

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



SOUTHERN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JANUARY 2019 | DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

President's Annual Report and Evaluation

Included in the packet is the president's annual report of progress on the 2018 goals. As is customary, the Board Chair and Vice Chair held an evaluation meeting with me to discuss our progress. Work continues on identifying strategic goals for 2019.

Appalachian Regional Commission P.O.W.E.R. Initiative Grant

We were disappointed to learn that our grant application to support the construction of a campus in Adams County is not moving forward. In the notification letter we were informed that "ARC received 136 applications requesting nearly \$133 million during this very competitive application cycle. With only \$23.5 million available for awards this round, we were not able to fund all requests."

March Meeting in Columbus

You will see on the agenda a discussion topic of the Board's March meeting in Columbus. We recently learned that the Ohio Association of Community Colleges has scheduled a "Day at the Statehouse" on Tuesday, March 26. After discussion with the Board Chair and Vice Chair, we are suggesting that we make an adjustment to the Board meeting schedule to include the "Day at the Statehouse" on Tuesday followed by the reception and a dinner we would host for our legislators. We would then hold our extended meeting on Wednesday, March 27, and adjourn by 2 p.m.

President's Activities and Involvement

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

- Rotary Club Meeting at Mason Deerfield
- Higher Education Health Insurance Consortium – Exploratory Meeting
- Annual Ethics Training with Ohio Attorney General’s Office
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Board Meetings
- SOCHE Board of Trustees Fall Meeting
- EAB Navigate Conference Calls
- SSCC Strategic Planning Team
- Post-Audit Meeting with Millhuff-Stang Auditors
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meetings
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Executive Board Meeting
- Follow-up Meeting with App Architecture
- Meeting with Shawnee State Representatives
- Retirement Party for WSRW’s Willard Parr
- Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony
- Respiratory Care Graduation Ceremony
- New Student Orientations
- OACC Governing Board Meeting
- Security Tabletop Exercise
- Meeting with Hillcrest Solar Representatives
- SOESC Business Advisory Meeting
- Annual High School Counselor Luncheon
- SSCC All-College Meeting
- WCHO Radio with Harry Wright (Communique)

Upcoming Events

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

JANUARY

Jan. 23	American Red Cross Blood Drive
	10am–4pm Fayette Campus

FEBRUARY

Feb. 2

SSCC Theatre: "RFK"

7:30pm | Edward K. Daniels Auditorium, Central Campus

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Website Launched

Designed to complement the instructional landscape, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning website will offer accessible resources related to new and emerging instructional technologies, MyELearn assistance and resources, as well as a host of other amenities designed to support faculty in advancing student learning. Included on this webpage is a new newsletter aimed at providing faculty quick tips and highlights related to instructional technology.

<https://www.sccc.edu/cetl/index.shtml>

Kuddos to Director of Instructional Technology Angel Mootispaw and Academic Support Specialist Cathy Zile in bringing this resource to fruition. Special thanks to Webmaster Tyler Bick and other faculty and staff who helped inform this endeavor.

Accreditation

Multi-Location Visit

On Nov. 14, the College received the Multi-Location Visit Report stemming from the Nov. 1 visit in which HLC reviewer Dr. Dale Brougher visited with the Southern State team and partners at Manchester High School and the Laurel Oaks Aviation Center. This visit was prompted by these locations meeting the 50% threshold of credit offerings. Such visits are a routine part of the Open Pathway accreditation model as it relates to multi-location institutions.

Detailed in the report were various affirmations of the Colleges' practices related to institutional planning, facilities, instructional oversight, staffing and faculty support, student support, continuous improvement, and marketing and recruiting. Rated "inadequate" however, was a demonstrated consistency in evaluation and assessment specifically in general education programming. This was noted as "needing attention" however, the institution was afforded the latitude of following up on these matters without monitoring by the Higher Learning Commission. Overall, this should be perceived as a good review.

Grants

RAPIDS II

Equipment purchased through the second round of RAPIDS funding from the Ohio Department of Higher Education has been delivered to Central Campus in Hillsboro. The engineering lab space is now equipped with a manual CNC and Lathe, along with a Haas CNC and Lathe. A plasma/water table helps to round out the new lab space. Training will take place in December and January on all equipment for the instructors and Director of Maintenance. A very special thank you to Bryan McComas and his team for the quick installs and helping to coordinate the off-loading of equipment.

Strong Start to Finish (SSTF)

As participants in Ohio's SSTF initiative aimed at remedial education reform, the College was invited to write for a small grant to support our efforts in achieving these goals. Notification was delivered mid-December from the Ohio Department of Higher Education that \$19,000 has been directed to the College to support curriculum design, professional development, project coordination, and travel. While not an amount necessary to fully fund these efforts, this funding certainly assists in helping the College advance this important work and appropriately recognize contributions made by our faculty and staff.

Workforce Development, Truck Driving Academy, and Continuing Education

Marathon Petroleum Donates \$20K to Truck Driving Academy

A second round of funding has been directed to Southern State's Truck Driving Academy to support student completion. Established through the inaugural gift, a scholarship process has been established and will continue to award deserving applicants \$1000 toward training costs.

Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) Delivers Clean Audit

On Nov. 11, auditors from Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) reviewed the processes at Southern State as it pertains to the TDA. During that time, auditors reviewed student files, curriculum, facilities, and interviewed business partners and students. The audit came back with no findings.

TDA Trailers Get a Facelift

The TDA now has two trailers featuring new, fresh marketing wraps. Installers were onsite from Dec. 10-12 to install the wraps. A special thank you to JT Smith, Tom Smith, and Alan Anschutz for their assistance in clearing spaces for the install. Also, a special mention to R&L for allowing our team to utilize their wash station in preparation for the install. A great team effort and great results.

New TDA Simulator Received and Operational

On Nov. 11, the TDA received the free simulator that JT Smith won at a national conference last year. The simulator will assist students with shifting and save on maintenance for clutch and transmission repairs. There are several modules that students can work through to assist them with the mechanics. This does NOT take away

from any of the road requirement hours. The simulator will be in a classroom at North Campus in Wilmington.

People in the News

Jody Bishop

Congratulations to Jody Bishop on his nomination and selection for the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) Distinguished Faculty Excellence Award. Faculty members from across the region are selected based on demonstrated excellence in teaching, service and/or research. Jody joins a long list of Southern State faculty who have previously been recognized for their teaching and service excellence.

Jim Barnett

Congratulations to Jim Barnett on successfully completing the coursework required to earn his Master of Business Administration degree from Ohio Christian University. Jim is an assistant professor in the College's Engineering program.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Financial Aid

Federal Financial Aid Training Conference

Linda Myers and Jaime Simmons attended the Federal Student Aid training conference in Atlanta, Ga., the week of Nov. 26.

Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos spoke on the looming crisis in federal student loans with more than \$1.5 trillion in outstanding loan debt held by the federal government. She shared a vision that included innovation in federal student aid to increase efficiency in the way students receive information such as the mobile app that is now available to complete the FAFSA and will allow students the ability to track their student loan debt. The Secretary outlined proposed policy changes for schools in the administration of federal student loans with an increased focus on helping students find the right pathway to graduation with high quality career prospects and low debt.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Review

Students attending fall semester and receiving federal financial aid on an academic probation appeal were evaluated at the end of the semester for grades and progress. The appeal allows these students one final attempt to complete satisfactory academic progress and requires intervention from Student Success Advisors. Students on appeal for fall term had an excellent pass rate of 77 percent.

Registrar/Records

Graduates

There were 56 students who completed graduation requirements at the end of fall semester and their diplomas will be mailed out at the beginning of February.

Audit Results

The Records Office received official results from the ODHE 2015-2016 enrollment audit and degree completion audit. No exceptions were found and SSCC was commended on the integrity of our data (audit letter attached).

Student Success Center

Proactive Advising Through EAB

As the College moves closer to launching the pilot of the EAB software, members of the Advising staff have participated in its development and training use. As the last round of information is loaded into the system, advisors are preparing to help introduce the product to the pilot group (all new incoming spring term students). This tool not only will assist students in mapping and tracking their progress through their academic pathway, but will also acquaint them with available resources that can further their efforts toward success.

EAB technology will allow the advisors to be assigned and track specific groups of students (by campus and academic pathway), providing them with additional academic and career direction in their disciplines. The Support Coaches (AmeriCorps) are also connecting/supporting this specific student group in order to discover additional services needed for aiding the onboarding process of new students.

Career Pathway Discovery

The addition of the Career Coach software program allows students to discover their career interests and possible job opportunities within the local region. This tool has been a great starting point for discussions about career interest and discovery. The Student Success team continues to explore tools/assessments that can be most useful in assisting students with understanding their interests, strengths, aptitude and values as they move from being job-minded to career-minded. Some of the tools currently being used or explored are Type Focus and GetWorkerFit. Educational/self-discovery tools like these help students to understand their academic pathway and push toward their end goals.

Student Clubs & Activities

Respiratory Care Club

The Respiratory Care Club raised over \$250 with the Santa Workshop in December. Thanks for everyone who helped and/or attended the event!

The Club will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at the Fayette Campus. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or contact Club Advisor Chyane Collins to schedule an appointment (ccollins@sscc.edu or extension 5620).

Athletics

Men's Soccer

Coach Swart is recruiting for next season and will begin training in February. The 2019 season schedule is nearing finalization.

Women's Basketball

Coach Wells is recruiting for next season.

Men's Basketball

Coach Gaines and team opened the second half of the season on Monday, Jan. 7, at home vs the Wright Patterson AFB team.

Athletic Director

All scoreboards and game clocks have been updated to generation 3 wireless.



**Department of
Higher Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor
John Carey, Chancellor

December 5, 2018

Ms. Amanda Thompson
Registrar
Southern State Community College
100 Hobart Drive
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Dear Ms. Thompson:

To ensure the integrity of Ohio's State Share of Instruction (SSI) subsidy program, the Department of Higher Education annually conducts enrollment and degree completion audits of state-supported institutions of higher education. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code §3333.04 and Ohio Administrative Code §3333-1-02, my staff recently audited enrollment records for the 2015-2016 academic year to determine compliance with state reporting standards. In conjunction with the financial aid audit, a sample of 50 students was randomly selected for the enrollment audit and an additional sample of 50 students was randomly selected for the degree completion audit. Discrepancies between the Higher Education Information (HEI) system and documentation provided by your institution are deemed to be exceptions in our audits.

For the 2015-2016 academic year audits, Southern State Community College had the following exceptions:

- On the enrollment audit – no exceptions were noted.
- On the degree completion audit - no exceptions were noted.

We commend Southern State Community College for the integrity of your data and would like to thank you and your staff for the time and effort devoted to compiling and submitting documentation in support of the audit process. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Dannemiller, Director, Data Management and Analysis, at (614) 387-1215, or by email at JDannemiller@highered.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

David Cummins
Interim Vice Chancellor of Finance and Data Management, Ohio Department of Higher Education