

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



**SOUTHERN STATE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## An Expression of Gratitude

I will take this opportunity to thank the Board of Trustees, and all those who have served during my tenure, for extending to me the opportunity to lead this institution. It truly has been the honor of my lifetime and the culmination of my professional journey. You have risen to your responsibility as “trustees” of this college in very remarkable and demonstrable ways. Faithfully exercising your fiduciary responsibility ensures that you will have many more opportunities in the years ahead to celebrate each time a student graduates, earns a GED, or simply discovers that, yes, he or she can be successful in college. I hope that gratification will always motivate your service to Southern State and the communities we serve.

## Capital Bill

In what appeared to be record time, the State’s biennial capital bill, HB 687, passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor. Southern State received \$1,732,158 in funds for basic renovations. Our plan is to utilize these funds for the replacement of HVAC equipment at Central Campus. Additionally, Southern State received another \$900,000 for two community projects for which we will need to develop joint use agreements with the other entities.

## Policy Update Included

You will see an agenda item for your consideration of changes to the Policy and Information Manual. A handout of these proposed changes is included in your packet. We will summarize the rationale for policy changes during the meeting. There is one policy addition related to President Emeritus that I will defer to someone else.

## New Opportunity to Serve

At the Community Colleges of Appalachia (CCA) Board meeting on Sunday, its board appointed me as CCA’s next part-time Executive Director effective July 1. I have been active in this association since 2011, most recently serving as the chair. Dr. Nick Neupauer, our chair-elect, led the process for replacing the retiring Executive Director, Dr. Anne McNutt who has served in this position since 2016. I am particularly excited to stay connected to the life-

changing work of community colleges, particularly those like Southern State. All seven of Ohio's community colleges in the Appalachian region are member colleges.

## President's Activities and Involvement

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

- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meetings
- Conference Call with Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA) Representative
- SSCC RN Pinning Ceremony
- Meeting with EAB/Navigate Leadership Team
- OACC Presidents' Bi-Weekly Meetings
- Weekly President Transition Meetings
- Conference Call with Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Representatives
- AACC/CCA Meeting on Apprenticeships (Washington, DC)
- RCCA Board Meeting
- Meeting with Legacy Wall Representative re: Wall Design and Budget
- Conference Call with Community Colleges of Appalachia (CCA) Representatives
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- Welcome Luncheon for Dr. Erika Goodwin, SSCC VP of Academic Affairs
- OACC Annual Conference (Shelby, OH)
- Community Colleges of Appalachia (CCA) Annual Conference (Asheville, NC)
- SSCC Adult Opportunity Center Recognition Ceremony

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### In the News

#### Dr. Montgomery Featured on Columbus WSYX 6

On May 4, Dr. Montgomery and his student, Alex Bradshaw featured the R2-D2 "Dome" project during primetime news on WSYX 6. These domes are just one of several learning projects that Dr. Montgomery incorporates into his program and they just happen to be noticed by Lucas Films. The R2-D2 domes are 3D printed and emphasize building students' skills in electronics and programming. [Star Wars Day: Ohio professor's creations catches the eye of Lucas Films Droid Builders | WSYX \(abc6onyourside.com\)](http://abc6onyourside.com)

## Dr. Mootispaw Presents During International Webinar

Congratulations to Dr. Mootispaw in co-presenting at an international Quality Matters virtual conference on May 4, along with Claudia Sanchez (Quality Matters) and Kenneth Larson (Cidi Labs). Their session, “Tools to Bolster Quality Initiatives for Canvas Customers,” drew a large crowd. This webinar attracted over 300 participants. Dr. Mootispaw will present again in November at the Quality Matters National Conference.

## Official Welcome for Dr. Erika Goodwin, VP of Academic Affairs

In April, the College announced the successful search for the next Vice President of Academic Affairs to replace the outgoing, Dr. Roades. Dr. Erika Goodwin, was selected through this search and officially began work on June 1. Dr. Goodwin has “hit the ground running” by making her way around campus and meeting other Southern State team members and investing much time in acclimating herself with current projects and learning new processes. Dr. Roades commented, “I couldn’t be more pleased to be teamed up with a professional of Erika’s caliber. She is approachable, assertive, self-sufficient, and has great aspirations for our College. We share many commonalities and I believe we will complement one another as we work to achieve the College’s mission.”

## Workforce Development and Grants

### Truck Driving Academy

The TDA continues to monitor the impact of the rising gas prices heading into the new fiscal year and is prepared with budget adjustments in anticipation of continued or increased prices.

The program continues to increase in enrollments over prior years. Currently, June is double the enrollment over prior year.

Month	2019-2020 AY	2020-2021 AY	2021-2022 AY
April	0	12	21
May	17	15	18
June	15	12	24*

\*Current enrollment as of June 9, 2022

The program is anticipating ending the fiscal year up 18 students over the prior year with continued momentum heading into the following fiscal year.

Year	2019-2020 AY	2020-2021 AY	2021-2022 AY
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	159	180	198*

\*Anticipated based on enrollment as of June 9, 2022

# STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

## Recruitment/Admissions

### Admissions

The Admissions Office is working to update the Online New Student Orientation. Similar to the process the Communications/Marketing Office uses to update the catalog, the Admissions Office has sent out information to various departments and is awaiting updates.

The first of three rounds of Orientation completion letters to students enrolled for summer semester have been sent. Compared to summer 2020 (392 headcount), it looks as if summer 2021 is up 9 students in headcount (401). Credit hour comparison is summer 2020 (2,672 credit hours) vs. summer 2021 (2,634 credit hours).

The Admissions/Recruitment Office was also asked to attend a visit from P&G with our Engineering and Computer Science Departments on the evening of May 26.

### College Credit Plus

The application deadline for summer semester CCP admission closed on May 6.

Compared to summer 2020 (185 headcount), it looks as if summer 2021 is down 5 students in headcount (180). Credit hour comparison is summer 2020 (860 credit hours) vs. summer 2021 (803 credit hours).

### Recruitment

Since my last report, the Recruitment Office has participated in the following events:

- Community Day event at Georgetown Elementary School on Saturday, April 23. The event was well-attended and several people visited the SSCC booth.
- Campus visit with the Health Science students from Laurel Oaks CTC. There were 35 students in attendance and they were able to hear information on admissions, why choose a community college, and tour the Health Science Center.
- Manchester HS College/Career Fair: Met with students in grades 7-12 at Manchester MS/HS to discuss program opportunities.
- Waverly HS College & Career Fair: Met with students in grades 9-12 at Waverly HS to discuss program opportunities.
- Clinton County Workforce Collaborative meetings at Laurel Oaks on May 16 and June 3. These meetings concern the Career Exploration Fair taking place at Laurel Oaks on September 28. Southern State has expressed interest in participating and helping with the event, and will continue to attend meetings leading up to the event.
- Planning for Connect to College & Career Day 2022, which is slated to return on October 28, after a two-year absence, due to COVID. There will be more of a focus on program & career this year, with the hopes that advisory committee members and faculty members will work together to give an intriguing and engaging presentation to the prospective students in attendance. Terri Bennett, SSCC's representative for the College Tech Prep Grant, is assisting with this year's event.

The Recruitment Office met with Brooke Lombardo, Recruiter at Lakeland Community College, who reached out to share ideas and bounce recruitment strategies off each other. They also continue to meet with the Marketing Office regularly to discuss new strategies and campaigns in furthering our recruitment outreach and efforts going forward.

Student Connections is running an enrollment-services call campaign for students who were COVID stop-outs. The results of this campaign will be determined following its conclusion over the next few weeks.

## Financial Aid

Summer HEERF III/ARP fund awarding is in progress and is expected to spend the full student aid allocation of \$2,561,758 awarded to SSCC in May 2021.

The Financial Aid staff plans to pilot limited office hours at the Mt. Orab location in June. The goals include increasing interest in FAFSA filing, acquainting CCP students with the services of the Financial Aid Office and collaborating with Advising staff.

## Student Success Center

### Study Abroad – Netherlands, France and COVID

The SSCC Study Abroad Trip this May was the first since the COVID shutdown. Twenty-six student, faculty, staff, family and friend travelers boarded the plane in Columbus for a cultural adventure of a life time. COVID protocols for each country were an added component to the learning curve of international travel. From Dutch Masters to French Impressionists, Amsterdam modes of transportation (bicycles, ferries, and canals) to the Paris Metro system, and culinary experiences of the Dutch verses the French were some of the discovery themes from this trip.

The Study Abroad program began in 2014 with a focus on British Literature and Theatre. Twelve (12) travelers signed up for the experience then. This year, twenty-eight (28) travelers signed up with great excitement for this trip – 17 were current students or alumni of SSCC. As the program grows in the reputation for discovery, SSCC is able to bring the world a little closer to home.

## Records/Registrar

### Degrees Conferred

Spring Semester ended on Saturday, May 7. A total of 161 degrees were awarded at the end of the term.

Associate of Arts	37
Associate of Science	35
Associate of Applied Business	12
Associate of Applied Science	66
1 Yr Certificates	9
Associate of Technical Studies	2

### Summer Semester

Summer Semester began Monday, May 23. The Records Office has been reviewing the attendance reported from instructors and will be updating enrollments accordingly.