

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



SOUTHERN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OCTOBER 2016 | DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

Trustee McEwen

Trustee Bob McEwen has tendered his resignation with the Governor's office as a Southern State Community College Trustee effective October 1, 2016. This leaves three vacancies on the Board. We have enlisted the assistance of the Governor's area representative to advocate for the appointments for these positions.

Rob Johnstone's Presentation on Guided Pathways

Rob Johnstone from the National Center for Inquiry and Improvement will be at the College on October 12 and will provide the Board of Trustees with an overview of the Guided Pathway movement throughout community colleges. As you will recall, we included a strategic goal to implement guided pathways beginning with our technical programs. Rob will be meeting with faculty and staff later in the day at Central Campus. His visit is made possible by our participation in the OACC's Student Success Leadership Initiative.

Update Facility Use Guidelines and Fee Structure

You will recall that the Board approved the College's response to the Efficiency and Affordability Task Force Recommendations last summer. One of those recommendations had to do with the College's use of assets for possible income streams. We identified user fees for our facilities as one of the appropriate areas for review. This is certainly not a huge revenue stream for the College, especially since we endeavor to provide space for non-profit groups in our communities. Enclosed in the packet is a proposed set of revised guidelines, along with a proposed adjusted fee schedule for the Board's consideration.

Upcoming Events

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

NOVEMBER

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| Nov. 2-4 | SSCC Hosts Community Colleges of Appalachia Fall Conference
Community Room, Brown County Campus, Mt. Orab |
| Nov. 4-6 | SSCC Theatre: "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe"
Edward K. Daniels Auditorium, Central Campus, Hillsboro |
| Nov. 14 | Trustees Conference – Ohio Department of Higher Education
Columbus State Community College |

DECEMBER

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| Dec. 14 | Campus Security Tabletop Meeting
Room 203, Central Campus, Hillsboro |
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President's Activities and Involvement

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

- Ohio Dean's Compact Meeting
- Leadership Clinton Corn Festival Cobbler Booth
- Pre-Audit Conference with Millhuff-Stang, CPA
- Leadership Clinton Program Committee Meeting
- OACC Presidents Meeting
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meetings
- Full Measure Education Meeting
- Student Success Leadership Institute Meeting #5
- Great Oaks Business Partnership Council
- Meeting with Great Oaks Representatives
- Sixth Annual President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge White House Convening (Washington, D.C.)
- WSRW Interview with Willard Parr

- First State Bank Luncheon with Ohio Secretary of State, Jon Husted
- Meeting with Highland District Hospital Foundation Representatives
- Informal Incentivizing Continual Enrollment (ICE) Project Meeting
- U.S. Global Leadership Coalition Luncheon
- Ohio Department of Higher Education Forum on Ohio ASAP Demonstration
- Conference Call with Dr. Madden and Shawnee Representatives regarding Shared Programming
- College Credit Plus Workgroup Conference Call
- ACCT Leadership Congress and Presentation (New Orleans, LA)

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Personnel Highlights

Librarian Role Redesigned to Advance Distance Education and Instructional

Technology | In cooperation with the current Librarian, Angel Mootispaw, and current Distance Education Coordinator, Julia Basham, the functional role of the Librarian has been updated to include responsibilities for supporting instructional technology and cultivating the growth of distance education. This update will position the College to more fully support faculty in their development of online instruction as well as support face-to-face courses with innovative technological enhancements.

Institutional Researcher Joins SSCC Team | Through a collaborative partnership with Rio Grande Community College, Southern State is pleased to welcome Pierre Lucien to the College to fill the much needed role of institutional researcher. In this role, Pierre's responsibilities will include collecting, analyzing, interpreting, and reporting information for use in evidence-based decision making. It has long been a desire to have such a person to advance institutional effectiveness goals, improve learning outcomes assessment, strengthen program review, and generally promote a culture of inquiry across the institution. Pierre began work with Southern State on October 4 and will share his time equally with our colleagues at Rio Grande University/Community College.

Program Highlights

Upcoming Study Abroad Opportunity | This spring, May 10-18, students, faculty, and guests will have the opportunity to travel to Germany, Switzerland, and the Alps for a multi-disciplinary look at art, culture, business, farming, and science. Led by professors Jeff Wallace (Humanities) and Jeff Foster (Science), participants will have a unique opportunity to travel throughout Germany including the Black Forest, Salzburg, the Swiss Alps, and into many of the art and cultural destinations in Munich. Additionally, for those interested, the study abroad experience coincides with the delivery of ENGL 2247: Critical and Cultural Approaches to the Fairytale. Through the generosity of the *Pence Patron of the Arts Fund* within the Southern State Foundation, students will have an opportunity to compete for scholarship money to support their study abroad experience.

Advisory Meetings Designed to Strengthen Employer Engagement | On October 28, faculty, staff, and local employers will convene at the College's Central Campus for the annual advisory meeting. A critical component of our academic programming and delivery, this meeting is an invaluable opportunity for Southern State to explore employer needs, gain valuable feedback on graduate performance in the field, and mutually share important information. Special guest and employer engagement expert, Mr. Scott Ellsworth has been invited to deliver the keynote address. Because of Scott's involvement and the importance of his message, the invitation is open for all who wish to participate. Reservations can be made by contacting Ann Ernst at aernst@sscc.edu by October 21.

Adult Opportunity Center

AOC Enters into Agreement with Turning Point | The Adult Opportunity Center has entered into an agreement to provide the GED preparation component for Turning Point Applied Learning Center. Turning Point participants will be transported to the Central Campus classroom two days a week to work toward increasing academic levels and gaining skills needed to pass the General Educational Development (GED) Test.

Workforce Development and Community Services

Truck Driving Academy

TDA Holds Open House at Marion Tech | An Open House was held at the Marion Technical College CDL training classroom on September 22. John Joy and John Smith attended and spoke with potential students, Ohio Means Jobs case workers, as well as industry employers such as Rumpke and Schneider. The first class of drivers under this partnership began on September 12.

Leveraging Ohio's Revolving Loan Fund | The last student under the Ohio Revolving Loan Fund program is scheduled to complete in early October. Upon completion and an audit, the TDA expects to apply for additional funding. 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.

Workforce Development and Continuing Education

Waste Water and Water Treatment | The second of our annual Waste Water and Water Treatment plant operator continuing education classes was conducted in Hillsboro on September 7 and 8. A total of 83 operators attended the two one-day sessions.

Dental Assisting | A Dental Assisting information session was conducted on September 13 at Central Campus. A total of 13 potential enrollees and three visitors attended, which exceeded expectations. The non-credit, introductory-level course begins on October 3 and there are 13 enrolled. The course runs for 60 classroom hours with a 40-hour externship.

Microsoft Training Offered at NCB | Customized non-credit Microsoft Office training was conducted for NCB Bank in Hillsboro on September 21. This year is, at a minimum, the fifth consecutive year in which software training such as Excel and/or Access has been provided to the bank.

Adams County and SSCC Collaborate for STNA Training | STNA training, in partnership with the SSCC nursing department, Ohio Valley Career and Technical College, and area Ohio Means Jobs offices was scheduled to start October 4, with 15 enrolled.

STUDENT SERVICES AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Student Success Center

Academic (Early) Alert Messages

Term	Alerts Submitted	# Students	# Faculty submitting
Fall 2016	169	130	16
Fall 2015	176		17

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 473 students in the first five weeks of the term.

AmeriCorps Activities

In honor of 9/11, AmeriCorps coaches Paula Campagna and Katlyn Edenfield set up tables at all four campuses during Fall Semester orientation and during the first week of classes. The tables contained information about 9/11 as well as notecards for the students to express their gratitude to all local first responders. Four placards were created from each campus that contained the sentiments of students and faculty from Southern State Community College. The placards were then hand delivered to the local police department, local sheriff's department, local EMTs, and local firefighters that each campus utilized. A total of 16 placards were created and distributed. Trustee Prickett shared one of these placards at the September Board meeting and expressed his appreciation.

Tutoring Services

	Fall 2016 (8/22-9/14)	Fall 2015 (8/24-9/14)
Tutors	17	13
Request Forms	505	199
Lab Sessions	82	39
1-on-1 Sessions	15	31
Total Sessions	97	70

All new students were encouraged to complete tutoring request forms during the orientation sessions before the semester start. This not only promoted the tutoring resources available but allowed the Center to be ready to address individual student needs. Tutoring has been promoting an online writing lab for students due to the growth of online classes. As a result, Tutoring is pursuing grant options for technology support and equipment.

Career and Counseling

College Success and Class Cancellations

An email has been sent to all faculty, full-time and adjunct, that as an alternative to a class cancellation, the Career & Counseling Services office can fill in and discuss services provided by the office, as well as some important safety and health initiatives for the academic year. These topics include suicide awareness interventions and sexual assault education, including consent and bystander intervention. This month, C&C has filled in for seven classes and one is scheduled for next month.

High School Career Outreach – Hillsboro High School

C&C met with Hillsboro High School counselors on Sept. 30 to arrange a group career counseling session utilizing Myers Briggs Typology, Holland Types, and Choice Theory to help students identify career wants and narrow down career choices.

Suicide Awareness Month

Recognizing September as Suicide Awareness Month, the department made efforts to increase awareness of symptoms of suicidal signs, provide crisis line numbers, and encourage students to help prevent suicides through simple intervention techniques. Promotional materials have included informational cards and a display on the digital sign. Students completed Hope Cards noting what each is grateful for, naming a greatest hope, and where one finds hope. These are meant to counter feelings of isolation, hopelessness, and helplessness, and they will be displayed for two weeks at each campus. A total of 532 students, staff, and faculty were personally contacted in these events across all campuses. The Hope Cards were designed by Indigo Johnson, SSCC alumnus and Lindsey Wilson practicum student.

A photo of the event and an article about suicide were posted on the college's Twitter and Facebook sites. The Communications Office placed information on the digital sign as well.

Feedback from students was particularly positive. One student who was in a class, commented that the information allowed him to successfully intervene and save a friend who had taken a large number of pills. Two others expressed appreciation for these efforts as one had struggled with suicide and the other's mother had died from suicide. Both were in high school at the time. Several others thanked us for raising awareness and were eager to help in completing cards for display.

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Mental Health Workshop

The Coordinator of Career & Counseling Services attended training sponsored by Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Two areas of interest were breakthroughs in diagnosing autism and working with victims of abuse by finding indicators through abuse of animals.

Career Construction Interview and Theory

C&C has been using the Career Construction Interview for a month and a half to

supplement current career counseling instruments. This is a technique developed at a Northeast Medical College of Ohio (Savickas) that helps the client see his/her life story as a whole and how it reflects a career direction. Feedback and results have been very positive to date and consistently reinforce other instruments. Students find it fun and interesting.

Admissions / Recruitment

Summer Graduates

All diplomas have been mailed to students who completed their degree requirements at the end of Summer Semester. There were 104 degrees conferred (59 Associate Degrees and 45 Certificates).

College Credit Plus

For the current Fall Semester, we have 1,162 students funded through CCP, attending from 47 high schools, with 25 of those high schools offering one or more SSCC courses on their campus.

Veteran Services

Amanda Thompson participated in the School Certifying Officials training and workshop sponsored by the State Approving Agency and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

There are currently 45 veterans enrolled during the Fall Semester who will be receiving VA educational benefits.

Registration



Spring classes begin January 9. Registration will be opening for Spring Semester on the following dates:

- Veteran and Services Members – November 7
- Sophomores – November 14
- Freshmen – November 15

Disabilities Services

Office Hours for the Fall Semester:

Monday	10am-12noon	Central	120
Tuesday	9am-11am	Fayette	103
Tuesday	1pm-3pm	North	316A
Thursday	10am-12noon	Brown	118

Caseload

A total of 88 students registered with the Office of Disability Services at this time, along with four in process.

Financial Aid

Cohort Default Rate

The College has received notification that the official cohort default rate for 2013 is 24.8%. The rate reflects a decrease from the 2012 rate of 28.4%. The rate includes the number of borrowers who entered repayment as of October 1, 2012 and defaulted during the three-year period ending September 30, 2015. The financial aid team continues to work within the default management plan to reduce delinquency and increase financial literacy in combination with the \$ALT partnership.

Fall Semester Financial Aid

Financial aid disbursements for Fall Semester began on September 20 and will continue as students complete the financial aid process. September disbursements including Pell and SEOG grants, scholarships and student loans total \$3,137,227.00.

Early FAFSA Awareness

In preparation for the early FAFSA application filing period beginning October 1, high school financial aid nights are being conducted this fall. Financial aid nights were conducted at Lynchburg-Clay on September 12, Wilmington High School on September 26, and Fairfield High School on September 28.

Student Activities

PTK

New Member Enrollment

New member enrollment is now open. Several Phi Theta Kappa members are celebrating receipt of scholarships.

PTK Retreat

The Phi Theta Kappa Advisor conducted a Planning and Leadership Development Retreat at Hocking Hills. The keynote speaker, Cherry Cousins FNP, challenged the officers to engage members in meaningful scholarship endeavors and to employ academic stimulating strategies:

- Sherry MacDowell gave a lesson on Ethics in Leadership.
- Ret. Lt. Col. Wood led leadership and team-building activities intended to develop confidence to take initiative.
- The Advisor, Connie Huber, met a challenge presented by the officers. As a result of insisting students face their fears and challenge themselves, the advisor was called upon to model this. Consequently, the advisor faced the fear of heights and zip-lined from an 85-foot tower spanning 1500 feet long over the Hocking River. Fear was faced but not conquered!

Officer Positions

All officer positions are filled at this time, and a new officer training program is in place. The first service project of the year will be to paint the courtyard wall of the Fayette Campus. This will be the first project in the “leaving a legacy” plan.

SGA

Events During October and November

We are looking forward to assisting as welcomers for the *Community Colleges of Appalachia Fall Conference*.

In addition, Christy Johnson, President, has submitted her application with hopes to attend *Propel Ohio* at the University of Dayton, held October 14, 2016.

Other goals for the next couple of months include a fundraiser pizza lunch for the students located on Brown County Campus, and a Drug Awareness event to bring awareness to the needs of our students and their families, also located on Brown County Campus. Last year our focus on the drug awareness was at both Central and North campuses. The response at Central was well accepted, and led us to focus on another campus this year. With recruitment advances we would like to see this event at all four campuses.

We are scheduling a meeting with Mr. Bland to discuss the option of bringing back the discount cards and the consideration of a food truck for students who are unable to leave the campus at lunch time.

Lastly, in support of Constitution Day, both Adams and Brown County Boards of Election were invited to Brown County Campus. The Boards accepted the invitation and brought information regarding the importance of voting. Adams County furnished a “mock” voting booth for students to see how the voting booths operated.

Fall recruitment is ongoing. We have new members and look forward to the development of student focused projects.