

# Southern State Community College

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

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*Dr. Kevin Boys, President*

### **Ohio College Tech Prep Greater Cincinnati Consortium**

A new Local Governing Board will be appointed for the Greater Cincinnati Tech Prep Consortium (GCTPC), and I have been recommended to its transition team as a candidate for board service. The GCTPC is the premiere connector for Southwest Ohio among educators and businesses that supports the successful transition of career-technical students from secondary to postsecondary education and careers.

### **Coffee and Commerce**

Southern State Community College, in conjunction with the Highland County Chamber of Commerce, will hold quarterly meetings with legislators, which will provide an opportunity to interface with the business community. The quarterly meetings have been named "Coffee and Commerce" with the first one scheduled for 9 a.m., Friday, March 18, in Room 106 on the Central Campus. The following dates for Coffee and Commerce have been set for the remainder of the year: May 20, Sept. 23 and Dec. 9. Trustees are certainly invited to attend.

### **President's Activities and Involvement**

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

- Rep. Cliff Rosenberger Meeting
- Great Oaks Council Meeting
- Highland County OVRDC Caucus Meeting
- Chatfield President John Tafaro Meeting
- Region 14 Advisory Council Meeting
- Southern Hills CTC Annual Superintendents' Meeting
- Promotional Video for Economic Forecast Breakfast
- Brown County Hospital Foundation Gala
- Whistle Stop Tours at all Campuses
- Elks Lodge Impact Grant Meeting
- Manchester Local School District/Adams County Regional Medical Center School-Based Health Center Committee Meeting
- Highland County Lincoln Day Dinner
- Blanchester High School Students and Western Brown High School Students visit to Dr. Don Storer's Chemistry Lab
- Southern Ohio Educational Service Center Superintendent and Legislative Meeting
- Highland District Hospital President Jim Baer Meeting
- Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Project Team Meeting
- Ohio Association of Community College Statewide Symposium
- American Council on Education Annual Meeting

# Academic Affairs Report

## Faculty Promotions

The following faculty have applied for and been granted promotions. The Promotion Committee reviews each applicant's material to ensure the faculty member is eligible and meets the qualifications for promotion. There are additional requests for promotion that are still waiting to be approved.

Chyane Collins	Associate Professor
Charlie Gorman	Associate Professor
Randall Massie	Associate Professor
Brenda Tilton	Associate Professor

## Wilmington College Articulation

Southern State Community College and Wilmington College are updating the Agriculture Articulation. This articulation would allow students from Southern State to enter Wilmington College with advanced standing in the Agriculture Program. Tom Smith, Southern State agriculture instructor, Carry DeAtley, dean of technical and career education, and Terri Limbert, North Campus director, are to be commended for their work in enhancing this very important partnership.

## Total Baking Solutions

Southern State Community College and Total Baking Solutions, LLC, have entered into a collaborative agreement. As part of the agreement, Total Baking Solutions agrees to provide the following to the college:

- Use of equipment provided by TBS for laboratory activities;
- Assistance with design of curriculum and laboratory activities;
- Provide office space for a Project Director; and
- Provide classroom space on an as-needed basis and in cooperation with TBS industry production schedule.

The college will be providing training to prospective and current employees and for other businesses involved in the food production industry.

## Corporate and Community Services

### Truck Driving Academy

Enrollment in February was 19 students. Due to the reduction in number of instructors and to further control our costs, classes are started on a three-week cycle. This has cut down on the number of no-shows, which results in greater efficiency. One part-time instructor has been recalled to fill in for a full-time instructor who is out on medical leave. Letters and emails have been sent to partners, communicating a hold to the planned TDA cost increase, which was scheduled to go in effect March 1.

In February, five freight lines were contacted to see about expanded or more creative partnerships. The one that has responded to date, Schneider, has indicated no interest or history in assisting with CDL training costs before an individual becomes an employee. Schneider is willing to discuss other partnership options, which will be scheduled as soon as possible.

TDA staff conducted contract training for Bush Interiors/Mac Tools on Feb. 12 in Wilmington. Transit bus training was conducted for SSCC personnel on Feb. 23 by Eddie Mullins, Training and Safety Manager. On Feb. 25, Eddie conducted contract training for about 50 drivers from the John R. Jurgensen Company of Cincinnati.

### Workforce Development

The monthly Resource Board meeting of the Highland County Enterprise Initiative (HCEI) was conducted on Feb. 16. The Resource Board works closely with Enterprise Facilitator Sid Raisch to provide free, confidential assistance to new and existing entrepreneurs. New members with expertise in any area of small business are welcome, as new members and additional resources are needed by the Resource Board. John Joy introduced Sid to some contacts on Feb. 9, which did generate some leads for both the Resource Board and for entrepreneurs.

Of particular concern among the county WIA boards and One-Stop programs is the language in H. R. 1, the FY 2011 Continuing Resolution (CR). The CR would cost Ohio more than \$95 million in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding alone.

John Joy attended the Port Authority Open House at the Wilmington Air Park on Feb. 17, where Kevin Carver was introduced as the new director. John attended the CC Works One-Stop Open House in Wilmington on Feb. 25. A letter of support was provided to PAS Technologies with regard to possible expansion and growth at its Hillsboro manufacturing site.

### Continuing Education & CCS Notes

Connect Ohio classes began in February in Adams and Highland counties with classes in Brown, Fayette, and Clinton counties to begin in March. Russ Brewer was instrumental in arranging partnership with the public libraries in Brown and Adams counties. 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. Conversations continue on the topic of obtaining suitable online vendors who provide continuing education training that would be of value to current and new business and industry in our area.

### Enterprise Center

#### Consulting

There were three business consultations:

- Feb. 11 – Fabric-sewing shop, Pre-venture
- Feb. 18 – Donut shop, Pre-venture
- Feb. 22 – Cost recovery service, Start-up

## Collaboration

Coordinator Russ Brewer participated in the following collaborative events:

- Feb. 1 – Highland County Enterprise Facilitator Project meeting
- Feb. 1 – Meeting with Every Citizen Online instructors, Enterprise Center, Winchester
- Feb. 2 – Meeting with Every Citizen Online instructors, Manchester Local School District, Manchester
- Feb. 4 – Meeting with Brown County Public Library Director, Every Citizen Online Project, Mt. Orab
- Feb. 4 – Meeting with Union Township Library Director, Every Citizen Online Project, Ripley
- Feb. 7 – Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission Caucus, West Union
- Feb. 9 – Every Citizen Online Project meeting, Central Campus
- Feb. 15 – Business Assistance Network meeting, Winchester
- Feb. 15 – Every Citizen Online meeting, Central Campus

## Networking

Coordinator Brewer participated in the following networking events:

- Feb. 17 – Brown County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, Georgetown
- Feb. 23 – Adams/Brown Safety Council, South Campus

# Student Affairs/Enrollment Management

## Financial Aid

Judy Sydenstricker, Financial Aid Needs Analysis Specialist, has tendered her resignation effective Feb. 28, 2011. Judy has performed her duties professionally and diligently at Southern State Community College for more than 12 years. She will be sorely missed.

## Disability Services

The Office of Disability Services worked with the theatre director, Rainee Angles, along with American Sign Language (ASL) instructor, Kathey Carroll, to provide a unique opportunity to upper level ASL students to interpret the upcoming play, Pygmalion on Saturday, March 5. ASL instructors encouraged ASL students to attend the performance.

## Athletics

### Men's Basketball

Southern State's Men's Basketball team finished with an overall record of 7-19, and 3-8 in the OCAC. Sophomores Jeremy Bennington and Tyler Jimison were named first team All-OCAC, freshman Clint Boring was named Honorable Mention All-OCAC, and Coach Greg Himes was named Co-Coach of the Year.

### **Women's Basketball**

Southern State's Women's Basketball team finished with an overall record of 1-18, and 0-8 in the OCAC. Sophomore Caitlin Davis was named second team All-OCAC and freshman Breanna Knauff was named Honorable Mention All-OCAC.

### **OCAC Basketball Tournament**

Southern State hosted the Men's and Women's OCAC Basketball Tournaments Feb. 17—19. Ohio Christian University won the women's side, while the University of Cincinnati Clermont College won the men's side. The Southern State men had the most exciting finish, losing at the buzzer to Clark State in the first round.

### **Women's Softball**

Southern State's Women's Softball team begins practice the first week of March, with the first game set for March 25.

### **Men's Baseball**

Southern State's Men's Baseball team begins practice the first week of March, with the first game set for March 24.

### **Patri-Tots Learning Centers**

Fiscal Year-to-Date Tuition Discount Totals:

\$ 782.54	Sibling discounts
\$ 1,574.89	Student discounts
<u>\$13,829.50</u>	Employee discounts
\$16,186.93	