

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



SOUTHERN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MARCH 2013 | DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

OACC Symposium

On March 1 at the annual Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) Symposium, I participated in a panel presentation outlining the work of the Higher Education Funding Commission. I was joined on the panel by President E. Gordon Gee of The Ohio State University, Jack Hershey from the OSU President's office, and two other community college presidents participating on the commission. The purpose of the presentation was to provide an overview of the Governor's challenge to the commission, our guiding principles, and the final recommendations, which were accepted in total and included in the Governor's biennium budget proposal.

OACC President Dr. Ron Abrams

Dr. Ron Abrams, president of the OACC, will be a guest at the March board meeting and will provide an update on the major issues affecting the state's community colleges. As you know, the OACC represents both the trustees and presidents of the state's community and technical colleges.

AACC Workforce Development Institute and Rural Community College Alliance

The Appalachian Regional Commission worked with the American Association of Community Colleges to fund the attendance of several community college presidents who serve distressed counties of Appalachia at the AACC's annual Workforce Development Institute in San Diego. I had never attended this particular meeting before, so the funding truly did make a difference in my decision to invest this time. At this meeting, I met the executive director of the Rural Community College Alliance, who in turn invited me to attend their advocacy day in Washington, D.C. At that meeting, we met with the White House Rural Council and with high ranking officials at the Departments of Education, Agriculture, and Labor. The enclosed article

covering this meeting describes the different funding sources available to rural community colleges, even during these unique times. I believe our association with this alliance will bring some possible funding opportunities to the college, especially in Adams County.

Faculty Emeritus

You will see on the agenda two recommendations from the Faculty Senate requesting that the board bestow the honor of Faculty Emeritus upon two retired faculty members, Dora Davison and Dr. Robert Headley. Letters outlining the qualifications of these individuals is included in the packet. I support the Faculty Senate's recommendation. The last person to receive such recognition was Bill Horne, who received the recognition posthumously.

Upcoming Events

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

MARCH

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| 03.13.13 | Women's Tea
2 p.m., South Campus Appalachian Gateway Center |
| 03.21.13 | Master Gardeners' Presentation: Native Plants
6-8 p.m., South Campus Learning Resources Center |

APRIL

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| 04.05.13 | SSCC Theatre presents "Lend Me A Tenor"
7:30 p.m., Central Campus Edward K. Daniels Auditorium |
| 04.06.13 | SSCC Theatre presents "Lend Me A Tenor"
7:30 p.m., Central Campus Edward K. Daniels Auditorium |
| 04.07.13 | SSCC Theatre presents "Lend Me A Tenor"
3:30 p.m., Central Campus Edward K. Daniels Auditorium |

President's Activities and Involvement

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

- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Event
- SSCC Adjunct Faculty Meeting
- OACC Presidents' Conference Call Meetings

- Hillsboro Rotary Club
- Mt. Orab Opportunities Meeting with Jeff Graham, Mercy Health East Market Leader and President
- SOCHE's 45th Anniversary Board Banquet
- OACC Government Relations
- AACC Workforce Development Meeting
- OH Presidents' Planning Host Committee Meeting
- Jenzabar Project Review Meeting
- SSCC Faculty Senate Meeting
- Meeting with Kevin Kratzer, Southern Hills Career and Technical Center
- White House Rural Council Meeting
- U.S. Department of Education Meeting
- USDA Department of Commerce, NSF, and Department of Labor Meetings
- NLNAC Nursing Accreditation Meeting
- Governor's State of the State Address
- Brown County Campus Design Meeting
- Annual Community Leaders' Luncheon at Southern Hills Career Technical Center
- WSRW Radio Education Spotlights
- Clinton County United Way Annual Recognition Luncheon
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Board Meetings
- Funding Commission Panel at the Columbus State/OACC Symposium

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Academic Programming

Nursing Program Receives Preliminary Accreditation Approval

Southern State Community College's Nursing Program just completed their reaccreditation visit from the National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC). Based on the exit review with the visiting NLNAC team, the Nursing Program will be recommended for a full accreditation with the next visit to occur in eight years. Dr. Julie Krebs, Sue Leach and the entire nursing faculty are to be commended for their hard work to earn this recommendation. The final accreditation status will not be made until later this year once the visitor recommendations are reviewed and approved by NLNAC.

SSCC Instructor Designs Biotechnology Workshop

Dr. David Garippa, SSCC Instructor of Biology, has once again designed a biotechnology workshop including agricultural and food sciences. The workshop will include hands-on laboratory training. Edvotek, the biotechnology education company, will facilitate the workshop which is open to both college and area high school faculty to learn more about biotechnology equipment, techniques and education.

Southern State Student to Publish Book

Doug Swingle, an SSCC Health & Human Services major, just learned that Random House will publish his book, "Just Like Sunday," in hardcover in May then release it in paperback in the fall. He has agreed to do a reading at Southern State next fall while still a student here. "Just Like Sunday" is historical fiction about coal mining in the 1920s in southwestern Pennsylvania. Mr. Swingle has taken all of his English courses at Southern State.

Workforce Development and Community Services

Truck Driving Academy

The actions outlined in the report for the January Board of Trustees meeting continue to result in favorable financial results. While enrollment is still down significantly compared to previous years, the increase in fees, additional partnerships and customized CDL training projects have contributed to a budget surplus for consecutive months. We continue to seek new partnerships to boost enrollment. Greene County Career Center, Eastern Gateway Community College, and the Middletown branch of Cincinnati State are all in the process of becoming partners. ✓ The customized training for Warren County Career Center to offer straight truck training for their Lineman Technician program continues, with 10 students completing this customized training in January. We have provided training to 72 students in their program to date. ✓

Workforce Development

Julia Basham, SSCC Assistant Professor of Computer Science, conducted customized non-credit Microsoft Excel training on Jan. 25 at Central Campus for ITW (formerly known as Hobart). Additional training in Microsoft Office products has been requested

by ITW as a result of the positive outcomes of the January training. ✓ The customized training for PAS Technologies was delayed and is now scheduled to begin in March.

Continuing Education & Departmental Notes

The second term of the Dental Assistant program—offered in partnership with Boston Reed College on a non-credit basis—began in January. Enrollment exceeded expectations, with 16 students enrolled in the 10-week program. The highly successful enrollment numbers indicate the interest and demand for short-term, low-cost training that will provide individuals with basic skills and a clear path to entry-level employment in particular fields. ✓

Twenty-four participants completed free Connect Ohio computer classes in January, and four completed the classes to date in February.

STUDENT SERVICES AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Tutoring Services ✓

Sessions

Tutoring sessions conducted for Spring Semester 2013 (through Feb. 15) include six online sessions, 110 lab sessions, and 121 one-on-one sessions, for a total of 181 total tutorials.

Workshops

Two Computer Fundamental workshops will be held May 6 on Central Campus and May 8 on North Campus. Students and tutors will be offered hands-on training to better prepare them in creating documents using Word, Excel, and PowerPoint programs. Online Success (Blackboard 9) workshops will be held May 7 on both Central and North campuses for any student enrolled in an online class. The Tutoring Center will be

sending out information and registration forms to those students who will most benefit from these workshops.

Training

Six new tutors have completed Level 1 training by attending workshops scheduled in January and February. Susan Long, Kari Simpson and Stephanie Bartley provided the training.

Career & Counseling Services ✓

Meet and Greet

Career and Counseling Services, with assistance from the Student Government Association (SGA) and the AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches, conducted a meet-and-greet session to increase awareness regarding the mental health counseling services available to students. This was done in response to the tragedy in Newtown, Conn. The session was well received and two new mental health clients were added. On Valentine's Day, Career and Counseling Services participated in SGA festivities on Central Campus by making available handouts on healthy relationships.

Disability Services ✓

Remote Interpreting Services (RIS)

The Office of Disability Services continues to work on the Remote Interpreting Services (RIS) project. On initial tests, the equipment worked fine; later, video quality and microphone issues were discovered. Another test is scheduled for South Campus to gain a better understanding of the issues and how to continue moving forward.

Financial Aid

Disbursement of Aid

The Office of Financial Aid has been busy verifying and disbursing the spring semester financial aid, which has been posted to the student accounts. The first posting was \$7.4 million and aid will continue to be posted as files become complete.

New Software

The new software system in the Office of Financial Aid is being brought up. Plans are to go live within the next three to four weeks, so that the 2013-14 federal financial aid applications can be processed with the new system. With hopes to go paperless in the near future, 2011-12 files are being readied for scanning into the new system.

Audit

The Ohio Board of Regents notified Southern State Community College that its state financial aid audit had 0 percent errors. Janeen Deatley, SSCC Director of Financial Aid, gives the entire staff credit for excellent record keeping within the state regulations.

College Goal Sunday

On Feb. 10, Southern State hosted one of the state's 40 College Goal Sunday financial aid workshops. These workshops are held around the state so that families in all regions have access to assistance with filing their 2013-14 federal financial aid application. There were more than 150 people in attendance at Southern State. Staff in Admissions, and Recruiting, the AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches, and three high school guidance counselors gave up their Sunday afternoon to assist with this workshop. This is the fifth year, Southern State has been accepted to host this workshop.

Patri-Tots Learning Center

Compliance Inspection

The Patri-Tots Learning Center on North Campus has just earned its fifth 100-percent compliant state licensing inspection. "I want to commend my staff for their continued dedication to our children and their families," said Karee Shaw, Site Administrator. "The fact that they earned this perfect rating during an unannounced visit while I was out of the office just proves the level of quality at which they continually operate." In 2012, the

Center received a Two-Star Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) award from the Ohio Department of Family Services. SUTQ is a voluntary, three-star quality rating system which helps parents identify early care and education programs that go beyond the minimum standards of licensing. The Center anticipates receiving this award again in 2013.

Student Activities

Student Government Association

A survey regarding summer attendance was requested by Academic Affairs. The survey has been running since Feb. 5 and will continue until the end of the month. Student participation in the survey is more than 200 at this time.

SGA Discount Card sales are over the halfway mark of the required \$2,025 which covers all expenses as well as the student scholarship. This requires the sale of 253 cards. Dan Klein, SGA President, has issued a challenge to the SGA boys—if they sell 400 cards, he will wear a banana suit to his classes toward the end of the semester.

Student nominations are currently being taken for 2013-14 SGA officers. Thus far, there are two students applying for president, two for vice president, and one each for treasurer and secretary. Nominations will continue until the end of the month.

SGA spearheaded a joint effort of several departments on Valentine's Day by celebrating in the Central Campus lobby in the following way: SGA hosted a lunch, discount card and rose sale; nursing students offered free blood pressure screenings; Career and Counseling Services discussed healthy relationships; SSCC Theatre conducted a hula hoop exercise and performed romantic comedy skits; and medical assisting students conducted a bake sale. There was assistance from Student Activities and the AmeriCorp College Completion Coaches. This was a Student Frequency Card event.

Women's Basketball

Women's Basketball completed their season with a record of 4-15. This is one more win than the two previous years combined. The Lady Patriots are represented in the USCAA individual statistical leaders with Mercedes Grisham ranked eighth in rebounds per

game, Jessica Sexton ranked 23rd in assists per game, and Megan Sword ranked 25th in points per game.

Men's Basketball

Men's Basketball is currently 22-3 for the season, with one game remaining. Currently, the team is ranked sixth in the USCAA Division I Power Rankings, and 11th in the USCAA Division I Coaches Poll. The Patriots sit with the second best record in USCAA Division I Men's Basketball, and are having the best men's basketball season in Patriots history. The Patriots are represented in the USCAA individual statistical leaders with Ty Harris ranked first in assists per game, 13th in steals per game and 25th in points per game; Isiah Walton ranked seventh in rebounds per game, 21st in blocks per game and 25th in steals per game; Brandon Whitlock ranked seventh in blocks per game, 23rd in rebounds per game and 24th in points per game; Diondrey Holt ranked 18th in steals per game; and Kam Harris ranked 19th in rebounds per game. Congratulations to Martise McLaurin for being named USCAA's Men's Division I Basketball Player of the Week for Feb. 12.

Women's Softball

Women's Softball has started practicing, and is scheduled to start the season at home against Ohio University – Chillicothe on March 16.