

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



SOUTHERN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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COVID-19 Campus Response

I will provide an update on our campus response to COVID-19 at the meeting. We have learned over the past few days that our best laid plans and efforts can quickly become irrelevant with the outcome of a daily press briefing from government officials, so I will not attempt a written update.

Board Meeting Location

Chair Prickett and I discussed the meeting location and have decided upon the Edward K. Daniels Auditorium at Central Campus. It will allow ample space for “social distancing” for the board and audience alike. If any board member is unable to attend in person, we have received some guidance from the Ohio Attorney General that would support you utilizing technology to participate in the meeting during this health crisis. If that is the case, please let Robin know and we will make the arrangements. We will also be prepared in the event that over 50 participants attend the meeting, so we do not violate the state’s effort to limit gatherings of over 50 people.

Commencement and Next Board Meeting

Commencement and the next Board of Trustees meeting was scheduled for Friday May 8. For obvious reasons we need to cancel the May 8 Commencement ceremony. We have not decided on whether or not to reschedule a ceremony later in the summer, but may conduct a survey among our expected graduates to gauge their interest. We would appreciate the Board’s input on this question.

Board of Trustee Notebooks

You will be provided a copy of the most recent notebook used for New Trustee Orientation so that everyone has the most recent information. These will be distributed at the meeting.



Alignment with the Strategic Goals

President's Activities and Involvement

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

- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meetings
- Workforce Development Planning Grant Response Call
- OACC Presidents Meeting
- Pre-Proposal Call re: SSCC Audit Contract
- Meeting with OACC Vice President
- Meeting with Representative Cupp and Representative Patterson
- Planning Grant for Intellectual Disabilities Staffing Meeting
- AACC Workforce Development Institute Panel Presentation (Amelia Island, FL)
- Meeting with Great Oaks President
- Meeting with Forward Edge Representatives
- SSCC Foundation Quarterly Meeting (Conference Call)
- Meeting with Wilmington College President
- Meeting with Highland County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director
- Conference Call with Governor's Office
- AACC Pre-NLS Legislative Update Webinar
- SSCC Administrative Commencement Meeting
- OACC Winter Student Success Leadership Institute
- AACC Executive Committee Meeting (Washington DC)
- State-wide Conference Call re: Increasing Educational Attainment through Rural Community Colleges
- CCA Strategic Plan Conference Call
- Campus Tours at North Campus
- Conference Call with Hillcrest Solar Representative
- Adams/Highland Business Advisory Council Meeting
- Meeting with Graduation Alliance Representatives
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- EAB Leadership Team Conference Call
- CCA Awards Committee Conference Call
- Leadership Academy Review with Participants
- OACC Presidents, Governor DeWine, Chancellor Garner Conference Call re: COVID-19
- Regular OACC Presidents Conference Calls re: COVID-19

Upcoming Events

Campus events have been cancelled through the remainder of the term.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Admissions/Recruiting

Admissions

The CCP Application was launched online Feb. 1. 160 applications were received and processed during the month of February.

Recruitment

Six campus visits were given during the month of February to prospective students. ACT/NRCCUA score reports and data are being utilized to actively market and recruit to prospective students in SSCC's service region.

College Credit Plus

38 College Credit Plus Informational Sessions were given at area high schools that requested SSCC to attend between October 2019 and February 2020. There are no more high school informational sessions until October 2020. At many of those sessions, SSCC gave the State presentation for CCP and SSCC was always granted the opportunity to share the College's admissions process and student guidelines.

These informational sessions were conducted mostly by the Academic/Career Advisors. JR Roush and Jimmy Barnett conducted those sessions that the Academic/Career Advisors were unable to attend.

Financial Aid

Cohort Default Rate

The 2017 student loan draft cohort default rate has been received, with the College's rate at 18.1%. This is a decline from the 2016 rate of 21%. The default rate is based on

student loan borrowers that entered into repayment October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 and defaulted by September 30, 2018.

Financial Aid 20-21

Financial aid awarding is underway for the 2020-21 academic year. Current and prospective students who are Pell eligible will see the maximum Pell grant award for full time enrollment increase \$150 from last year to \$6,345. Summer or year-round Pell grant funding will continue to be available with the ability for a full-time student, eligible for maximum Pell to receive \$9,517 for all three semesters. In the current academic year, 75% of financial aid applications received qualify for Pell grant funding.

Registrar/Records

Registration

Summer Semester is scheduled to begin on May 26. Registration is opening to students on the following dates:

- Veteran and Services Members – Mon., Mar. 16
- Sophomores – Mon., Mar. 23
- Freshmen – Tues., Mar. 24

Student Success Center

Success Management Seminars

The Success Management Seminar is a five-week, skill building series. Students are encouraged to evaluate their personal, academic, and career management skills for strengths and challenges with stress, time, financial, and individual attributes. Students are provided with multiple take-away management tools, as they better understand their own personal and professional needs and abilities.

The pilot groups for this series are first year Nursing (RN) students. The focus on specific majors/career areas allows for directed conversations on real job skill applications. Students will follow up with an academic/career advisor for individualized coaching on skill development.

Tutoring Center

Online Tutoring Support

Online writing lab started Fall Semester 2017 while online math lab started Summer Semester 2018, due to switch over from Blackboard to Canvas. From start to peak uploads, tutoring saw a 557% increase in the writing lab and 475% increase in the math lab.

HUMAN RESOURCES

New Hires

Billie Powell

The Records Office welcomes Billie Powell as the new Assistant Registrar. Billie is a graduate of Southern State and is very excited for her new role. She has a passion for SSCC, our students, and the community we serve and we are very excited to have her working in the office. This position is a part of a realignment effort in student services to both save cost and support the vital services of the registrar's office.

Crystal Howland

Crystal was hired as the full-time Coordinator of Employee Benefits & Compensation in the Human Resources Department. Crystal's first day working full-time was December 16, 2019. She was previously working in the HR department as a HR Associate on a temporary contract. She has been working in the business and human resources fields since 2008 starting as an office manager and working her way up to employee training, recruiting, HR consulting, and benefits administration. Crystal received her Associate's in Business Management Technology from Southern State Community College in 2008 and her Bachelor's in Management of Human Resources from Bellevue University in 2010. Crystal serves as the President Elect for the Greater Wilmington Human Resource Association and plans to obtain her SHRM-Senior Certified Professional certification in late 2020. This position has been vacant for a number of months, so we are happy to be back at full strength in HR.