

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



SOUTHERN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SEPTEMBER 2017 | DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet immediately after adjournment of the Board meeting to discuss a draft of key performance indicators for the Board's consideration.

Policy Information Manual Updates

We are bringing forward recommended changes to the College's Policy and Information Manual. Three documents are included in the packet for your consideration; one outlines an entire new section on faculty credentialing which Dr. Roades will present, one deals only with Information Technology policy, and one is a compilation of general College policies. We will ask for the Board's approval of these policies in one action item.

Grand Opening of Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center

I was honored to speak alongside a host of dignitaries at the opening and naming ceremony of the Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center at Ohio Christian University on August 31. As you will recall, Southern State is the public institution that partnered with OCU to make the public funding of this center possible. The \$5 million, 24,000-square-foot facility utilized 37 percent federal funding, 19 percent state money, and 44 percent private and local funding, including a grant from the Plaster Foundation created by the late Empire Gas founder Robert Plaster for whom the building is named. We look forward to working with OCU to use this resource to spur innovation, entrepreneurship, and increased economic opportunity throughout southern Ohio.

Flag Display at Central Campus

Six hundred and sixty flags are on display along U.S. 62 north at Central Campus to remember the soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who take their own lives every month around the

country. This display was coordinated by volunteers with Support Our Troops of Highland County. The display is scheduled to be moved every 30 days to different sites in the county.

Upcoming Events

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

SEPTEMBER

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| Sept. 13 | Reed Simulation Lab Open House
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Central Campus, Room 183 |
| Sept. 15 | SSCC Theatre Company presents “The Diaries of Adam and Eve”
7:30 p.m. Central Campus, Edward K. Daniels Auditorium |
| Sept. 25-28 | ACCT Leadership Congress
Las Vegas, Nevada |

NOVEMBER

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| Nov. 3-5 | SSCC Theatre presents “Death of a Salesman”
Central Campus, Edward K. Daniels Auditorium |
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DECEMBER

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| Dec. 3 | Southern State Singers’ Christmas Concert
3:00 p.m. St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Hillsboro |
| Dec. 9 | Respiratory Care Graduation
2:00 p.m. Central Campus Auditorium |

President’s Activities and Involvement

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

- Pre-Audit Meeting with Millhuff-Stang Auditors
- Clinton County DD Employer Recognition Luncheon

- SSCC Fall Orientations
- SSCC All-College Meeting
- SSCC Adjunct and College Credit Plus Dinner
- Campus Visits to all four SSCC Campuses
- Highland County Chamber Board Meeting
- Meeting with Plug Smart Energy Representatives
- Leadership Clinton Retreat
- Preliminary Planning Meeting for Adams County Campus
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meetings
- Meeting with American Heart Association Representatives
- Meeting with New Wilmington City Schools Superintendent
- Ohio Christian University Innovation Center Dedication
- EAB Enrollment Pain Point Audit
- Leadership Clinton Program Committee Meeting

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Technical Program Enrollments Experience Slight Uptick for Fall 2017

During a time when community colleges across the nation grapple with challenging enrollment trends, Southern State is pleased to see a noticeable boost in technical program enrollments across several degree programs. Overall, there has been a roughly 14 percent increase in technical program enrollments for Fall 2017. Several have experienced a double-digit increase including Office Services, Entrepreneurship, Interactive Media, Cyber Security, and Electrical/Electronics. This is a welcome trend alongside a record high, 73 percent course fill-rate overall. The faculty, staff, and administrators involved in these outcomes should be commended for their outstanding efforts to balance enrollment growth with efficiency standards.

Faculty Senate Approves Policy on Hiring Qualified Faculty

In order to meet the multi-dimensional academic mission of the College to remediate students, prepare students for the workforce or transfer, and to provide continuing education, it is incumbent on the institution to hire highly qualified faculty in all areas. It is imperative that hiring standards are consistent with the guidelines as provided by

the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission. As outlined in the SSEA/SSCC Contract in Section 7.06, it is the position of the College to follow the most rigorous of the two entities. This credential standard applies to all instruction regardless of delivery methodology or content.

Effective September 2017, the Higher Learning Commission updated the guidelines for determining qualified faculty through HLC's criteria for accreditation and assumed practice B.2. These guidelines exceed the rigor of those required by the Ohio Department of Higher Education and subsequently guide all faculty credentialing decisions effective Fall 2017 and beyond. This complete policy is included in the revisions to the Policy and Information Manual provided to the Board of Trustees for annual approval. Dr. Roades will discuss further during the meeting.

Grants and Articulations

Ohio Revolving Loan Fund Continues to Support Truck Driving Academy

Notification from the Ohio Department of Higher Education recently indicated that Southern State will continue as an approved, eligible institution in the Ohio Means Jobs Workforce Revolving Loan Program for the Truck Driving Academy. The award is for \$250,000 for students to apply for loans for training offered through the Academy.

Personnel

Martin and Penwell to Receive Recognition for Excellence in Teaching

Travis Martin, Assistant Professor for Business, and Toni Penwell, English Instructor, were recently nominated for the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) Excellence in Teaching Awards. This award exists to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching service and scholarship. These faculty members will be recognized publicly during a ceremony in Dayton on Nov. 3.

In addition to the SOCHE award, Mr. Martin and Dr. Don Storer were recently

recognized by students during the August All College Meeting. Receiving the Distinguished Teaching Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award respectively, these two faculty members were acknowledged for their outstanding efforts to support and encourage students.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Financial Aid

Financial Aid Awarded 2016-17

Federal and state financial aid funds are being reconciled for the 2016-17 academic year. The following monies were received and disbursed for the year from the federal government and the Ohio Department of Education:

- Federal Pell Grant: \$3,834,551.00
- Federal Student loans: \$3,794,025.00
- Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant (SEOG) \$94,200.00
- Federal College Work-study: \$45,763.00
- Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG): \$29,190 – Summer only

Fall Semester Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office has processed to date more than 2,300 FAFSA applications for the current 2017-18 school year. This reflects a 10 percent increase from this date last academic year.

During the month of August alone, 593 FAFSA applications were received and processed for incoming students and 92 students completed student loan counseling sessions on campus.

Registrar

Summer Graduates

There were 97 degrees conferred (50 Associate Degrees and 47 Certificates).

College Credit Plus

For the current Fall Semester, we have 1132 students funded through CCP, attending from 45 high schools with 25 of those high schools offering one or more SSCC courses on their campus. We are expecting these numbers to have a slight increase as we are still in process of posting registration forms from a few high schools.

High School	Total Enrollment				New CCP Admissions	
	Fall 2017		Fall 2016		Fall 2017	Fall 2016
	Students	Credit Hours	Students	Credit Hours		
Adena	4	24	1	6	4	2
Batavia	57	201	81	313	67	92
Bethel-Tate	26	127	84	380	21	92
Blanchester	75	335	76	373	33	30
Chillicothe	8	24	36	143	22	63
Circleville	13	65	13	65	2	48
Clermont Northeastern	1	4	1	6		
Clinton Massie	9	91	22	261	7	17
East Clinton	6	69	2	30	16	14
East (Sciotoville)	0	0	2	10		4
Eastern	57	531	59	514	35	47
Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow	2	6	0	0	1	
Fairfield Local	37	236	29	216	22	21
Fayetteville	22	103	24	102	18	38
Felicity Franklin	1	12	0	0	3	
Georgetown	19	82	73	288	3	78
Greater Ohio Virtual School	1	6	0	0	1	
Green (Franklin Furnace)	0	0	3	27	1	2
Greeneview	1	2	0	0	1	1
Hillsboro	87	597	54	360	76	41
Home School	10	60	5	36	13	6
Liberty Union	2	6	0	0	3	
Little Miami	0	0	1	8		1
Lynchburg	32	235	27	233	28	22
Madison Plains	34	138	28	116	35	25

High School	Total Enrollment				New CCP Admissions	
	Fall 2017		Fall 2016		Fall 2017	Fall 2016
	Students	Credit Hours	Students	Credit Hours		
Manchester	41	310	36	245	33	39
McClain	26	141	16	104	29	12
Miami Trace	79	427	76	450	38	47
Millersport	1	3	0	0	1	
Minford	0	0	2	16	1	2
North Adams	73	784	70	772	44	61
Northwest	9	34	2	10	21	21
Ohio Connections Academy	8	52	1	8	2	2
Ohio Virtual Academy	6	64	7	62	1	6
Peebles	15	179	28	339	12	16
Pickerington	26	89	24	88	247	56
Portsmouth	0	0	1	11		3
Portsmouth West	0	0	4	26	1	4
Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington	21	142	14	111	22	17
Scioto Career Tech Center	-	-	-	-		
South Point	0	0	6	30		1
South Webster	0	0	2	16		3
Tri-State STEM+M					2	0
Valley	0	0	1	8	2	1
Washington CH	54	343	22	136	32	15
Waverly					22	
West Union	36	341	33	277	44	36
Western Brown	122	807	108	918	65	65
Western Latham	18	90	25	164	6	16
Westfall	5	30	7	39	7	8
Wheelersburg	0	0	1	11	1	3
Whiteoak	15	79	16	117	8	14
Williamsburg	8	61	6	49	8	6
Wilmington Christian	1	6	1	7	2	3
Wilmington	93	561	64	309	76	49

Bethel-Tate: They are one of the schools did not submit admission applications before the term began. Once those are processed their numbers should be similar to last year.

Chillicothe: We are waiting on registration forms for two of their classes. We won't know until we get those if the numbers will be similar.

Clinton Massie: The counselor indicated that they are working with Sinclair and Clark State.

Georgetown: The counselor thinks numbers will balance out for Spring enrollment. They had their students wait to apply if the class was being offered Spring term.

Peebles: We're still waiting to hear information from the counselor.

Veteran Services

There are currently 40 veterans enrolled during the Fall Semester who will be receiving VA educational benefits.

Student Success Center ✓

Student Transition Process:

During the first few weeks before and after the start of the term, the Student Success Center staff offer multiple services to assist students with their transition to College.

Advising:

- Created/Updated academic plans with students
- Realigned student academic plans for students on warning/probation
- Career advised students based on exploration of interests/goals
- Mapped transfer pathways to 4-yr institutions
- Assessed students' work load with academic load
- Addressed time management skills

Tutoring:

- Conducted nine 3-hr workshops on Success in Online Classes
- Registered students for individual course tutoring needs
- Providing multiple weekly walk-in labs for homework needs
- Created web-based tutorials on Blackboard Access for SSCC webpage

Americorp:

- Coaching students toward campus resources and support
- Mentoring students through the college transition phases
- Watching for/following up on early academic alerts for students missing classes – both online and face-to-face
- Sharing success points for managing academic loads

- Counseling:
- Assessing and counseling students on career interests/exploration
 - Diffusing anxiety associated with transition to college
 - Connecting students to college/community resources for personal needs

Summer Advising Contacts for Fall Registration (3 Year Comparison):

	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
June	466	454	457
July	743	656	679
August	<u>1171</u>	<u>1332</u>	<u>1467</u>
	2380	2442	2603

Robert Hixon, Hillsboro Campus Advisor, is serving as the SOCHE 2017-18 Chair for the Retention and Completion Committee.

Brenda Landis, Fayette Campus Advisor, is serving as a council member for the SOCHE Articulation Council.

Student Clubs & Activities

Patriot Campus Ministry

Exciting things are happening with Patriot Campus Ministry. Several people have said, “What an awesome new organization!” There are now four new officers, and the ministry served the student body by offering refreshments for the first week of the Fall Semester. The group has been meeting once a week for nine months and is gaining momentum. The ministry also collected a massive box of shoes for a ministry in Haiti.

Phi Theta Kappa

The PTK advisor attended a Leadership Course Certification program at the Phi Theta Kappa National Headquarters, which was a great opportunity to offer this humanities course at SSCC with the goal of producing leaders. Applications for officers is

underway, and there has been a lot of interest so far. This is the 100 year anniversary of Phi Theta Kappa with the National Convention in Kansas City the birth place of the honor society, and many plans are in the works to celebrate this milestone.

Respiratory Care Club

Boxes for collecting items to assemble Care Kits for the Ronald McDonald House at Dayton Children's Hospital are being placed at Central and Fayette campuses. Donations of toiletries and other "busy" items (toys, board games, word search books, etc.) for siblings and parents of children in the hospital are being accepted. Collection ends in November.

Club members have volunteered for the Washington City Schools concession stand at a high school football game on Oct. 20. They hope to raise program awareness and enrollment. The College plans to explore the possibility of having a table with program literature and giveaways at the game, also.

Respiratory Care week is Oct. 22-28. The Club will ask local businesses if they can decorate store front windows in order to raise Pulmonary Disease awareness and promote the College.

There will be a bake sale at Fayette Campus on Nov. 15, and proceeds will benefit club scholarships.

Breakfast with the Bunny 2018 is in the early planning phase. There will be a sausage and pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny, an egg hunt separated by age, and raffle basket silent auction. It will be held at the Community Center at Fayette Campus. Time and date TBD.

Athletics

Men's Soccer

The Men's Soccer team lost a tough match to Lorain CC on Sunday, Aug. 27, by a score of 3-2. There are 13 players and numbers already look good for next season. The men

will travel to The Crown College on Sept. 8 for their next match.

Women's Soccer

As of Aug. 30, there are 14 players on the team. Efforts to fill a complete schedule are continuing.

Women's Basketball

The Women's Basketball team has held open gyms and attendance has been good. The team is still at 8 players, but 2 players are playing soccer at this time. The team will be at 10 when soccer season is over. Women's Basketball will be attending Owens CC Mega Scrimmage on Saturday, Oct. 14 to prepare for the upcoming season.

Men's Basketball

Coach Gaines has done a great job of bringing in some outstanding student/athletes for Men's Basketball. The team is gearing up to begin conditioning in September.

Women's Softball

The Athletic Director has received some inquiries about softball from students at the orientations. He is hoping to receive enough interest to fill out the softball roster.

Athletic Department

On Aug. 29, Griffin Sports put up the brand new softball scoreboard located in right field. This helps upgrade the facilities and bring more attention to the softball program. Maintenance has already trenched for electric.

In late September, Griffin Sports should be here to install the new soccer scoreboard next to the soccer field.