

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



SOUTHERN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SEPTEMBER 2019 | DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m., prior to the board meeting for an update on fall enrollment and revenue.

Appalachian Regional Commission Federal Co-Chair Visit

John Carey and I have been coordinating a visit to Highland County by the Federal Co-chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission, Tim Thomas on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Mr. Thomas will get a first-hand look at the challenges and resources in the county and will speak to the Hillsboro Rotary Club.

Meetings with County Commissioners

Mr. Rudduck and I provided a college update to the Clinton County Commissioners on Sept. 11. We discussed the enrollment trends since 2010, our efforts to adjust to the enrollment decline, the growth and impact of College Credit Plus, increasing online enrollment, and space availability for corporate training or governmental services to the public. Mr. Boedeker and I are scheduled to provide a similar update to the Fayette County Commissioner on Sept. 23.

Online New Student Orientation Demonstration

Due to the extensive number of students who take courses online and in local high schools, we have invested in the production of an online New Student Orientation. Students can attend the orientation when it is convenient for them. Additionally, we are able to track student participation. The use of this tool will fulfill an advising requirement that all CCP students are to meet within the first two weeks of the term. Our recruiter, Mr. Jim Barnett will provide a demonstration of this tool at the meeting.



President's Activities and Involvement

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

- Meeting with SSCC Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Advisor and students
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce – Greenfield Business Bash
- International Film Festival, hosted by SSCC
- H.E.A.L.T.H. Consortium Reconnect Meeting with Horan and Associates
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meetings
- Meeting with Consultant re: SSCC Foundation Re-structure
- New Board of Trustee Orientation
- Highland County Fair Gate Duties
- Leadership Clinton Booth at Corn Festival
- Moody's Update Conference Call
- SSCC All-College Fall Meeting
- Council on Accreditation for Two-Year Colleges (CATYC) Fall Conference
- EAB Leadership Team Conference Call
- Meeting with Clinton County Commissioners
- Mayland Community College ARC Opioid Plan Conference Call

Upcoming Events

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

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 27 **Enhancing Eyewitness Identification**
Brown County Campus | 8:30am – 4:30pm

OCTOBER

Oct. 4 **Enhancing Eyewitness Identification**
Fayette Campus | 8:30am – 4:30pm

Oct. 11 **Connect to College**
Central Campus | 10:00am – 1pm

- Oct. 16 **2019 SSCC Art Show**
North Campus | 4:30pm – 6:30pm
- Oct. 16-18 **ACCT Annual Congress**
San Francisco, CA (RSVP to Robin)
- Oct. 29-30 **ODHE Annual Trustee Conference**
Columbus State Community College (RSVP to Robin)

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Clinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities Recognizes Southern State

During a special luncheon on Aug. 13, Southern State was recognized by the Clinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the outstanding work in curricular design for students with diverse needs. Hosted at the Wilmington Campus, the program attracted ten participants and included coursework and experiences in basic life and employability skills. Students from Highland and Clinton Counties were represented. The program was made possible through a collaboration between Clinton County Highland County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Institutional Learning Outcomes Revisited

A portion of the Fall Symposium was committed to revisiting the learning outcomes that Southern State aims to measure for all graduating students. With the intent of refreshing the outcomes and the performance indicators, members of the faculty and academic administration convened for a day-long workshop in confirming the institutional priorities of:

- Clear and Concise Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Culture and Context
- Professionalism

Building on this foundation, the College will continue to articulate the expectations of what students should know, think or do in relation to these outcome areas. Those participating in the Higher Learning Commission's Assessment Academy will prioritize institutional outcomes as part of their continued work with assessment experts and scholars. This work supports the institution's claim that intellectual inquiry and the acquisition, application, and integration of broad learning and skills are integral to our educational programs.

Workforce Development, Truck Driving Academy, and Continuing Education

Preparing for Annual Water Workshops

The widely popular, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved workshops for license renewal are scheduled for Oct. 1-2 and Nov. 4-6. Held at the Central Campus in Hillsboro, these opportunities are essential to practitioners in rural areas as they represent a local alternative to traveling to Columbus and beyond for this required training.

People in the News

McClellan Joins National Council for Workforce Education (NCWE) Professional Academy

Designed for emerging professional in workforce development the NCWE Professional Academy exists to advance knowledge and skill development for community college workforce education professionals. The Academy curriculum focuses on areas such as: partnership building within and outside of the college; communication, collaboration, challenges and barriers; workforce program funding; employer engagement; data and data analytics; program design and program review; credit and noncredit workforce programming; and goal setting and measurements of effectiveness. Amy joins twenty-one other professionals from around the nation and was selected via a competitive application process.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Financial Aid

End of Year Reconciliation

As the 2018-19 academic year comes to a close, the Financial Aid Office is working to reconcile all federal financial aid programs for the Sept. 30 closeout required for the Department of Education.

The following represents a breakdown of the number of students and funds received for the 2018-19 school year:

- ✓ Pell Grant – 1004 recipients - \$3,475,755.00
- ✓ Federal Student Loans – 747 recipients - \$3,009,617.00
- ✓ Supplemental Opportunity Grant – 541 recipients - \$117,150.00
- ✓ Federal College Work Study – 35 recipients - \$46,901.00
- ✓ Federal Financial Aid total: \$6,649,423.00

Registrar/Records

Summer Graduates

We have 62 students who completed their degree requirements during the Summer semester. Diplomas will be mailed out to students within the next few weeks.

Degrees/Certificates	9/6/2019
AA	20
AS	15
AAB	3
AAS	21
ATS	1
One Year Cert	2

College Credit Plus

For the current Fall semester, we have 1,278 students funded through CCP. The students attending are enrolled from 48 different high schools. Additionally, 26 schools and 2 career technical centers are offering one or more SSCC courses on their campus.

Student Success Center

Advising Center

Student Engagement

Students were greeted this term with activities designed to connect and engage them in their college experience.

An active communication campaign was employed to perspective, admitted and returning first year students with college staff providing person contacts to aiding their pathway through the start of the term

Patriot Day, a student activities fair conducted by Recruiting, presented students with support services and involvement options for making more use of their time at SSCC.

Bi-weekly activities facilitated by the advisors and spotlighting various opportunities/services will continue throughout the academic year

Counseling Services

Faculty Symposium

Career and Counseling Services gave a presentation in August to faculty and staff concerning typical mental health problems experienced by SSCC students. Such problems included depression, suicide, anxiety, stress, and relationship problems. Also covered were services provided that include nonfood items for students struggling financially. These items consist of toiletries, cleaning supplies, and baby care items.

The Nursing Department also invited the counselor to discuss “Tips for Surviving College.” Pertinent topics included maintaining a proper balance, support systems, and the importance of caring for oneself, especially the need for “fun and enjoyment” under William Glasser’s Choice Theory.

High School Outreach

Career Services is working in conjunction with White Oak Schools in putting together a series of career exploration sessions with high school seniors that will involve discussions, career instruments, and career education and exploration. Sessions begin the end of this month.

Similar work will be done with Manchester High Schools

College Guest Speaker

Finally, one group at high risk for suicide are students in the LGBTQ community. Human Resources and Career and Counseling Services have secured a speaker for Sept. 20 who will be addressing these concerns and educating faculty, staff, students, and local school counselors on these topics. The workshop with Joe Kort, Ph. D. will be held in the lecture hall, room 107.

Tutoring Center

Online services

In the effort to promote strong writing across the curriculum at Southern State, easy access to the Online Writing Tutoring Lab has been added to every current student’s Canvas account. This support reinforces the expectation for college academic writing in all disciplines.

Athletics

Women’s Basketball

Women's Basketball is currently holding open gyms.

Men's Basketball

Men's Basketball is currently holding open gyms.

Men's Soccer

Athletic Department has hired Alex Pence as the new Head Coach for our Men's Soccer Program. Alex Pence is a Southern State Alum and played soccer at Southern State.

Athletic Department

The schedules are finalized, and we are looking forward to a strong season from our programs.