

# President's Report to the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**SOUTHERN STATE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AUGUST 2013 | DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

## **South Campus Discussion**

At the September Board of Trustee Meeting, Mia Yaniko from the Attorney General's Office will be providing some information on the legal procedures and options for the sale or leasing of the existing South Campus. A representative from the Department of Administrative Services will also be there to discuss the services that the DAS Real Estate department can provide in selling or leasing this property. If you have specific questions, please send them to me in writing in advance of the meeting and I will forward them to Mia.

## **Executive Assistant to the President**

We are in the process of interviewing candidates for this position and will inform the Board once a selection is made. We would hope to have a person in place before the beginning of the fall semester.

## **Back To School BBQ**

I hope the Trustees are planning to join the College community for the annual Back-to-School BBQ on the evening of August 22 beginning at 5:30. This is the only time during the academic year in which the entire College Community gathers for a purely social event. If you have not sent in your RSVP, please let us know as soon as possible.

## **Adams County Plans**

We have scheduled a meeting on August 20 with several important partners in Adams County. We will be sharing what we believe will be the initial programming options and partnerships that will enable us to be successful in a capital funding request and ultimately in serving the unique needs of the county. We hope to solidify support and gain tangible support for this



effort among the partners. Our two Trustees from Adams County have been invited to the meeting. If anyone else is interested in attending, please let me know in advance so that proper public notice can be provided in the event a quorum would be in attendance.

### **Partnership Exploration with Cincinnati State Technical and Community College**

Cincinnati State President O'Dell Owens and I have known each other for two decades, so there is an unusual level of trust to be able to quickly pursue some additional opportunities for partnership. At the invitation of Dr. Owens, the executive leadership teams of both colleges met to brainstorm some opportunities for shared program, services, and ways to further strengthen our institutions on behalf of the communities we serve.

### **OACC Activities**

OACC President Ron Abrams is retiring effective October 1 but will effectively be finishing his duties in mid-August due to remaining vacation time. As Vice Chair of the Association, I will be co-chairing the search committee for a new president. This committee has been selected, should begin its work in the near future, and hopes to conclude its work by mid-December. Additionally, the executive committee will soon be in the process of selecting an interim president.

I was invited to attend the Post-Secondary State Policy Network in Miami, Florida in July. Expenses were paid by OACC through grant funding. States actively committed to the completion/student success agenda have been gathering periodically to share emerging state policy practices that advance student success.

### **Upcoming Events**

Board members are invited and encouraged to attend any of the following upcoming events:

#### **AUGUST**

- 08.22.13     **Back-to-School BBQ for Faculty & Staff**  
5:30-7:30 pm | On the lawn behind Central Campus
- 08.26.13     **Fall Semester Begins**  
Student Activity Department is planning welcome events on all four campuses

## SEPTEMBER

- 08.26.13     **Meet the Artist: Elaine Balsley**  
6-8 pm | Learning Resources Center on South Campus

## President's Activities and Involvement

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

- OACC Executive Committee Conference Call
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee Meeting
- Leadership Adams Graduation
- First State Bank Grand Opening
- 25th Annual Adult Opportunity Center Recognition and Dinner
- Hillsboro Rotary Club
- Annual HC Chamber Dinner
- OACC Governing Board Meeting
- OACC Government Relations Conference Calls
- Leadership Clinton Program Committee Preparation Meeting
- Brown County Campus Groundbreaking
- OACC Executive Committee Meetings
- Wilmington Succeeds Meetings with Jim Reynolds, Mayor Riley and others
- Leadership Clinton Program Committee Meetings
- Meeting with LCCI Committee Chairs
- Meeting with Randy Riley, Wilmington Mayor and CC YMCA Director
- Law Enforcement Graduation
- Post-secondary Policy Network Meeting with the OACC Team
- Collaboration Meeting at Cincinnati State
- Meeting with Ron Abrams at OACC Offices
- SOCHE Board preparation Meeting with Sean Creighton
- HSTW Board Meeting
- Student Government Association Retreat

- Southern Hills ESC Meeting on the Southern Hills Education Compact
- Englewood YMCA visit
- OACC President's Meeting Conference Call

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### Academic Departments

#### Dual Enrollment Grant Partnership

Dr. Don Storer, chemistry faculty, and Dr. J.R. Roush, Dean of Core Studies, will be part of a grant to create dual enrollment blending learning chemistry courses for schools in Lawrence County, Ohio. The grant is in conjunction with the Lawrence County Educational Service Center and Dr. Donnie Washburn of Shawnee State University. This project is an expansion of the work Dr. Storer has been doing in the college's service area for the past several years.

#### OACC College Composition Faculty Retreat

English faculty members Ken Holliday and Sarah Crump, along with Dr. Roush, participated in a retreat held by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges. The purpose of the retreat was to learn more about options to increase student retention within the English area. Three processes were presented as avenues to increase student retention.

*Cooperative Learning Strategies* – Cooperative learning is more than just group work. It fosters positive interdependence and individual accountability among students. Students become more involved in a class where cooperative or active learning strategies are employed because they won't just sit at a desk taking notes. Students report more of a sense of belonging in these classes, which will lead to greater retention.

*Accelerated Developmental English* – The goal here is to shorten the pipeline for getting students into the gatekeeper English course. The rationale is that the less steps students take to get to the gatekeeper course, the less chance the college has to lose them, especially for non-cognitive reasons.

*Contextualized Developmental English and/or Contextualized English Composition Courses* – Contextualization is the conception of teaching and learning that helps teachers relate subject matter content to real world situations. Taking this a step further, the subject matter in these classes will often relate to the students’ particular vocation. In other words, this method or practice involves teaching English in a manner that is of interest to the students in a particular program (like agriculture or nursing, for example) and provides hands-on applications in their field.

Several ideas were forwarded as options for the college to pursue in an effort to improve student retention and completion based on the information gained at the retreat.

### **EMS/Paramedic Program Review**

Southern State has requested, through the Ohio Department of Public Safety, to surrender the accreditation for the EMS/Paramedic program for the next two years. The request also included the desire to be a continuing education location for EMS/Paramedic courses. The request to surrender accreditation for the next two years was to allow the program time to review current policies, curriculum, market data, and to determine the direction of the program moving forward. The program for the last few years has had declining enrollment and has had difficulty with student passage rates on the paramedic test. This course of action was determined based on a meeting with the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

## **Workforce Development and Community Services**

### **Truck Driving Academy**

Although the year-end total for CDL enrollments was low compared to most years, the Line Tech and CDL partnerships with other schools were instrumental in ending the year with a modest financial surplus.

Due largely to the Affordable Health Care Act, the TDA is short of instructors and is engaged in hiring replacements and additional instructors. Additional instructors are

required in August and beyond to cover Line Tech programs, as well as some new CDL partnerships.

### **Workforce Development**

Customized training in leadership and management for PAS Technologies finished at the end of July. A recognition event is being planned in August for the PAS associates who completed the training. The first half of the customized leadership and supervisory training for the staff of the Highland and Fayette Counties Boards of Developmental Disabilities was completed in July as well.

On July 16, North Campus provided ABX Air with room space to conduct a large scale training event. The following day, North Campus hosted the Clinton County Manufacturers' group.

Budgets for both the Highland and Fayette County One-Stops were approved by the commissioners of the respective counties, and Southern State will again be operating the One-Stops in partnership with the Job and Family Services Department of each county.

A successful job fair was held June 12 at the Highland One-Stop with employers reporting positively on the number and quality of applicants.

John Joy attended a meeting on July 22 at Cincinnati State with other members of Southern State administration to discuss partnership possibilities. Among the topics discussed were a joint effort between the schools to better market and publicize the career opportunities available in transportation and logistics.

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

An information session for Veterinary Assistant and Dental Assistant programs was held July 24 at Central Campus. The start of the dental classes, planned for early August, will be pushed out into September to bolster enrollment.

## **STUDENT SERVICES AND**

# ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

## Disability Services

### Case Load for Fall Semester

Currently 61 students are receiving accommodations through the Office of Disability Services. Student accommodation letters were prepared and mailed for the fall semester.

### Interim Disability Services Support Staff

Molly Jordan, Disability Services Coordinator, will be on maternity leave starting August 5. Holly Scheuerman will be acting as interim Disability Services support staff member for the fall semester. Ms. Scheuerman will fill in for the Disabilities Services Coordinator on a limited basis and will hold office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays at various campuses from 4-7 p.m. Office hours are by appointment only. Ms. Scheuerman can be reached at 937-393-3431 ext. 2604 or through email at [hscheuerman@sscc.edu](mailto:hscheuerman@sscc.edu).

## Financial Aid

### Interim Director Named

Linda Myers has accepted the position of interim Financial Aid Director. Ms. Myers will act as the interim director through Oct 2013. The Financial Aid Director position is currently being advertised, and a review of applicants is ongoing.

### FAFSA Applications

The financial aid office has received and processed 2,831 FAFSA applications for the upcoming fall semester. Processing financial aid with the new computer software is more automated and efficient than the prior system. Training and implementation is ongoing to enable a smooth awarding process for the upcoming semester.

## Admissions & Student Activities

## Student Government

*Conference*—National Student Government conference was attended by the four officers and the advisor. Many ideas were gathered for consideration.

*Retreat*—The annual Student Government Retreat will be held at the Alley 21 Restaurant on August 9. The officers will be sworn in and receive a “State of the College” address from Dr. Boys. Opportunities of service will be presented by Student Activities and Athletics. After that, the students will plan their projects for the upcoming year and set their budget.

*Connecting*—The SGA President, George Martin, called those new students who have registered for fall term so far (mid-July) to personally invite them to participate in Student Government. He made 154 connections with students and hopes to meet them at orientation!

## Athletics

*Women’s Volleyball*—Southern State Community College’s Athletic Department would like to announce the rehiring of Ashley DeAtley as women’s volleyball head coach. Coach DeAtley is entering her second season as head coach. The regular season is set to start on Saturday, Aug. 24.

*Men’s Soccer*—Southern State Community College’s Athletic Department would like to announce the rehiring of Josh Thoroman as men’s soccer head coach. Coach Thoroman is entering his 12<sup>th</sup> season as head coach. The regular season is set to start on Saturday, Aug. 24. Men’s Soccer student athlete (2012-13) Cody Claypool made the Dean’s List for Spring Semester.

*Men’s Basketball*—Southern State Community College’s Athletic Department would like to announce the rehiring of Travis McAvene as men’s basketball head coach. Coach McAvene is entering his second season as head coach. The regular season is set to start on Friday, Nov. 1.



*Women's Basketball*—Southern State Community College's Athletic Department would like to announce the rehiring of Matt Wells as the new women's basketball head coach. Coach Wells is entering his second season as head coach. The regular season is set to start on Friday, Nov. 1. Women's Basketball student athlete (2012-13) Haley Bingamon made the Dean's List for Spring Semester.

*Women's Softball*—Currently the Women's Softball head coach position is vacant. The regular season is set to start on Saturday, March 15.

*Professional Development*—

Southern State Community College's Athletic Director attended the 2013 United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) National Convention in Norfolk, Va. Topics discussed were association bylaws, eligibility, and championships. Southern State was recognized for having one Honorable Mention Athletic All-American, and one Academic All-American. The information obtained and opportunities offered by the USCAA continue to provide Southern State Community College Athletics the best chance for success and national recognition.

Southern State Community College's Athletic Director attended the 2013 NACADA (National Academic Advising Association) Advising Student-Athletes: A Model for Academic Success Seminar in Scottsdale, Ariz. Topics discussed were issues with advising student athletes, NCAA 2-4 transfer eligibility information, Facilitating Learning and Achieving Graduation Program (FLAG), action plans, and case study scenarios.

*Athletic Department* 

In 2012-13, the Athletic Department implemented a student athlete progress check system with student athletes and instructors. This tool is used to keep student athletes on track for graduation, and eligible for athletics. To build on this model for student athlete success, the athletic department has updated its code of conduct and handbooks to align with the college's goals for student success and retention. Changes include: class attendance logs, class/athletic contest conflict forms, study tables, accountability for missing class, player of the week recognition, and Athletic Director Honor Roll recognition for student athletes with a 3.0 or above. Each change

is designed to hold student athletes accountable for their education, while providing encouragement and recognition for academic and athletic success.

Southern State Community College's Athletic Director attended the 2013 Adams County Fair with efforts to recruit student athletes from Adams County.

## INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

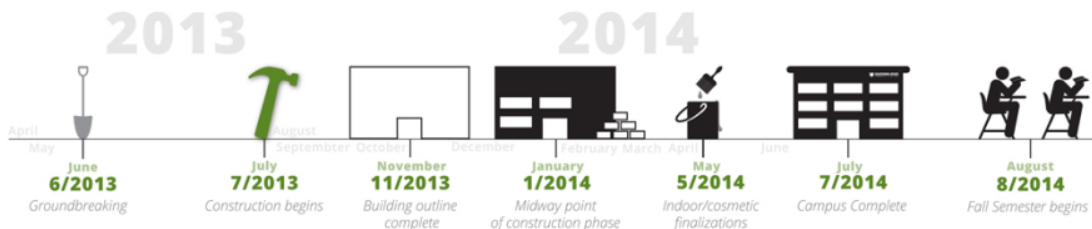
### Office of Communications

### Marketing | Public Relations | Web

#### Follow Mt. Orab Construction Progress

Following a wildly successful groundbreaking ceremony on June 28, 2013, construction crews have picked up where the party left off. Weekly progress on the site is available online at <http://www.sccc.edu/newcampus/index.shtml>.

#### Timeline of Events



Please Note: These dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

#### Weekly Construction Updates

Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5



#### Targeting Adams and Brown County Students at the Fairs

Historically county fairs within our service area have been supported through a variety of sponsorships including t-shirts for junior fair



members, trophy sponsorships, and ads in the fair publications. This year, in cooperation with Student Services and a host of volunteers from other departments, the college sponsored a booth at the Adams County Fair and will set up a booth at the upcoming Brown County Fair.

## Foundation

### Foundation Board Votes to Consolidate the Investment Portfolio

During the annual meeting (October 2012) Board Chairperson Jon Linkous had expressed interest in consolidating the Southern State Foundation portfolio into the hands of a single entity. A similar exploratory process was convened in 2006. The portfolio, which stands at roughly \$1.9M, has been nearly evenly managed between Fifth Third Bank and National Bank and Trust (NB&T). The executive committee of the Board along with Treasurer Jim Buck and Executive Director Dr. Roades reviewed 10 proposals and invited three firms in for interviews. The Board voted on August 1, 2013 to accept the proposal offered by National Bank & Trust.

### Local Artisan Donates Central Campus Painting

Sue Lamke, active local artisan with the Brush and Palette Art Guild, recently donated an original piece from her private collection. Depicting a vibrant and cheerful image of the Central Campus in Hillsboro, Lamke designed the piece for use on the 2009 Annual Art Show postcard. She generously donated her work to the college during the 2013 Brush and Palette Art Show held annually at the Central Campus.

