

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



**SOUTHERN STATE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JUNE 2019 | DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

## **State Budget Update**

The Ohio Senate released its budget late last week and will be considering amendments before a vote is taken to approve and advance the budget to conference committee. The Senate did insert the Governor's proposed language to limit the State Share of Instruction (SSI) to in-state students. It is my position that it not only benefits 22 out of the 23 community colleges, but is most consistent with the intent of the SSI to support our work with students who contribute to Ohio's workforce and educational attainment goal. I hope to be able to share the final results of the budget bill at the meeting next week.

## **Short-Term Certificate Foster Youth Program Grant**

We were pleased to be one of the colleges receiving an award of \$20,263 from the Ohio Department of Higher Education to offer short-term certificate programs to young people who have "aged out" of the foster care system. This is an often neglected group of young people who do not have the familial support to pursue post-secondary education to better their lives. I appreciate the work of Amy McClellan who turned this grant around in a matter of days.

## **\$50,000 Donation from Ann E. Fender Trust / Don Fender**

The SSCC Foundation recently received a very generous donation at the bequest of the late Ann Fender. Ann and Don Fender have been extremely generous over the years through their scholarship fund. We are in discussions with Don as to a way to appropriately honor Ann's generous legacy within the renovation of the Health Science Center.

## **Southern State Community College Foundation Update**

The Southern State Community College Foundation Board recently approved the expenditure

of \$22,000 to enter into a consultant contract with the Armistead group. Dr. Armistead has worked with community colleges throughout the nation to assist them in strengthening their foundations to support college programming and student success. The Board also authorized its executive committee to explore and partially fund a position to staff the foundation once again.

### **Recommended Change to the Policy and Information Manual**

You will see on the agenda a recommended change to the Policy and Information Manual. As a matter of practicality, I am recommending that the Independence Day holiday be extended an extra day (to include the 5<sup>th</sup>) when Independence Day falls on a Thursday. There are no college classes scheduled on Fridays in the summer.

### **AACC Executive Committee Appointment**

I have been asked to serve on the executive committee of the American Association of Community Colleges for the 2019-2020 Academic Year. It is an honor to assist the incoming chair, Dr. Alex Johnson, in leading our nation's organization. As one of my duties, I will chair the Public Policy and Government Relations Committee.

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

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

- Collective Bargaining Consultations
- Community Colleges of Appalachia Executive Session Conference Call
- EAB Leadership Team Conference Calls
- Presentation of Rotary Scholarships
- Post-Secondary Education TPSID Programs Meeting
- Clinton County Wellness Finance Meeting
- Pre-Appraisal Conferences with SSCC Leadership Team
- Conference Calls with Solar Representative
- Nursing (ADN) Pinning
- SSCC Graduation Ceremony

- Visit with SSCC Foundation Donor
- NACCE/Mayland Community Colleges of Appalachia ARC Grant Conference Call
- DD Class Recognition
- Leadership Adams/Adams County Day at the Statehouse
- Brown County ESC Update Meeting on GRIT Project
- SOCHE Meeting with Interim President
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meetings
- Meeting with Adams County Commissioner
- EAB Navigate Conference Call
- Community Colleges of Appalachia Board Meeting and Annual Conference (Asheville, NC)
- OACC Annual Conference
- SOCHE Board of Trustees Meeting
- Strategic Planning Facilitation with Murphy Theatre Board
- Rotary Club Serving Lunch at Kamp Dovetail
- Senator Sherrod Brown's Annual President's Conference (Washington, DC)

## Upcoming Events

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

### JUNE

June 21      **Relay for Life Walk**  
Highland County Fairgrounds

### JULY

July 1      **SSCC Blood Drive**  
Community Room, Fayette Campus

July 4-6      **Festival of the Bells**  
Central Campus Outdoors

July 26-28      **SSCC Theatre "9 to 5: The Musical"**  
Edward K. Daniels Auditorium, Central Campus

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## Microsoft Office Spring 2019 Certification Results

Through the College's computer science offerings, students taking courses in the Microsoft Office Suite are encouraged to demonstrate competency by taking the certification exam. Under the leadership of faculty member, Julia Basham and several CCP instructors, SSCC students are doing extremely well in these highly marketable exam certifications.

Exam	Total	Passed	Percentage
77-725: MOS: Microsoft Office Word 2016	35	24	68.6%
77-727: MOS: Microsoft Office Excel 2016	31	21	67.7%
77-729: MOS: Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2016	16	13	81.3%
77-730: MOS: Microsoft Office Access 2016	10	6	60.0%
77-731: MOS: Microsoft Office Outlook 2016	6	5	83.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70.4%</b>

## English Department Hosts Faculty Development Workshop

On May 22, Southern State English faculty hosted a workshop aimed at learning more about the design and instruction of co-requisite English courses as well as integration of publisher tools aligned with the adopted text. The first half of the workshop included a co-led faculty presentation delivered by Ms. Toni Penwell and Mr. Jason Reynolds. Invited guest, Dr. Kathleen Cleary, representing Ohio's Strong Start to Finish Initiative, was on hand to learn more about our practices in co-requisite remediation while also sharing insights from other partners across Ohio. The afternoon included a guided introduction of resources of the *Norton Field Guide and Norton Sampler*, facilitated by Ms. Jen Luongo representing Norton Publishing. Special thanks to Division Coordinator, Ken Holliday and the entire English Department in coordinating and hosting this workshop.

## Partnership with Shawnee State University to Offer Occupational Therapy Assisting Nearing Launch

In the making for nearly 18 months, the partnership with Shawnee State University to host a two-year Occupational Therapy Assisting program at Southern State's Hillsboro Campus is nearing reality. After months of accreditation and certification hoops, it appears as though the program will launch in fall 2019. Shawnee will deliver the technical instruction and Southern State will host the general education coursework.

This in-demand career field is projected to have 177 annual openings and a family-sustaining entry wage of \$46,710 according to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Additionally, this is a pathway degree that leads to an even higher demand for master's credentialed OTA's with even more job openings and higher wages. The introduction of this program in the Southern State service area saves prospective students from hours of commuting time as the nearest programs are approximately an hour drive from our area. And, partnering with an outstanding and reputable program as that which is led by Shawnee State, represents a tremendous opportunity for students and potential employers in our region.

More details regarding admission, financial aid, and marketing are forthcoming. Student inquiries can be directed to the full-time site coordinator and assistant professor, Ms. Lisa Whitten at [lwhitten@shawnee.edu](mailto:lwhitten@shawnee.edu) or 740-703-7120.

### **Health Science Center Renovation Gaining Momentum**

Following the important work of aligning the capital appropriations and confirming the budget, the project has recently picked up momentum. In various meetings with App Architecture, College faculty and staff representatives assisted in the selection of material finishes as well as space utilization specifications. These meetings are an integral part of planning process and should result in an updated timeline for project commencement. The tedious work of building construction documents and updating timelines is the next chapter and will likely run through the remainder of summer 2019. For those areas that are directly impacted by this renovation, internal planning is underway to establish relocation strategies and timelines. As with all construction projects, effort to keep disruption to a minimum is the priority. In advance, the College's cooperation and flexibility is greatly appreciated.

### Summer Fill Rate Highest in Three Years and Exceeds Benchmark

Consistent with local and statewide expectations regarding efficiency, the faculty and staff work hard to maintain the ideal balance between course offerings and enrollment. While simple as it may sound, offering the courses students want and need at a time and location that they are able to take them, requires precision. Dr. Jessica Wise, alongside division coordinators, campus leaders, and faculty pour hours of planning and work to deliver on efficiency expectations. Summer 2019, represented our best success in most recent years with a 72% fill rate coupled with the fewest course cancellations since 2016. Many thanks to the hard work that Dr. Wise along with Division Coordinators and other faculty contribute to this.

DATE	# of CLASS CANCELLATIONS	FILL RATE CAPACITY
2016.06.03	46	67%
2017.06.07	18	61%
2018.06.05	25	68%
2019.06.03	8	72%

Chart compliments of Dr. Wise (6/3/19)

### Annual Education Conference approaching

The 11th annual education conference, “Building Bridges,” will be held on Tues., Jul. 30 – Fri., Aug. 2, at the College’s Central Campus. The conference is sponsored by Southern State and COAD, and sessions are approved by the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and Step Up To Quality. The conference is for infant, toddler and preschool teachers, paraprofessionals, special education teachers, pre-k through third grade teachers, and other interested parties.

Thanks locally to Education Faculty member, Ms. Becky Storer and Executive Assistant to the President, Ms. Robin Tholen, as well as the various contributing facilitators, in bringing this exceptional training opportunity to the area.

### Adult Opportunity Center Celebrates Thirty-First Annual Recognition

Friends, family, and sponsors of Southern State’s Adult Opportunity Center (AOC) and the GED program in particular, convened at the College’s Central Campus on Thurs., Jun. 13 to honor the achievement of those who recently passed the GED examination. “This is not an easy test,” Ms. Karyn Evans, Dean of the Adult Opportunity Center, stressed to guests. Passing this test is about commitment, persistence, and conviction to achieve a goal. Congratulations to the instructors, assessment leaders, and AOC staff who made such a celebration possible.

## Workforce Development, Truck Driving Academy, and Continuing Education

The TDA had 16 students enrolled for the May class at 3 locations and 2 weekend programs.

	March	April	May
2016/2017	16	16	24
2017/2018	19	22	13
2018/2019	11	13	15

## People in the News

### Southern State Provided Testimony advocating for the Revolving Loan Fund

Amy McClellan, Director of Workforce and Community Development recently prepared and presented testimony in favor of Ohio protecting the Revolving Loan Fund. Presented before the Senate Finance Committee, Ms. McClellan, stressed the meaningful impact this past investment has had in the hard-to-fill, high demand truck driving industry. With over \$700K invested to date, the broader economic impact exceeds \$6M when one considers the successfully employed truck driving academy candidate who contributes to Ohio’s economy.

## STUDENT AFFAIRS

# AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

## Student Success Center

EAB-Navigate: Focus during summer term is equipping staff and faculty with knowledge and use of the “tools” available through EAB’s Navigate system. Advising staff have discovered many helpful benefits for assisting our students through this product. Efforts to train the next level of support staff and advising faculty will commence shortly before the rush of fall term activity begins.

SSCC Connect: As part of the college wide effort to stay connected with our current students, Advisors are reaching out to their students who have not yet registered for fall term. The Academic/Career Advisors on each campus have been assigned to specific programs or student populations in order to develop relationships and maintain consistency in the academic pathway identified for each student.

## Financial Aid

### Gainful Employment Update

The Department of Education is updating requirements for Gainful Employment programs. All one-year certificate programs are considered Gainful Employment programs and are subject to the update. The mandate requires additional compliance on the disclosure notice already available to view on the College’s website for each Certificate program pathway.

The new mandate will require the College to update the disclosures in addition to providing all prospective students enrolling in a gainful employment program the disclosure notice directly. The disclosure includes the cost of the program, normal time to complete, median student debt for on time completers and a link to Southern State’s information for the Department of Education College Scorecard - <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?205966-Southern-State-Community-College>. In addition to providing the disclosure to the prospective student a confirmation from the student that they received the disclosure will be required. The financial aid office along



with admissions and registration are currently working to comply and implement the changes that go into effect July 1, 2019.

## **Student Clubs & Activities**

### **Patriot Campus Ministry**

Campus Ministry is currently undergoing re-design in partnership with InterVarsity and an event will be planned for the beginning of Fall Semester 2019.

Interest has been expressed in Nurses Christian Fellowship at SSCC and will be supported through InterVarsity.

### **Phi Theta Kappa**

#### *New Member Activities*

Invitations for 407 eligible students from fall semester were sent in March. Twenty-five members accepted. The goal is 15% acceptance rate to achieve the REACH award.

As the advisor has continued to work with students who have missed the invitation deadline to join the chapter, the efforts have resulted in 2 students receiving PTK scholarships, totaling \$29,000 per year.

#### *Officer News*

Two officer positions will be open this summer 2019 due to the graduations of Angela Foreman and Taylor Young. Election interviews were scheduled for Jun. 13 to fill these positions.

Chapter officers and advisors are in the process of completing five-star chapter training by summer 2019.

#### *Awards and Achievements*

Newly inducted member, Alexandra Clark, was awarded at \$15,000 annual PTK scholarship from University of Kentucky.

### ***Projects***

PTK is utilizing the new Canvas platform as a means to begin online meetings, post announcements and work on collaborative projects. Students have begun to accept course participation. This project will be led by Susan Morris, chapter advisor and VP of communications.

### ***Revisions of the 1998 Chapter Bylaws to be completed in fall 2019***

Leadership and mentoring plan for officers has been implemented by the chapter advisor. Meeting structure will be addressed by chapter president in conjunction with chapter advisor.

### ***Fundraising***

- PTK provided volunteers for the Graduation Rose Sale. It was nearly a sell-out of 20 dozen roses and provided \$538 to the PTK fundraising account.
- Service projects have been identified and will be coordinated by April Barber, VP of service.
- The early summer lunch program May 28-31: This program was organized by Community Action, but did not begin until June. It is designed to feed those children in our communities who do not have regular meals during the summer months. PTK partnered with the Greenfield Grace Baptist Church to provide, prepare and serve the meals.
- Kamp Dovetail Special Needs Kamp Jun. 17-21 at Rocky Fork Lake: PTK members may choose to serve as a one-on-one volunteer for this amazing opportunity to spend a week with a special needs child. They will work together with a group to take a camper to activities like crafting, horseback riding, boating and fishing, and may also end up helping in the kitchen.
- Mock Tail Event Jul. 9 at the Adams County Fairgrounds: Underage drinking awareness has been a Leadership Adams project this year and PTK will be supporting a mock tail competition with other organizations. The team that receives the most votes will be named the 2019 Mock Tail winner with a traveling trophy and bragging rights for the entire year. But more importantly to impact the youth in the community of life changing proportions!

Non-alcoholic drinks (mock tails) will be created by each organization. PTK will be decorating a booth and serving the created thirst quencher at a contest, judged at the Adams County Fair. Voting will take place on Jul. 9 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm at the

First State Bank shelter house. This project will be led by new PTK member, Alexandra Clark.

### ***Chapter Involvement | Regional***

Chapter advisor continues to serve on the PTK Regional Advisory Board for a 3-year term. PTK members will have an opportunity to expand their leadership skills by attending The Ohio PTK Honors in Action Conference on July 12-13 at Mount Saint Joseph University in Cincinnati.

## **Athletics**

### **Men's Soccer**

Tim Swart has resigned as Head Coach. Currently, there is a search to hire a new coach. Mr. Swart is going to help by staying in touch with players until a replacement can be found.

### **Men's Basketball**

Open gyms have begun, and there has been good attendance.

### **Women's Basketball**

Open gyms have begun, while attendance is increasing, recruitment continues for additional student athletes.

