

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



**SOUTHERN STATE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JULY 2017 | DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

## **State's Biennium Budget – HB 49**

The state's budget process is wrapping up at this writing and below is a summary of the outcomes surrounding major community college issues. There may be some other significant issues in the bill's final language. You will see from this list that most, if not all, of the issues that were discussed with our legislators were addressed favorably in this budget. Our OACC team of Jack Hershey and Tom Walsh, along with our local efforts and your participation as trustees, all contributed to the success of our message.

- **Adams County Campus Appropriation:** The House and Senate both were supportive of our \$1M request for the Adams County Campus project. This appropriation positions the College to finalize site selection and proceed with this project pending the Board's approval. In all, the state's capital fund is providing \$4.25 M to the project. With the addition of the approximate \$750,000 in proceeds from the South Campus sale, the College can construct this facility without incurring additional debt.
- **Tuition:** Retained the college's ability to increase tuition \$10 per credit hour each year of the biennium for community colleges. For universities, the committee reinstated the governor's tuition freeze for both years of the biennium and returned to current law for the tuition guarantee with a minimal increase in the cap from 6% to 8% just for the first cohort (the House version removed all caps for the tuition guarantee and the Senate provided \$10 per CH in the first year and the lower of a 2% or CPI increase for the second year). **We will be devoting most of this board meeting to consideration of tuition for the 2017-18 academic year.**
- **Textbooks:** The administration's original requirement that colleges provide all textbooks to students remained out, including no 50/50 split for College Credit Plus courses. School districts continue to assume the responsibility for providing texts for College Credit Plus students. The College continues to aggressively work on reducing

textbook costs for all of our students.

- **New Short-term Certificate Funding:** \$5 million in financial aid for students in short-term training programs is provided in this budget.
- **Bachelor's Degrees:** For the first time, Bachelor degrees may be awarded at community colleges with certain restrictions.
- **SNAP E&T:** The Senate budget created the SNAP-to-Skills planning committee, which we pushed during for the Senate omnibus amendment. This committee will look at some innovative ways to engage SNAP recipients in education and training programs.
- Removed a late added Senate provision that would have authorized the chancellor to change Rhodes State from a technical college to a state community college. Among other things, it would have changed the composition of its board of trustees to an all governor appointed board. The removed provision did not originate at Rhodes State.

### **YMCA Agreement for Operation of Patri-Tots Centers**

Effective June 1, the Highland County YMCA, an affiliate of YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, smoothly assumed responsibility for operating the Patri-Tots Learning Centers at both Central and North campuses. Although the College and YMCA have been in discussion for months about a possible agreement, the conversation was accelerated with the resignation of long-time Southern State Site Administrator, Kathe Chaney. As you may recall, Ohio's Task Force on Efficiency and Affordability urged each campus to look for opportunities to reduce costs while maintaining services. This agreement will eliminate a repeat of the nearly \$44,000 deficit incurred by the centers this year and provided an additional \$12,000 annually in exchange for the use of our facilities. Additionally, our students in the Early Childhood and Nursing programs will be given first priority for potential clinical site opportunities. Finally, College employees retain the 50% discount for childcare, subject to maximum overall discounts of \$25,000.

The YMCA is the largest provider of day care in the United States so they bring a wealth of experience and resources to providing childcare in our communities. Current employees of the Patri-Tots were hired by the YMCA so the transition could not have been smoother for the

children enrolled. Site administrators are Angie Brown at Central Campus, and Kristy Warner at North Campus.

## **Upcoming Events**

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

### **SEPTEMBER**

Sept. 25-28      **ACCT Leadership Congress**  
Las Vegas, Nevada

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

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

- Leadership Clinton Program Committee
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meetings
- SOCHE Executive Board Meeting
- Highland County Economic Summit
- Exit Interview for SSCC ABLE Program
- SSCC Associate Degree Nursing Pinning Ceremony
- SSCC Graduation Ceremony
- OACC Presidents Meeting
- OACC Government Relations Conference Call
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee Meeting
- Meeting with SSCC Board Chairman
- Meeting with EAB Representatives
- Senator Sherrod Brown's Ohio Presidents Meeting (Washington, D.C.)
- Meeting with Congressman Brad Wenstrup's Education Legislative Aid
- Adult Opportunity Center Dinner and Recognition
- Higher Education Regional Partnership Conference Call
- OACC Annual Conference
- Community Colleges of Appalachia (CCA) Annual Conference (Asheville, NC)

- Community Colleges of Appalachia (CCA) Board Meeting (Asheville, NC)
- Fayette County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting
- WSRW Monthly Interview
- SOCHE Board Meeting
- Meeting with Dr. Stephen Vacik, President of Maysville Community and Technical College

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### Accreditation

Southern State was pleased to receive notification from the Higher Learning Commission on May 22, 2017, that the interim report on Credit Hours and Learning Outcomes had been favorably reviewed. Concluding that continued internal oversight was warranted, the Commission accepted the report and no additional reporting is required. The next scheduled report is due November 2017 and will focus on Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes, Retention, Persistence, and Completion.

### Grants and Articulations

#### Southern State Part of Grant Consortium to Reduce Textbook Costs

Ohio has recently announced a commitment to spend \$1,300,000 to assist select Ohio colleges in reducing textbook costs for students. North Central State College in partnership with The Ohio State University and Ohio Dominican University along with 14 community colleges, including Southern State, will now have additional resources to make a meaningful difference in textbook affordability. Faculty teams from the participating institutions will work to create and evaluate OER materials for up to 20 courses that are among the highest enrolled courses at the colleges and offered in high schools as College Credit Plus courses and three upper level mathematic courses. OSU will share its research and evaluation strategies to enhance the project and assist community college students taking courses using OER to transition into four-year institutions. ODU will engage with Ohio's private non-profit colleges and universities to expand the project in the mathematics areas, and OhioLink will assist with project

implementation, building on its open education strategies and initiatives.

### **Completion Agenda Accelerated for Engineering**

Through an initiative led by Shawnee State in collaboration with Rio Grande Community College and including Southern State, the three colleges will share \$913,027 in their respective efforts to reduce the financial stress students face on the path to academic completion. It does this through financial support, teaching, and inspiration beginning prior to higher education. The partner institutions will implement a series of interconnected programs that focus on improving science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) awareness and skills. It will also broadly address consistent deficiencies that keep a student from completing a degree in this field of study. Projects with the grant include coding/programming and STEM summer camps to engage students of all areas in these fields.

### **State Leaders Explore Opportunities in Aviation**

John Magill, Assistant Deputy Chancellor and Economic Advancement with the Ohio Department of Higher Education, and Michael Fracassa, Director of Revenue Management, Ohio Department of Treasury, along with Steve Proctor, Director of Communications for the Ohio Department of Higher Education, visited North Campus in early May to review the Revolving Loan Fund and meet with students and instructors in the TDA at Wilmington. The event extended to the Air Park in Wilmington where the Port Authority provided a tour of the grounds and held discussions with AMES regarding manpower and possibilities for Revolving Loan funding and continuing education for A&P Mechanics. The day concluded with a tour of the shared partnership at Laurel Oaks and the Aviation facility. John Joy and Amy McClellan coordinated the agenda for the day and participated in the discussion for providing more opportunities to the region and leveraging state dollars.

### **Southern Region Collaboration Yields Grant Award**

Southern State along with Rio Grande, Ohio University Southern, and Shawnee State were awarded the Changing Campus Culture Grant through the state of Ohio. The grant

seeks to strengthen its ability to better respond to, and ultimately prevent, sexual assault on the state's college campuses. Joint programming and resources will begin to take place in the Fall of 2017. The grant totals roughly \$68,000 among the four institutions.

### **New Institutional Articulation Agreements**

In an effort to ease the transfer process and to promote the closer coordination of academic courses, programs and degrees, Southern State recently entered into institutional articulation agreements with the University of Cincinnati as well as Shawnee State University. These agreements are in accordance with the guidelines and recommendations of the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy (HB 95).

### **Truck Driving Academy**

Consistent with competitors in neighboring areas, May enrollment was low. Reflective of the past year's enrollment trend, the TDA is budgeting conservatively for the upcoming year. In cooperation with the Marketing Department, the TDA will be exploring a business-to-business approach in hopes of generating new business.

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

On May 4, North Campus hosted an Economic Alliance Breakfast, with John Joy and partners from Ohio Means Jobs presenting to county business people and officials some of the current challenges facing the workforce, and what resources are available through Southern State and its partners to help overcome some of the challenges.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT**

### **Student Success Center**

### Advising Services

Below are the spring advising contacts for Summer and Fall registration over a three-year comparison:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
March	406	365	563
April	705	845	1080
May	<u>742</u>	<u>684</u>	<u>681</u>
	1853	1894	2324

### Tutoring Center

The Tutoring Center has focused on lab services for on demand tutoring:

Math Lab:	302
Writing Lab:	14
Science Lab:	16
Online Writing Lab:	<u>63</u>
Semester Lab Total:	395

An online Math Lab will be added this summer.

### Staff In-Service and Professional Development

An in-service was provide for library staff during May to review services provided by Career & Counseling Services. The bulk of the discussion centered around mental health concerns, dealt with in a campus setting with special emphasis on suicide, mood disorders, and sexual assault. Additionally, the Coordinator of Disability Services will be taking continuing education classes at Xavier University this summer and attending the National AHEAD conference in late July.

### High School Outreach

Career Services provided the final follow-up with students at White Oak High School. Six students were served that day with half coming to Southern State in the Fall.

### **SOCHE Veterans Workshop**

SOCHE sponsored a workshop on the types of services helpful to veterans. The discussion focused on the unique needs of veterans and how different colleges and universities are meeting them.

### **Statewide Safe Campus Conference**

Tom Payton was a panel participant on college mental health services in a rural setting. Discussions focused on the large demand for mental health services in the area with limited resource access. Overcoming stigmas related to accessing mental health services and finding resources for psychiatric consults were primary topics.

### **Opiate Epidemic**

Ohio's Attorney General's Office has sued a number of pharmaceutical companies as a part of the Opiate initiative. As stated in a press release, *"The lawsuit alleges that the drug companies engaged in fraudulent marketing regarding the risks and benefits of prescription opioids which fueled Ohio's opioid epidemic."* This is a very significant step in stemming the problem of addiction as 80% of heroin addicts began with prescription drugs. John Joy and Tom Payton are active members of the state task force on opiate addiction.

## **Admissions/Recruitment**

Larisa Harper, State Director of College Credit Plus, has notified Lisa Hord, SSCC Admissions Director, that Southern State has been recommended as a possible participant in a Focus Group with the topic of "College Credit Plus Student Transfer."

## **Disabilities Services**

## Caseload

The Office of Disability Services has a current caseload of 29 students enrolled in Summer semester, along with 10 new students processed for the Fall semester.

## Financial Aid

### Recertification of Federal Student Aid

The College has received approval of the recertification application to participate in the Federal Student Financial Aid Programs. The recertification process conducted by the Department of Education is required for continued participation in Title IV funding.

This review examined the College's programs, locations, accreditation and policies.

The College is required to apply for recertification every six years with the current Program Participation Agreement expiring in 2023.

### Year-Round Pell Grants

The Federal Government has restored funding for the "year-round Pell Grant." This is effective for the upcoming 2017-18 academic year and allows students who are Pell eligible to receive an additional Pell grant.

Currently, Pell grant recipients who attend Fall and Spring semesters full-time have no Pell remaining for their Summer semester. With the reinstatement of year-round Pell, the student would receive an additional Pell grant for the Summer semester. The Department of Education is expected to issue implementation guidance this summer.

## Registrar

### CCP Application Update

New CCP Applicants by High School as of June 1		
	2016	2017
Adena High School	5	1
Batavia High School	63	81

Bethel Tate High School	1	9
Blanchester High School	114	32
Chillicothe High School	134	23
Circleville High School	0	4
Clermont Northeastern Hs	1	0
Clinton Massie High School	19	6
Crossroads Christian School	1	0
East Clinton High School	35	28
East High School	3	0
Eastern High School	22	41
Electronic Classroom Of Tmrrw	4	2
Fairfield Local Schools	31	21
Fayetteville High School	6	15
Felicity Franklin High School	1	3
Georgetown Exempted Village Sc	40	3
Goshen High School	1	0
Green High School (Franklin Fu	0	2
Greeneview High School	0	1
Hillsboro Christian Academy	0	1
Hillsboro High School	66	84
Home School	10	14
Liberty Union High School	0	5
Lynchburg Clay School District	18	29
Madison Plains High School	0	38
Manchester High School	33	35
McClain High School	12	32
Miami Trace High School	57	40
Minford High School	3	1
North Adams High School	38	47
Northwest High School	31	21
Ohio Connections Academy	6	1
Ohio Virtual Academy	6	1
Paint Valley High School	3	0
Peebles High School	32	13
Pickerington High School	0	221
Portsmouth High School	1	0
Portsmouth West High School	1	1
Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington	4	12
Sciotoville Community	1	0
South Point High School	1	0
South Webster High School	1	0
South Webster High School	2	0
Valley High School	0	2
Washington CH High School	10	30
Waverly High School	0	25

West Union High School	11	50
Western Brown High School	105	75
Western Latham High School	15	9
Westfall High School	8	8
Wheelersburg High School	0	1
Whiteoak High School	14	8
Williamsburg Middle/High School	2	6
Wilmington Christian Academy	8	2
Wilmington High School	65	59
Xenia Christian School	1	0
<b>Total Applicants</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>1143</b>
Of the total applicants above - total number accepted (completed application process)	595	743

## Student Clubs & Activities

### Patriot Campus Ministries

Patriot Campus Ministries has continued summer meetings and is discussing ideas for Fall term recruitment and service to all students.