

**Southern State Community College
Board of Trustees**

May 12, 2010, Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern State Community College Board of Trustees was held in Room 106 on the Central Campus of Southern State Community College Wednesday, May 12, 2010.

Call to Order and Roll Call

At 6 p.m., Chairwoman Ayres called the meeting to order. Roll Call was as follows:

Present:

Trustee Kay Ayres, Chair
Trustee Patricia Griffiths
Trustee Paul Hall
Trustee Ben Houser
Trustee Rory Ryan
Trustee Ralph Shell
Trustee James Ward

Absent:

Trustee Vicki Wilson, Vice Chair

Consideration of Agenda

Trustee Ward moved and Trustee Shell seconded that the agenda be approved as submitted. All were in favor.

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Consideration of Minutes

Trustee Ward moved and Trustee Griffiths seconded that the April 14, 2010, Minutes be accepted. All were in favor.

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Service Recognition

Trustees Patty Griffiths (six years), Ralph Shell (18 years) and Jim Ward (18 years) received plaques for serving on the Board of Trustees at Southern State Community College. President Boys provided a historical perspective of Southern State in terms of enrollment, facilities and budget during the years of their service. In the brief time he has been here, he stated, he has come to respect their work and what they have done for Southern State. Chairwoman Ayres stated they will be greatly missed and expressed appreciation for their service. She added they could leave with the knowledge that Southern State Community College is a better place than when they began, which is the aim of all.

Monitoring Confirmation

President's Report

President Boys acknowledged those in attendance for fitting the meeting into their schedules. He emphasized the following:

Upcoming Events. The President directed the Board's attention to the upcoming student recognition programs listed in his written report and invited them to attend.

Supporting Grant Proposals. President Boys reported Southern State has been supporting a number of different groups with grant proposals which have to do with bringing jobs to our area. Some of these groups include:

- The Greenfield City Council is working on a project that involves a preliminary study on the possibility of a "green field" alternative energy center to develop alternative energy such as solar and wind power. An educational component would be included in training individuals to maintain the equipment and in teaching young people in the K-12 arena about green energy.
- President Boys was involved in supporting a grant with the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center on behalf of the school districts in Highland County. They are applying for a grant under innovations that support college access and success. It's a major restructuring grant having to do with hands-on problem-solving experience for high school students and also encouraging more students to pursue college.
- Dr. Boys attended the Highland County Caucus of the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission. Southern State had submitted a grant two or three years ago to fund an industrial operation and maintenance lab where we would set up a lab that could be taken to a company that might be establishing themselves in our region to do training and logistics and maintenance of certain equipment. The grant application has made the top-three list in Highland County and will go on to the next level with the OVRDC.
- Terri Limbert is working with the Clinton County Commissioners on a biotech economic development grant that could be significant in Clinton County.

Nominating Students for Commencement Speaker. As stated in the president's written report, a process for nominating students for this year's commencement speaker was put in place. The idea was to make the event a very student-centered celebration as we are there to celebrate the success and achievement of their dreams. President Boys announced Toni Penwell will be this year's commencement speaker. Ms. Penwell is finishing her associate's degree and will be going into secondary English education. He will share more information about Ms. Penwell at graduation.

Utilizing Technology. Dr. Boys acknowledged Kris Cross for her work in utilizing video in our weekly newsletter "This Week at Southern State" and expressed appreciation for her efforts in getting involved in YouTube, Twitter and Facebook.

Attending One Voice. James Bland, May 12, took seven students to Columbus to attend the One Voice Legislative Summit. Their schedule included meetings with Senators Carey and Niehaus and Representative Bubp as well as hearing the release of a report on community colleges and the economic impact that community colleges have on the state of Ohio.

Collaborating with SSU: Report from Becky Storer. President Boys concluded his report by introducing Becky Storer, assistant professor of education, whom he invited to share information with the Trustees about a project that she has been working on with Shawnee State University.

Ms. Storer reported SSCC students majoring in education will have the opportunity to complete their last two years of college and earn a teaching license while remaining close to home. Shawnee State University has agreed to offer junior and senior level courses at the South Campus. A survey Ms. Storer administered revealed the majority of current SSCC students indicated their interest in pursuing teacher licensure in either early childhood education or special education. Shawnee State University will provide the necessary classes based on student demand and need. The projected start date is fall semester of 2010. Shawnee State has also offered to provide additional courses to cover the math and science teacher licensure areas due to the high demand for qualified teachers in these content areas. Ms. Storer stated we are hopeful that a sufficient number of current and former SSCC students will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. She is investigating the possibility of a similar program at the Fayette Campus with Ohio University-Chillicothe.

Vice President of Business and Finance Report

Members of the Audit Committee received audit proposals from eight firms to be considered to conduct the Southern State Community College 2010-14 audit cycle. The Audit Committee will score the eight proposals.

Trustee Ward moved and Trustee Hall seconded that the President's Report and the Vice President of Business and Finance Report be approved as submitted. All were in favor.

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Consideration of Tuition Implementation

Trustee Shell moved and Trustee Ward seconded that the Board of Trustees approves implementing the 3.5-percent tuition increase approved at the February 24, 2010, meeting. This would first be implemented Summer Quarter 2010. After a discussion about how the increase affects the budget and following a review of the college's reserve fund, Chairwoman Ayres called for a Roll Call Vote, which was as follows:

Yes, Tuition Implementation:

Trustee Ayres
Trustee Griffiths
Trustee Hall
Trustee Houser
Trustee Ryan
Trustee Shell
Trustee Ward

10.23

Consideration of Tuition Increase

Trustee Shell moved and Trustee Griffiths seconded that the Board of Trustees approves an additional 3.5-percent tuition increase to be first implemented Summer Quarter 2010.

President Boys stated he is recommending this tuition increase and provided the following rationale:

- With the increase in enrollment, our costs continue to rise and our state support is relatively flat. It is up to us to keep up with the increase in costs as the state of Ohio isn't in a position to do so as we all understand.
- We want to be in a position to build upon the quality at Southern State Community College and to respond to the needs of the community such as workforce needs.
- We are concerned about the effects on the individual current student as well as future students who will be coming to Southern State.

Trustee Hall stated he would typically say no to the additional 3.5 percent because he thinks financially we're solid; however, he is concerned of what's coming in 2012 based on forecasts from legislators about the secondary and higher education budget. From a financial standpoint he would say we do not need this additional 3.5 percent, but for the protection of the college for 2012, he doesn't think we can wait to see. Even though he does not like this increase, he thinks we've got to move forward with it.

Chairwoman Ayres agreed with Trustee Hall and expressed her hopes for a scholarship program to assist students who get no help from federal financial aid. Trustee Hall added he would like to see some additional information on how the scholarship program is managed and that we may need to model it after scholarship programs at private colleges.

The Vice President of Business and Finance pointed out that Southern State's tuition will remain the lowest in Ohio among non-levied schools. The cost to a full-time student for the additional 3.5 percent would be an increase of \$123 per year.

There being no further comments, Chairwoman Ayres called for a Roll Call Vote which was as follows:

Tuition Increase	
Yes:	No:
Trustee Ayres	Trustee Houser
Trustee Griffiths	Trustee Ryan
Trustee Hall	
Trustee Shell	
Trustee Ward	

10.24

Consideration of Budget for FY 2011

The Board of Trustees received the FY 2011 budget provided below for consideration. The Vice President of Business and Finance pointed out the following:

- The recommended budget includes the implementation of the 3.5-percent increase as well as the additional 3.5 percent increase both effective Summer Quarter 2010.
- The recommended budget contains a 2-percent enrollment increase.
- It includes normal operating expense increases including the additional costs associated with the unprecedented enrollment increases.
- It includes key quality related items in instruction, academic support and student services, which will be implemented strategically.
- There should be an opportunity for any needed adjustments at midyear to make any adjustments.

FY 2011 BUDGET PROPOSAL - (RECOMMENDED)

REVENUE	BUDGET
STATE SUBSIDY	\$ 7,743,682
STUDENT FEES	11,547,012
OTHER INCOME	175,000
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TOTAL REVENUE	\$19,465,694
EXPENDITURES	
INSTRUCTIONAL	\$ 9,258,660
RESEARCH	211
COMMUNITY SERVICE	39,090
ACADEMIC SUPPORT	2,762,973
STUDENT SERVICES	2,564,864
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT	2,298,088
PLANT OPERATIONS	2,041,808
SCHOLARSHIPS	500,000
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$19,465,694
ANNUAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	0
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Tuition costs at neighboring colleges were reviewed. It was suggested that we market the fact that Southern State's tuition is the lowest in Ohio among non-levied schools; a word of caution was given in that some could take the attitude that you get what you pay for. In response to a question about the Foundation, Dr. Boys stated he has met with the chair of the foundation and also with Dr. Larry Dukes who shared an idea that we might be able to hire a full-time foundation director by splitting the cost between the foundation and the college. Dr. Boys indicated he is not at a point to pursue that vigorously. He added he has been involved in a number of meetings with a newly created Center for Development of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges. The Center for Development assists community colleges with growing their foundation. Development is the lead topic at an upcoming OACC spring conference which Chairwoman Ayres, Trustee Wilson and President Boys are attending; they will gather helpful development information during the conference. Lastly, it was suggested that a comparison be made of how the average household in our district compares to other community college districts. The Vice President of Business and Finance has those statistics.

There being no further discussion, Trustee Shell moved and Trustee Ward seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the recommended General Fund Budget for FY 2011. Roll call vote was as follows:

Budget for FY 2011

Yes:

Trustee Ayres
Trustee Griffiths
Trustee Hall
Trustee Shell
Trustee Ward

No:

Trustee Houser
Trustee Ryan

10.25

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for June 11, 2010.

Other

Trustee Ward commented on those who served as presidents during his 18 years at Southern State Community College. He thanked everyone for the courtesy they have shown him during his time on the Board of Trustees.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:01 p.m., Chairwoman Ayres declared the meeting adjourned.

NOTE: Copies and/or originals of all documents referenced throughout the minutes are on file (BOARD OF TRUSTEES•May 12, 2010•meeting) in the president's office unless otherwise noted. The meeting was audio taped as well.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stevetta Grooms". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stevetta Grooms