

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



**SOUTHERN STATE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NOVEMBER 2016 | DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

## **Meeting Schedule for Thursday, November 17, 2016**

Location: Adams County Ohio Valley Career and Technical Center  
Room 9, 175 Lloyd Road, West Union, OH 45693

5:00 p.m. Annual Ethics Training Requirement: Lisa Crister from the Ohio Attorney General's office will present ethics training immediately prior to the board meeting. The training on Ohio's ethics laws will fulfill the annual requirement that the trustees and president must meet. A light supper will be served during this training session.

6:00 p.m. Southern State Community College regular board meeting

7:00 p.m. The community has been invited to attend an information session on the possibility of a Southern State Community College campus being built adjacent to the administrative office and Career and Technical Center of the Adams County Ohio Valley Schools. In addition to press releases to the local papers, Adams County Schools planned to send out an invitation via text message to school families. The Manchester School Board and their residents were also invited to attend as well. After a presentation by the school administrations, the boards and public will be invited to make comments and ask questions.

## **Trustee Alert**

A task force assembled to study the governance structure of Ohio's co-located university branch campuses that share a location with community colleges recently issued its report. Included in the report is a statement that should raise concern: *"The General Assembly and Governor should review the various ways that community college trustees are appointed, with interest in appointing trustees that impact workforce and economic development."* It concerns me that the General

Assembly might entertain further erosion of the local nature of the community colleges' boards of trustees. I will be speaking with our local legislative delegation to express my personal concern about this overreach, particularly that it could be taken up during the upcoming lame duck session. I will provide additional information and discuss how trustees might become involved as well.

## **Community Colleges of Appalachia Fall Conference**

As you know, Southern State hosted the CCA fall conference November 2-4 at the Brown County Campus. Attendees came from as far away as Mississippi and New York and also included guests from Alabama, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and other community colleges in Ohio. Several SSCC faculty members were also able to attend the keynote presentation on Friday morning. Robin Tholen and Amanda Lewis are to be commended for their roles in making this a most professional and welcoming conference.

## **Upcoming Events**

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

### **NOVEMBER**

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| Nov. 13 | <b>Veterans Day Concert – SSCC Band</b><br>3 pm   Edward K. Daniels Auditorium, Central Campus, Hillsboro |
| Nov. 14 | <b>Trustees Conference – Ohio Department of Higher Education</b><br>Columbus State Community College      |

### **DECEMBER**

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| Dec. 2-4 | <b>Ohio Valley Hoops Classic</b><br>Patriot Center, Central Campus, Hillsboro         |
| Dec. 14  | <b>Campus Security Tabletop Meeting</b><br>9 am   Room 203, Central Campus, Hillsboro |

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

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

- OACC Presidents Meeting
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meetings
- Highland County Chamber Executive Committee
- Wilmington Succeeds Meeting
- Stakeholders Meeting on College Credit Plus
- Meeting with Tom Walsh
- 22+ Adult High School Diploma Conference Call
- Lunch Meeting with Ripley Union Lewis Huntington Superintendent
- Presentation/Concert by AnDa Union (Mongolian Music Group)
- Lunch Meeting with East Clinton Local Schools Superintendent
- Connect to College at Brown County Campus
- OACC Government Relations Conference Call
- Cincinnati State's Investiture Ceremony for Dr. Monica Posey
- Meeting with Mt. Orab Mayor
- Meeting with Vice President and Chief Enrollment Officer at Wilmington College
- SOCHE Executive Committee Meeting
- Career Services Update Conference Call
- Meeting with Representative from Graduation Alliance
- Lunch Meeting with Shawnee State University Representatives
- SSCC Foundation Annual Board Meeting
- Highland County Chamber Board Meeting
- Meeting with Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Advisory Breakfast Meeting
- ICE Project Conference Call
- Community Colleges of Appalachia Fall Conference
- Community Colleges of Appalachia Board Meeting
- WSRW Interview with Willard Parr

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## Highlights

### Complete College America Co-requisite Academy

A six-person team representing SSCC attended the Complete College America Co-requisite Academy in Columbus Oct. 20-21. Math faculty members Linda Chamblin and Bill Worpenberg, English faculty members Ken Holliday and Toni Penwell, Academic Advisor Bob Hixson, and Dean of Instructional Operations Dr. Jessica Wise participated in the two-day conference. Aimed at improving student outcomes and persistence, co-requisite remediation is a proven strategy for colleges striving to help all students get off to a good start in their academic careers. The group came back with ideas of how SSCC can move forward with discussions about the new initiative of offering co-requisite classes with gateway courses.

### Carl D. Perkins Mini-Grant Funds Four Projects

The ABLE/AOC received funding to introduce engineering and manufacturing into the classroom through specialized kits and activities for learning. The project will incorporate math and science skills.

The Information Technology department was funded for a telepresence robot that allows for virtual tours and program interaction.

The Computer Science program was granted funding aimed at supporting guest speakers in the Professionalism Class.

Leveraging the telepresence system, the Agriculture and Engineering departments are collaborating on an innovative project to introduce a Farmbot machine.



Telepresence robot purchased through the Carl D. Perkins Mini-Grant. October 2016

## **Distance Education Committee Evaluating Learning Management Platform Options**

Through a continuous improvement and quality assessment effort, the Distance Education Committee, a sub-committee of the college's Technology Committee, has been charged with conducting an internal, comprehensive needs assessment and evaluation of the current learning management platform, Blackboard. In this process, the committee will be seeking input and direction from all sectors of the college and evaluating the needs against available learning management providers. This exploration will continue for several months and will conclude with a formal recommendation to the Technology Committee.

## **Engineering Co-Op Prepares Students for Placement**

In preparation for co-op interviews, engineering faculty, staff, and an industry guest advisor coordinated a day-long workshop aimed at assisting students in resume construction, interview techniques, and other professionalism skills in preparation for upcoming interviews. Special thanks to Amy McClellan, James Barnett, Josh Montgomery, John Joy, and Kellogg's Regional Engineer, Kevin McClellan, for their contributions to the workshop.

All six students participating in the preparation workshop were offered co-op placements following on-campus interviews. Among those providing these valuable student experiences are General Electric Peebles Test Operation, Candle-Lite, and Universal Forestry Products (UFP).

## **Nearly 100 Participate in the Annual Advisory Meeting**

On Oct. 28, the college hosted professionals from across the region as well as special guest presenter, Mr. Scott Ellsworth, for the college's Annual Advisory Meeting. An advocate for building meaningful relationships with business and industry partners, Ellsworth challenged faculty to actively solicit input from their members while also encouraging advisory members to be specific about their needs. Eleven advisory committees were represented with 91 members. There were 97 total in attendance for the

event. Special thanks to Ann Ernst, Dr. Jessica Wise, and Angie Moots for their work in coordinating this important assessment activity.

### **Phi Theta Kappa Takes to the Brush**

As part of a community service project, members of the Phi Theta Kappa academic honor society volunteered to paint an exterior wall at the Fayette Campus. On Oct. 15, Advisor Connie Huber, and the Phi Theta Kappa team completed their service project. Many thanks to Connie and her team for a job well done.



Phi Theta Kappa volunteers painting the Fayette Campus. October 2016

## **Workforce Development and Community Services**

### **Truck Driving Academy**

*Ready to Apply for Additional Revolving Loan Funding* | The last student under the Ohio Revolving Loan Fund program completed the training this month. ODHE has been notified that they may conduct their audit, so that the TDA can apply for an additional round of RLF monies. The TDA received congratulations from John Magill, ODHE Assistant Deputy Chancellor for Economic Advancement, for being among the first colleges to use the initial RLF grant funds.

*Exploration of Training Partnerships* | Conversations aimed at building training partnerships continue with Pike County Adult Basic Literacy and Education as well as the Upper Valley Career Center's Adult Division.

### **Workforce Development and Continuing Education**

*Non-Credit Dental Assisting* | A Dental Assisting non-credit class began Oct. 3, with 10 students registered. This introductory level course runs for 60 classroom hours with a 40-hour externship.

*Advanced Excel Training Offered at Local Bank* | Advanced level Excel training was

provided in early October to NCB Bank of Hillsboro by Julia Basham, Computer Science and Business faculty member. Based on participant feedback, Julia's positive reviews have secured her as the provider of choice with over a dozen Excel and Access training sessions delivered to NCB in recent years.

**STNA Training** | In partnership with the Southern State nursing department, Ohio Valley Career and Technical Center, and area Ohio Means Jobs offices, STNA courses are being offered at the Career and Technical Center. This short-term training is designed with both lecture and clinical instruction. The course launched with 10 students enrolled.

## **STUDENT SERVICES AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT**

### **Disabilities Services**

#### **Ohio AHEAD Conference**

Disability Coordinator Molly Jordan attended the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) state conference on Oct. 21 at the beautiful Kent State University Conference Center at Stark Campus. Topics of interest this year were very meaningful, thanks to a great group of presenters. She attended sessions on topics such as: Building an Office Brand, Accommodating Oneself: Tips for Self-Care, Success Stories of Collaboration through Partnerships, and Ways to Maximize Retention Efforts.

#### **AHEAD Webinar**

Disability Coordinator Molly Jordan along with Advisor Bob Hixson attended an AHEAD sponsored webinar titled Reaching Student Veterans on their Terms on Oct. 27. Adam Crawford, from The Ohio State University, along with co-presenter Joanna Boval from University of California, shared specific ways they have been successful in reaching out to student veterans on their respective campuses.

## Financial Aid

### Gainful Employment Rate Released

Gainful Employment is a regulatory requirement for Title IV and includes reporting and disclosure information on non-degree programs. The provisions apply to all certificate programs at the college and are intended to measure how institutions prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation. Programs that do not pass the measurements are subject to loss of federal financial aid.

The college has received the first measurement on Gainful Employment, which includes students who completed certificate programs at the college from 2007 through the 2014-15 school year. The outcome is based on student loan debt compared to earnings of students who completed these programs. Measurement outcomes were only reported for those programs that had 30 or more completers.

Programs measured for the reporting period were Billing and Coding, Pharmacy Tech, Phlebotomy, and LPN. All programs passed the debt-to-earnings measurement successfully.

### Early FAFSA

The FAFSA application for next school year, 2017-18, was made available on Oct. 1. Current students receiving financial aid were sent an email and mailed a postcard on the early filing opportunity and the change in income used for FAFSA. Current students can re-apply using the same income used for their current year's FAFSA.

Outreach to high schools on early FAFSA filing continues with financial aid nights or visits to senior seminars. Presentations were conducted at the following schools in October: Georgetown, Greenfield, Hillsboro, East Clinton, Wilmington, Adams County Christian, North Adams, and Eastern Brown.

## Student Success Center

### Academic Alert Messages

	# Students	# Faculty submitting
Early Alerts	231	25
Mid Semester	658	

Students receive phone calls and/or emails from academic advisors regarding their notified academic status and are provided with resources or faculty communication for getting back on track with their academics.

### Advising Sessions

Advisors have assisted 505 students in the first nine weeks of the term. Advisors also provide students career coaching and pathway alignment for career/academic goals as part of their sessions. Preparation for the spring registration process is underway as the Student Success Center hopes to see most of the returning students registered before Thanksgiving break.

### Tutoring Services

Fall 2016	(8/22-9/14)	(9/15-10/15)
Tutors (total)	17	16
Request Forms	505	566 (61 added)
Lab Sessions	82	112
1-on-1 Sessions	15	35
Total Sessions	97	147

Online writing labs changed from synchronous to asynchronous at the end of October, and students seem to find it more appealing and accessible.

Success with Online Courses Workshops are being offered at the end of term for current students registered for spring term online sections. Hopefully, this will provide

students with a better start.

## **Career and Counseling**

### ***Suicide Prevention Training***

Career & Counseling (C&C) Services Coordinator Tom Payton completed 15 hours of training in Suicide Treatment sponsored by the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation. This is part of the HB 28 suicide prevention initiative.

Training involved a collaborative approach focusing on the suicidal behavior, thoughts, and feelings in a collaborative manner with the client in order to decrease and eliminate suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

### ***Class Presentations***

As part of the career focus, Career & Counseling has given presentations in several English courses – composition and business/technical writing – to discuss resume and cover letter writing. Also covered were resume writing and training in the proper use of resumes.

Career & Counseling is filling in for instructors on days when their classes otherwise would have been cancelled. C&C uses the class time to promote career and counseling services and mandatory programs such as suicide prevention and bystander intervention for sexual assault.

### ***High School Presentations***

Four presentations were given at Miami Trace High School Junior Achievement Classes last month on business and professional communication (listening) and job interviewing. The presentations were well received and we will be returning later in the year for more career-oriented presentations.

### ***Regional Presentations***

Career & Counseling presented a workshop at the University of Dayton to school counseling supervisors and graduate students on the Holland Self-Directed Search

Instrument's proper use in career counseling and applications of Choice Theory in career counseling.

This workshop will be provided to area school counselors in November at Central Campus.

### ***ODHE Career Services Initiative***

Career & Counseling attended a phone conference/meeting with several upper management from SSCC and members of the Ohio Department of Higher Education regarding work in the career area. ODHE representatives were pleased with the direction the college is headed.

## **Athletics**

### **Men's Soccer**

Head Coach Swart and the team finished up their season on Oct. 29 at Christendom College in Virginia. The team has played well despite playing most matches with only nine players.

### **Women's Soccer**

Head Coach Chris Malotke has been holding Sunday morning club matches at the Western Brown Youth Soccer Fields for the past six weeks. This endeavor has given Coach Malotke an opportunity to also recruit players for next season.

### **Women's Basketball**

The Women's Basketball team began playing on Nov. 1 with a home scrimmage vs. Clark State. The first official game was played Nov. 4 at home vs. Kentucky Christian, and they faced Wright State Lake Nov 5, also at home.

### **Men's Basketball**

Our new Men's Basketball Head Coach Kelvin Gaines and Assistant DeShawn Woods have been preparing this year's men's team for their season. The team had its first scrimmages Oct. 26 at Cincinnati Christian and Oct. 28 vs. Clark State.

The Men's Basketball first official game was Nov. 9 at Miami University in Hamilton.

### **Women's Softball**

We are in the process of interviewing candidates for a new Women's Fast Pitch Softball Head Coach. Once we hire our new coach, the process of putting a team together will begin.

### **Athletic Department**

The soccer season is ending and basketball is beginning.

Upgrade options for our facilities are being discussed to see what is affordable to accomplish now and later down the road.

Scoreboard quotes have been obtained for the softball and soccer fields. This will give our playing fields more to showcase to our current student athletes and recruits. Quotes will also be obtained on wooden lockers for the home locker rooms to update the look in that area.

The Athletic Director is working with Big Signs on new team banners, wall padding around the Patriot Center, and wall decals for the locker room hallways.

## **Student Activities**

### **Medical Assisting Student Organization**

Twelve new members were welcomed at the 2016-17 organizational meeting held during Medical Assisting Week in early October. All officer positions have been filled and service committees have been organized.

The first service project of the year was the annual Hoxworth Blood Drive. MedAssist members actively recruited volunteers for donations and were available in the Central Campus lobby to schedule volunteer appointments. The Hoxworth Van was at Central Campus Nov. 7 from 9-11:45 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

The event selected for the winter service project is a Baby Shower Palooza. Several donation boxes have been placed around campus to collect new items to be shared with WIC offices in our service area (Adams, Brown, Clinton, Fayette and Highland counties). Donations will be collected through Nov. 21 and are greatly appreciated.

The first fundraiser is a bake sale scheduled for Central Campus on Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Committee members have begun the early planning stages for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pink Tea. The Pink Tea is a spring fundraising event to raise cancer awareness and to honor breast cancer survivors, those battling breast cancer, and to remember loved ones lost.

Our second-year medical assisting students presented handwashing education programs at the Patri-Tots Centers in October (National Handwashing Awareness Month and Global Handwashing Day), and will present handwashing education programs at Hillsboro Elementary School in November (National Handwashing Awareness Week).

### **Respiratory Care Club**

Plans are being finalized to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> graduating class from SSCC's Respiratory Care program. 110 alumni are invited to attend a reception immediately following the program's graduation ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 10.

The Club will be awarding two scholarships at the aforementioned ceremony.