

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



SOUTHERN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SEPTEMBER 2014 | DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

Adams County Proposal

As you know, our proposal for additional funding for the Adams County campus was not funded by the \$16M Small Campus Pool included in the recent Capital Budget. We have been invited to meet with John Magill, Assistant Deputy Chancellor Economic Advancement at the Ohio Board of Regents to discuss our proposal and to discuss future funding opportunities. Of course we will be using this opportunity to learn how we might continue to advocate for a campus in Adams County.

Board Appointments

Chair Boedeker will be making contact with the Governor's Office of Appointments and Commissions to advocate for appointments to our Board. The meeting agenda includes time for discussion of this topic.

Brown County Campus Update

The traffic light and main entrance onto Brooks-Mallott road is now open, and the sign is now operational. Enrollment at this campus appears to be up double digits, although as Mr. Buck reminds us, we'll need to get through our drop/add period to get final enrollment for the semester.

CMT Empowering Education

Through my association with Community Colleges of Appalachia, Southern State has been invited to submit data to Country Music Television for a possible partnership for marketing and advancing higher education in our region among their viewers and visitors to their web site. CMT has been "testing the waters" with other community colleges and hosted a big live event



at a community college in western Kentucky last spring. We look forward to further exploring this possibility with them.

Rural Community College Alliance

Dr. Roades and I will be making a presentation on the College's strategic visioning and goal setting process at the annual meeting of the Rural Community College Alliance conference later in September. RCCA is the group that hosts the impressive meeting in Washington D.C. each February with high-ranking U.S. Department Secretaries and legislative leaders.

Upcoming Events

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

SEPTEMBER

- 09.12.14 **Connect to College Day (First-Choice Friday)**
9 am-12 pm | Brown County Campus

- 09.16.14 **Men's Soccer Team vs. Cincinnati Christian University**
5 pm | Central Campus

- 09.27.14 **Men's Soccer Team vs. Kuyper College**
3 pm | Central Campus

OCTOBER

- 10.03-10.04 **2014 SSCC Soccer Shootout**
Central Campus

- 10.10.14 **Connect to College Day (First-Choice Friday)**
9 am-12 pm | Central Campus

- 10.11.14 **Men's Soccer Team vs. Cleary University**
1 pm | Central Campus

- 10.13.14 **Men's Soccer Team vs. Kentucky Christian University**
4 pm | Central Campus

President's Activities and Involvement

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

- Ceremonial Dedication of Brown County Campus
- Opening Day-Fall Semester – North, Fayette, Central and Brown Campus Visits
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Board Meeting
- Hillsboro Rotary Club
- Governor John Kasich Event
- Follow-up Meeting with Bethel-Tate Superintendent
- WSRW Interviews with Willard Parr
- Highland County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- Leadership Presentation at Leadership Retreat for Church 180-Adams County
- Highland County Fair
- Leadership Clinton Program Committee Meeting
- OACC Presidents' Meeting

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

SOCHE Excellence in Teaching Award

Randall Massie, Associate Professor of Human and Social Services, has been nominated to receive the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) Excellence in Teaching Award. Mr. Massie was nominated for his demonstrated excellence in teaching and dedication to students. The Faculty Awards Banquet will be held at Wright State University on November 14th, 2014.

Medical Assisting Accreditation

Southern State Community College's Medical Assisting (MAST) program was notified on August 13, 2014 by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) that it is being moved from the probationary status it had been on to continuing program accreditation status. The MAST program had been placed on probationary status based on the low response rate to graduation surveys. However, the program has been able to correct these issues and is now in good standing with both CAAHEP and the Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB).

Congratulations to Rhonda Davis, MAST Program Director, and to all faculty in the program.

Lindsey Wilson/Ohio Christian University Expansion ✓

In the ongoing effort to provide our students with education beyond Southern State, it is exciting to announce the addition of baccalaureate programs offered by Lindsey Wilson College and Ohio Christian University. Both of these institutions have been offering programs on Southern State campuses for several years now. The large number of students participating in the original programs has prompted both institutions to provide additional programming. Lindsey Wilson, which currently provides a baccalaureate and masters degree program in Social Work and Counseling on the Central campus, will be starting another cohort for the baccalaureate on the Fayette campus. Ohio Christian University will be offering two new degrees, a Bachelors of Science in Nursing on Central campus and a psychology cohort on North campus.

As more of these programs are added, Southern State students have the opportunity for degrees beyond the associate close to home. Saving the student money and time, and allowing them to study in a familiar environment.

Workforce Development and Community Services

Truck Driving Academy

Preparation and work by Elizabeth Burkard of the SSCC Marketing Group and TDA staff continues as planning ramps up for a big kick-off event September 16 to launch the Cincinnati State Middletown Campus location that will offer CDL training. This partnership was recently highlighted in an article in the Cincinnati Enquirer. In partnership with Cincinnati State, an open house for potential CDL drivers will be held, preceded by an industry forum. Over fifty freight and transportation companies have been invited to the forum, which will identify ways to supply more trained and informed employees to an industry still struggling with the need for more employees.

Workforce Development ✓

An agreement is now signed with JER Online to provide a greatly expanded catalog of non-credit professional, career, and workforce development training. Work to integrate the provider into the college website is underway.

North campus is preparing Room 318 (formerly the computer lab) to become an expanded, certified testing and assessment center. The center will be used by SSCC students seeking certifications related to their course of study. In addition, Wilmington College and other educational groups in the area are expected to be clients as well. The center will be offering a robust range of workforce assessments and skill testing. It is expected to be in operation by Spring semester. The assessment center at Central and North will be self-sustaining through fees charged and may have the potential to bring additional revenue.

A second meeting was held August 6 at the Brown County campus with X-Mil, a small business owned and operated by former employees of Milacron. Dr. Ryan McCall and John Joy met to discuss training options for their employees, as well as some other partnership opportunities.

Continuing Education, Community Services, & Departmental Notes

As Dr. Boys reported at the previous meeting, North campus in cooperation with Ohio National Guard medical personnel state and area Health Department staff hosted a GuardCare event August 9 and 10. Almost 400 area residents obtained a range of free health services and screenings at the event.

Marketing and registration is underway for the upcoming non-credit real estate courses. The 4 courses needed to obtain a real estate agent license in Ohio will be offered at Central campus beginning September 13.

An Open House was held and well-attended on August 25 at Central campus for a non-credit Dental Assisting program to begin in September. A new curriculum partner, Condensed Curriculum International, is providing the training materials for the course.

STUDENT SERVICES AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Financial Aid

Student Loan Counseling

The financial aid office has implemented the in-person student loan counseling for first-time borrowers at Southern State.

Sessions were held on all campuses prior to orientation as well as on-going sessions multiple times a week on the Central campus.

The sessions have been well attended and students are receiving additional financial literacy to increase awareness of student loan debt and the responsibilities of repayment.

New Student Orientations

The Financial Aid staff participated in new student orientations on each campus providing a session relating to the financial aid process including requirements to receive and maintain federal financial aid.

Records/Registrar

Summer Grades

There were 97 certificates/degrees conferred at the end of Summer.

146 students were either placed on warning or probation at the end of the semester.

Fall Term

Fall Semester classes began August 25.

Over the next two weeks, we will be reviewing student records to determine those that may need to be dropped for non-attendance and/or non-payment.

Veterans

There are currently 66 veterans enrolled that will be receiving educational benefits for Fall Semester.

Starting Spring Semester, veterans will receive priority during registration.

Student Success Center

Connect to College

Staff are preparing presentations for the *Connect to College* initiative which begins on September 12 at the Brown County campus and will then be held the second Friday of each month at a different campus.

Communications has sent out mailings to all high school counselors and juniors and seniors. More publicity will target post high school graduates.

The *Connect to College* is an opportunity for all prospective students or any individual beginning the college search to visit the SSCC campuses and learn about the college application process and college life.

Topics to be covered will include choosing a career/major, applying for financial aid, budgeting, maintaining a high GPA, college life, college success tips, and other topics relevant for any and all who plan to go to college and want to be successful.

Simultaneous sessions will target high school students, adult learners, and veterans.

New Student Orientations

Advisors, Tutors, Career and AmeriCorps coaches participated in new student orientations on August 11-14.

The Center set up tables promoting our services and conducted a scavenger hunt by giving students a set of questions about the Center's services and about tips for being successful. Students could find the answers on the tables or ask staff. When

questionnaire was completed, they turned them in for a drawing. Four winners were selected (one from each campus). Each received a \$100.00 gift certificate to the SSCC bookstore. Approximately 150 students participated in the hunt.

Tutoring Center

Mentor Tutor

Joe Gruber will serve as the 2014-2015 Mentor-Tutor and will assume many of the tutoring responsibilities formerly assigned to the tutor coordinator and tutor data specialist positions that changed with the creation of the Student Success Center.

International Tutor Training Program Certification

The tutoring center has submitted the renewal application for the International Tutor Training Program Certification.

The program was initially certified in August of 2013. If approved, the center will receive the certification for an additional three years.

This certification provides and monitors tutor training and tracking for all certified departments.

Once the department is certified, tutors must complete Level 1 training (Certified Tutor). A tutor may then opt to pursue Level II (Advanced Tutor) training, and Level III (Master Tutor) training.

A certified department recognizes the training and experience by awarding tutors who meet the criteria with a certificate which reflects the level and experience of training.

2013-14 Tutors

Level I training was offered to all new tutors at a luncheon on Friday, August 15, to prepare for the 2014 Fall term.

During the luncheon current tutors who had met the requirements for Level I, II, and III tutoring were recognized and presented a certificate from ITTPC.

There are a total of 19 Tutors on staff.

New tutors include John Allen, Jade Hunt, Becky Johnson, Erin Kirker, and Laura Mullikin.

Certified Level I tutors are James Chalker, Jean Gardner, Sarah Miller, Jennifer Nelson, Remy Page, Holly Clevenger, Sam Snyder, Heather Washburn, and Amanda Ward.

Level II Advanced and Level III Master Tutor certifications were awarded to Joe Gruber who is the first to receive the Master Tutor certification through Southern State Community College.

Tutor Success Workshops

Computer Fundamental and Online Success workshops were conducted on all four campuses beginning Monday August 11 through Thursday August 14. The number of students who attended and completed the workshops are as follows:

Computer Fundamentals

- 3 – Central

Online Success

- 24 – Brown County
- 23 – Wilmington
- 20 – Washington C.H.
- 15 – Hillsboro

Accuplacer Test Prep Workshops for Math Placement

- 18 students participated in math test prep

Of nine students who retook the test after the workshop and whose scores have been reported,

- 3 Students remained at the same level
- 3 Students moved up 1 level
- 3 Students moved up 2 levels

Tutors set up tables at all campuses during the first week of school to promote tutoring services and to assist students with web tutorials. Web tutorials assist students who are having issues with computer log-ins, activating their MySSCC student portals, Blackboard, and email.

Retention/AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps Coaches *Jade Hunt* and *Erin Kirker* have visited PSYC 1108 classes to distribute the *Individual Plan for Academic Completion*. They will return by the end of week 5 to present a workshop on the creation of an individual completion plan and to distribute advising / program worksheets which will guide the students in mapping out their coursework.

The coaches will also begin scheduling one-on-one appointments to assist students with their own individual plans for degree completion.

The Director of the Student Success Center conducted a session during Welcome Week to all full-time faculty and staff about the new Early Alert system and Retention model through Jenzabar. Faculty and staff were instructed how to navigate to the new system, how and when to use it, and why it is important for retention purposes. Advising worksheets were also made available for additional talking points from faculty.

Advising Center

Advising sessions for August 1 –26 (*Numbers do not include phone calls or emails*)

— Total = 901 Advising Sessions

Breakdown by Week:	# of Advising Sessions
— August 1 –8	263
— August 11 –15	159
— August 18 –22	262
— August 25 - 26	217 (First 2 Days of Opening week)

27 students were scheduled on August 22 at Central, the last day before classes began.

Career Services

The Career Services Coordinator will assist with Miami Trace and Washington Court House Students at a job fair on September 12 at the Fayette campus.

Career and Counseling Services completed a customer service satisfaction survey of clients/students using the services a minimum of three times. Areas surveyed from career and mental health services concerned aspects of quality, service, and delivery. Eighty-four percent of those surveyed rated the department at Excellent, the highest rating, and 15.6% at Above Average, the second highest rating.

The department will also be participating in a career workshop at Fayette campus for junior high students from Miami Trace and Washington City Schools through the P-16 Council. A presentation on “Personality and Career Choice” using the Holland Personality Types will be demonstrated to students.

The Coordinator attended a three-day training on substance abuse provided by the Ohio State University Talbot Hall. Areas of concentration included addiction and the family, fundamentals of addiction, and the relationship between pain treatment and addiction. One highlight was the opportunity to hear Carlos DiClemente speak, one of the key researchers and originators of the “Stages of Change Model.”

In addition, a risk assessment instrument has been designed for assessing and documenting students at risk for suicide based on a recent training in July.

Student Activities

PTK

Connie Huber has been hired as the new Phi Theta Kappa advisor. Connie resides in Blanchester with her family, and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa when she attended UC’s Blue Ash Campus (formerly Raymond Walters).

Connie is a new member of the adjunct faculty as well, and will be teaching two sections of College Success at Central campus this fall.

Athletics

Mens Soccer

Season kicked off August 30 and 31 in Pennsylvania.

The Soccer Alumni game went very well. About 12 Alumni played. There were approximately 80 people who attended both the game and lunch after game.

Women's Basketball

SSCC is continuing to hold Open Gyms at YMCA until the Patriot Center is complete.

Conditioning begins September 3.

Men's Basketball

Open gyms are being held at the YMCA.

Alex Branscome was signed with a Letter of Intent to play Men's Basketball this year.

Women's Softball

Work continues on the softball field to bring it to playing condition. More interest continues for softball. Numbers should be good for Spring.

Women's Soccer

We are still accepting applications for Head Coach position.

Athletic Department

Work continues on the Patriot Center; we are looking forward to being back in the Patriot Center.