

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



SOUTHERN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Policy & Information Manual Updates

Enclosed in this report is a document outlining the proposed changes to the College's Policy & Information Manual. You will see the current policy wording, the recommended change, and the rationale for the change. The entire Policy & Information Manual can be accessed at:

<http://www.sccc.edu/facultystaff/assets/manual-policy-and-information.pdf>.

Also enclosed is a complete revision to Section 6: Information Technology Services. Brian Rice, Executive Director of Information Technology Services, and his team have taken substantial time and effort to develop, revise, and organize a more comprehensive and coherent set of policies to address important security and usage issues critical to the use of information technology at SSCC.

Enrollment Update

At this writing we are still processing Fall Semester enrollment. It appears we may be up 16% in headcount, but perhaps down an estimated 3% in credit hours. We are serving nearly 360 more students than we did last fall. The trend of more part-time students continues with 63% of our students attending part-time, and 37% attending full-time.

Institutional Research Partnership with Rio Grande Community College

We are in the process of finalizing an employment onboarding for the Director of Institutional Research Services. This individual will serve both Southern State and Rio Grande community colleges through a shared services agreement between our institutions. This position has been long-awaited and will assist both colleges in analyzing and utilizing data more effectively for institutional improvement, enrollment growth, and improved decision-making. We may also provide research services to the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) on a limited basis as well.

Upcoming Events

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

OCTOBER

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| Oct. 5-8 | ACCT Leadership Congress
New Orleans, Louisiana |
| Oct. 8 | SSCC Americana Music Series: The Cleverlys and Patrick Roush
Edward K. Daniels Auditorium, Central Campus, Hillsboro |

NOVEMBER

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| Nov. 2-4 | SSCC Hosts Community Colleges of Appalachia Fall Conference
Brown County Campus Community Room |
| 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 |

President's Activities and Involvement

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

- Adams County School Board Tour of Brown County Campus with Trustee Boedeker
- Meeting with WOBO Representative about SSCC Americana Music Series
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Business Bash
- Phone Interview with University of Dayton's School of Education Grant Center Project Coordinator
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meetings
- WSRW Interview with Willard Parr
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

- Clinton County Leadership Institute Opening Retreat (CCLI)
- Clinton County Economic Networking
- Highland County Fair Rotary Responsibility

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Ohio Means Internships and Grants – Round IV

Southern State Community College, acting as the fiscal agent, is slated to receive a requested amount of \$285,833 for the Ohio Means Internships & Co-ops program. This will be the fourth award that the consortium has received under this programming. Several new partners were added to the consortium this round, with the addition of Rio Grande, Washington CTC, Grant CTC, and Southern Hills CTC. This program has provided nearly 70 internship opportunities for students in our region, several of which have resulted in full-time employment. The jobs are geared towards high-wage, high-demand occupations.

Rob Johnstone Presentation at October Board of Trustees Meeting

Rob Johnstone, the president and founder of National Center for Inquiry and Improvement, will be making a presentation at our October board meeting, followed by a presentation to faculty and staff. Rob's visit is funded and made possible through our participation in the OACC's Student Success Leadership Institute, a series of team-based professional development sessions geared to help equip colleges to implement *Guided Pathways* as a promising strategy for increasing student completion.

STUDENT SERVICES AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Student Success Center 

Advising

Academic advisors saw 1,219 students from August 1-25 for finalizing Fall Semester schedules. While many were schedule adjustments, the majority were first initiation of a Fall Semester schedule.

As the energies change from the start of the term, the advising staff are focusing on the students who have academic plans and need additional support.

The advisors are also assessing the list of students who did not return after Spring Semester and did not graduate. Advisors work with individual student cases to provide the guidance and encouragement to return as applicable.

Tutoring

Intake of tutoring registrations during orientation provided a database of more than 460 new students. The pre-registration process not only qualifies students for tutoring anytime during the semester, but prepares the Tutoring Center with the types of courses most students could possibly need assistance with.

The tutoring department is able to message students with tutoring resources for specific disciplines and course levels. This resource becomes helpful as we work on meeting outcomes for campus completion plan goals – such as successful completion of developmental courses within the first three semesters. The tutoring team is working hard to keep students on track; this support aids in our overall retention.

AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches focus on connecting students to the opportunities and resources available to keep them on their academic track. Working with the academic advisors and the Tutoring Center, the coaches pick up the students from the advisors and work to connect them to support resources, through both

academic and campus engagement.

Coaches will be providing 15-minute success strategies throughout the term as well as placing short videos online for student referrals. One-on-one connections with the coaches have already begun. Data is tracked on student progress and needs from these contacts.

Career & Counseling Services

The Career and Counseling Services Coordinator completed training in August in Career Construction Interviews, an approach being utilized with students to help them narrow down a career choice. This is used in conjunction with other existing instruments. The feedback from students has been very positive and results have been very good. Career Construction Theory involves taking the client's past and present, and integrating them as a way of bringing him/her into the future.

Materials have been generated for Suicide Awareness Month which is recognized in September. The department will distribute to students cards with warning signs and how to intervene. Presentations have already been made to several classes on this topic as well as an overview of Career & Counseling services. This is part of our compliance for HB 28.

Class presentations also included information on bystander intervention techniques for preventing sexual assault along with what constitutes consent. This is part of our mandated program on the Campus SAVE Act.

Admissions / Recruitment ✓

Student Records Name Change Policy

Students who want to change their legal name must submit a Status Change Request Form along with a government-issued document (marriage license, driver's license, passport, etc.).

Disabilities Services

Fall Enrollment

Disabilities Services has had 75 students enroll for Fall Semester.

Coordinator, Molly Jordan, had been on maternity leave and returned September 1. James Bland, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and his Assistant, Sherry MacDowell, covered in her absence.

Financial Aid

Federal Financial Aid Awards 2015-16

Federal and state financial aid funds are being reconciled for the 2015-16 academic year. The following monies were received and disbursed for the year.

Federal Pell Grant	\$4,445,214
Federal Student Loans	\$4,218,938
Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant	\$92,093
Federal College Work Study	\$80,229
Ohio College Opportunity Grant	\$25,272

Fall Semester

The financial aid team continues to work with students to assist them in securing federal aid for the upcoming school year. The department processed 681 FAFSA applications, and met with more than 70 students to complete student loan counseling during the month of August.

Financial aid sessions were conducted at all new student orientations and many new students registered for \$ALT.

Student Activities

Athletics

Men's Soccer:

The season kicked off Friday, Sept. 2, at Boyce College in Louisville, Ky.

Women's Soccer:

The season kicked off Tuesday, Sept. 6, vs. Cedarville JV at home.

Men's Basketball:

Coach Gaines has been holding open gyms. He is looking to add a couple more players.

Women's Basketball:

Coach Wells and his team are holding open gyms. He is also looking to add more players.

Women's Softball:

The Head Coach position has been posted.

Athletic Director:

According to the Athletic Director, both soccer teams have had matches cancelled, due to the other teams. The basketball season is set, the softball schedule is being worked on, and he is hiring FWS to help with games and practices.

Student Government Association (SGA)

The SSCC Student Government Association had several members participate in all orientations campus-wide. This was a great opportunity for recruitment. Orientation offered the chance to engage and talk with new incoming students. Recruitment was successful, and they look forward to seeing new members at the next scheduled meeting.

In addition, Student Government is planning an activity for students to engage in the week of Constitution Day. They also plan to represent SSCC at the Alzheimer's Walk on Sept. 17. They continue to reflect on ideas and concepts gained from the Orlando Conference to put in place for this new semester.