result of much work and collaboration by a multitude of individuals including faculty, staff, and administration. While there is still refining and finalizing to be completed with the schedule, this is a major step in the overall conversion process.

## Marion Tech Collaboration: Health Information Technology

Southern State and Marion Technical College began initial discussions to offer a Health Information Technology (HIT) degree to our students through a combination of online and face-to-face courses. Through this collaboration students participating in the program would complete their general education requirements through Southern State and complete the technical education requirements through distance education courses with Marion Technical College. It is anticipated this program will begin in the fall, depending on the timeline chosen by Marion Technical College.

## Workforce Development and Community Services

### Truck Driving Academy

There were 36 participants enrolled for CDL training during the month. Of that number, nine were through the Union Educational Trust (UET). UET supplies training funds to state workers. With State of Ohio news regarding budget cuts and prison closings, the office has fielded a lot of UET calls, mostly prison guards, who want an alternative career if they lose their jobs. The UET surge is expected to end

by this summer. Included in the 36 enrollees were five displaced workers from the Mills Pride plant who enrolled in CDL training.

Doug Edwards, TDA Director, has completed arrangements with Scioto County Sanitary Engineer Darren Lebrun to provide CDL training for 12 county sanitation employees. Four of those employees started in the May 31 class.

After review, a Memorandum of Understanding is being signed with Scioto County Career Center and their Diesel Mechanic program to provide basic maintenance on our tractors. This maintenance would be performed by students under the supervision of an A.S.E. certified supervisor. Their program is A.S.E. certified as well. The TDA will be paying for the parts while the Diesel Mechanic students supply labor as part of their learning experience. Some relief to maintenance costs is expected as a result of this partnership.

Overall enrollment for the year is projected at 331, down from 415 and 448 the previous two years.

### **Workforce Development**

The monthly Resource Board meeting of the Highland County Enterprise Initiative (HCEI) was conducted on May 18. The Resource Board works closely with Enterprise Facilitator Sid Raisch to provide free, confidential assistance to new and existing entrepreneurs. There are currently 70 clients on Sid's April report, compared to 59 the month before. John Joy is currently assisting Highland County Chamber of Commerce Director Katy Farber in applying for a USDA grant to continue funding of the program.

Contract training continued in the month of May, with 28 hours of Industrial Electricity provided to Domtar in Washington Court House. Domtar takes bulk paper rolls and cuts and packs them into copier and printer paper packaging for many of the nationwide office supply retail chains.

John Joy, along with Harry Snyder of Great Oaks, met with Total Baking Solutions Plant Manager Scott Mullenix on May 24 to finalize their needs for trained welders when the plant production of commercial baking equipment ramps up. Great Oaks will be supplying the welding lab, instruction, and curriculum for non-credit welding classes, that later may be offered for credit as part of the Food Science Technology project under development.

Notification was received on May 12 that Clinton County Job and Family Services would not be renewing their contract for a Career Advancement and Retention Specialist. This decision resulted in the elimination of a full-time position at the CC Works program in Wilmington, and that separation has been completed.

### **Continuing Education & Departmental Notes**

There were 114 people registered for classes in May for the 13 classes held during the month. Classes were held in all five counties served by SSCC. In April, eight classes were conducted in four counties, with 77 participants registered. These are free computer classes funded through Connect Ohio that are designed to give non-users the basics about computer operations and accessing the internet, as well as the benefits of broadband connectivity.

A regional meeting at Central Campus was hosted on May 17 for Connect Ohio instructors working with the College. Don Shirley, Regional Operations Manager for Connect Ohio, provided an update to the attendees about Connect Ohio, including new marketing efforts to begin in July. He also announced the

program would be extended an additional year, which means it will now run through the end of calendar year 2013.

## Enterprise Center

### Collaboration

Coordinator Brewer participated in the following collaborative events:

- April 6 – Meeting with Mike Pell, President, First State Bank, Angel Investor Network, Seaman
- April 10 – Leadership Adams Board of Directors Meeting, Winchester
- April 13 – South Central Development Company Board of Directors/Loan Committee meeting, Hillsboro
- April 16 – Meeting with South Campus LRC staff, non-credit classes, Fincastle
- April 17 – Every Citizen Online Meeting, Central Campus, Hillsboro
- April 20 – Ohio Valley Career and Technical Center, Business Plan Judging, West Union
- April 25 – Sungard PowerCampus Meeting, Central Campus, Hillsboro

### Networking

Coordinator Brewer participated in the following networking events:

- April 3 and 4 – University System of Ohio, Talent Development Network Conference, Columbus

# Student Affairs/Enrollment Management

## Tutoring

As of May 15, 2011, 222 students had requested a tutor for spring quarter and 326 lab sessions and 171 one-on-one sessions had been conducted.

### Tutoring Resource Manuals

The *Tutor Resource Manual* and the *Writing Tutorial Resource Manual* are in the final drafting stage. These booklets contain policies, resource materials, and all forms necessary for SSCC tutors.

### Wimba Classroom Services

The IT Department has already set up platforms on WIMBA Classroom for the delivery of online tutoring in *math, accounting, chemistry, biology, writing, and general studies*. Amy McClellan, Retention Specialist, purchased with available Perkins Grant monies four Fujitsu Lifebooks to be used for the WIMBA online tutoring. These tablet PC's have audio and webcam capabilities. The tutor can lay the pivotal monitor flat and provide the tutee with written examples or explanations with the digital pen. Tutors will be identified and trained this summer with the assistance of Ben Filla, Distance Education Coordinator. This online service will be fully functional by fall quarter and will replace the current online program, *eTutoring*.

## Advising and Retention

### Advising

The office is currently working with current students assisting them in registering for summer and fall quarters. The office is also assisting new students registering for their first quarter whether it be summer or fall quarter.

### Retention

The office is currently trying to close out this year's Perkins grant. This grant closure not only occurs locally but on the state level as well. The office sponsored a collegewide lecture, given by Dr. Bethanie Tucker, on *Understanding and Engaging Under-Resourced College Students*. She and her presentation were well received.

### Semester Conversion

The office is in the process of purchasing software which will assist both professional staff and faculty advisors throughout the semester conversion process which will get into full swing early next year.

## Disabilities Services

### Office Hours for Summer Quarter:

Monday	10 am-12 noon 1-3 pm	Central Campus North Campus	Office 406 Room 316 A
Wednesday	10 am-12 noon 1-3 pm	Fayette Campus South Campus	Room 103 Director's Office B

### Summer Quarter

The Disabilities Services Coordinator will review and prepare students' accommodations for summer quarter. Verification letters will be mailed to students before the week of June 13. Currently, there are a total of 18 students with disabilities, three of which are deaf or hard of hearing, enrolled for summer quarter.

## Athletics

### Women's Softball

Southern State Women's Softball team finished the season 9-8 and repeated as OCAC Tournament Runner-Up. Several players finished with All-Conference Honors including:

- Shelby Kelley - First Team and Player of the Year
- Brittany Colwell - First Team
- Breanne Johnson - Second Team
- Courtney Esz - Second Team and Co-Freshman of the Year
- Ryann Morse - Honorable Mention

Brittany Colwell and Ryann Morse were also named USCAA Academic All-Americans.

### Men's Baseball

Southern State Men's Baseball team finished the season 0-7. Due to inclement weather, half of the season's games were cancelled.

### Patriot Center

The Fitness Room is now open in the Patriot Center. Abdominal muscle workout balls and yoga mats have been added to the selection of available equipment. Fitness Room hours are:

Monday	9 am-4 pm
Tuesday	9 am-12 noon
Wednesday	Closed or by appointment
Thursday	9 am-4 pm
Friday	Closed or by appointment

### Patri-Tots

Discounts through May:

\$20,639.00 Employees

\$ 2,043.69 Students

\$ 1,103.42 Sibling

\$23,786.11 TOTAL

## Human Resources

### Full-Time Business Faculty Member Hiring

Jeff Tumbleson has been hired as a full-time business faculty member, a position that became available due to the loss of faculty member Bill Horne. Jeff's responsibilities will include providing high-quality classroom instruction and leadership to the students of the Business and Information Technology Department; teaching courses primarily in the Business Administration and Economics area, but may also include Accounting, Business Statistics, Information Systems and Marketing. Jeff has been teaching business classes as an adjunct with Southern State since 1998. Jeff will begin at Southern State on the first day of Fall Quarter, 2011.

### Dependent Audit

The college continually works to explore every avenue to minimize the cost of our insurance plan(s) without modifying or reducing the benefits. One measure the college will be embarking on beginning in June is to conduct a dependent eligibility audit. A dependent eligibility audit is a process by which an employer, or a third-party vendor, reviews each dependent enrolled on the medical plans and verifies their eligibility for coverage. Not only is it the fiduciary responsibility of the college to ensure the claims paid by Anthem are for dependents who meet the dependent definitions of our plans but over time, an employee may forget to remove a dependent that is no longer eligible for coverage. This step is a way to help to reduce the cost associated with the plan again without reducing the benefits.