

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



SOUTHERN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AUGUST 2019 | DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

Partnership Signing with Shawnee State University

Shawnee State University President Jeff Bauer and I were pleased to sign a partnership agreement through which the university will offer their Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at our Central Campus. Students will be able to fulfill their general education requirements for this associate degree through Southern State at our tuition rate, while Shawnee State University will offer their technical courses on our campus. Additionally, the completion of this degree will enable the graduates to go right to work as an occupational therapy assistant, or to continue in the Bachelor's degree, and ultimately, a Master's degree program in Occupational Therapy at Shawnee State's campus in Portsmouth, Ohio. Each of these credentials is in high demand. This partnership would not have come to fruition without the persistence of Dr. Nicole Roades and her counterpart at Shawnee State.

Breakfast at Governor's Residence

Governor DeWine hosted a breakfast meeting with all of the state's community college's presidents last month. It was a good opportunity to express our gratefulness for the provisions in the state budget that provides additional SSI, tuition flexibility, and a number of initiatives to boost short-term certificate offerings in our colleges. He also provided a good listening ear to ideas presented by our group which would help him accomplish his priorities as Governor. In addition to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor Husted and Chancellor Gardner were on hand.

HB 166 Signed into Law

HB 166, the state biennium budget was finalized with the Governor's signature. I will highlight the important provisions during our meeting. A summary handout is provided in your packet.

Senator Portman Convenes Roundtable on Workforce Development

Senator Portman chose Southern State Community College to launch a three-day tour of Southern and Southeastern Ohio. On Wednesday, Aug. 14, we hosted a roundtable discussion with the Senator on workforce issues with Highland County Chamber of Commerce members and local officials. Senators Portman and Kaine have introduced the JOBS Act (S.839) which would extend Pell eligibility to students seeking short-term certificates in high-demand fields. To illustrate the impact of a successful JOBS act, we invited the Senator to participate in a brief ride-along with one of our Truck Driving Academy students and TDA Director J.T. Smith. With some slight modifications in our program, the JOBS act would remove a critical barrier to enrolling in our program and meeting this ongoing need in the logistics industry. Without financial aid, few of our area's students can afford to enroll in any short-term offering.

President's Activities and Involvement

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

- Festival of the Bells Events
- Meeting with Hillsboro Mayor
- EAB Leadership Team Conference Calls
- Conference Call with AACC Senior VP for Government Relations
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meetings
- Conference Call re: ARC Concepts Discussion with AACC VP of Workforce
- Occupational Therapy Assistant Partnership Signing with Shawnee State University
- EAB Community College Executive Forum Meeting (Washington, DC)
- Meeting with Senator Portman's SW District Director
- OACC Conference Call
- Breakfast Meeting with Governor DeWine
- SSCC Board of Trustees Special Meeting
- AACC Annual Executive Committee, Board Meeting and Retreat (Washington, DC)
- Meeting with Wilmington College President
- Call with Franklin University Representative
- Highland County Women's Hall of Fame
- Workforce Roundtable with Senator Portman and Local Representatives

Upcoming Events

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

AUGUST

- Aug. 16-17 **Germinate International Film Festival**
Central Campus
- Aug. 27-29 **SSCC Patriot's Day**
8/27: North Campus, 10:30am – 12pm
8/27: Fayette Campus, 1pm – 2:30pm
8/28: Brown County Campus, 11am – 1pm
8/29: Central Campus, 11am – 1pm

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Fall Symposium 2019

Aug. 14-16 have been slated for professional development days as the College welcomes faculty to the Fall term. This year's training themes emphasize assessment of student learning and quality improvement in distance learning delivery. New this year is a series of peer-delivered mini-workshops. Special thanks to Associate Professor, Ms. Becky Storer and select members of Faculty Senate for bringing this idea to fruition. Among the menu of presentations and expert facilitators include:

- "Best Practices for Classroom Management" – *Josh Montgomery, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Rainee Angles, Associate Professor of Theatre/Speech, and Becky Storer, Associate Professor of Education*
- "Instilling Meaning in What We Teach" – *Jon Davidson, Associate Professor of Mathematics*

- “Good, Good, Good...Good Citations” – *Angel Mootispaw, Director of Instructional Technology, and Ken Holliday, Associate Professor of English*
- “Library Resources: What We Have and How to Encourage Your Students to Use Them” – *Angel Mootispaw, Director of Instructional Technology*
- “Using Clickers in the Classroom” – *Jody Bishop, Associate Professor of Sociology*
- “Disability Services: Accommodations, Accessible Technologies, Opportunities, and Success!” – *Molly Clevenger, Disabilities Coordinator and Makayla Smith*
- “Take the Class and Flip It!” – *Dr. Don Storer, Assistant Professor of Chemistry*
- “Mental Health in the College Setting” – *Tom Payton, Coordinator of Career and Counseling Services*
- “Rubrics 1.0: Building and Utilizing Rubrics” – *Dr. Gayle Mackay, Associate Professor of Business*

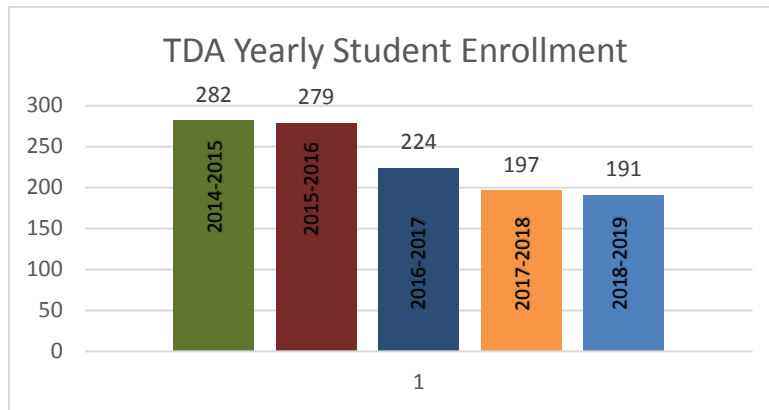
Workforce Development, Truck Driving Academy, and Continuing Education

Training Highlights

- The new STNA class is scheduled to begin on Aug. 27.
- Water Workshop License Renewal Courses are slated for Oct. 1-2 and Nov. 4-6.
- Basic Life Support classes scheduled for Sept. 18, Oct. 9 and Nov. 13.
- Three sessions of Excel trainings were completed for Clinton County Ohio Means Jobs with nearly 50 attendees overall.

Truck Driving Highlights

Twenty-one students enrolled at three different locations in July. The TDA finished the Fiscal Year with 191 Class A and Class B students. This was down eight students from last year.



STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Financial Aid

Gainful Employment Regulation Rescinded

The Department of Education has rescinded the gainful employment regulation and will allow schools to discontinue all reporting and disclosure requirements effective immediately.

This regulation required reporting to the Department of Education on all students enrolled at the College in a one-year certificate, and evaluated program completion rates and student loan debt. Schools were then measured on the student's ability to repay their student loans based on their earnings (debt to earnings ratio). Recently a new component of the regulation would have required each prospective student enrolling in a gainful employment program to sign an acknowledgement that they had received the disclosure. The regulation was intended to monitor schools providing high cost short term training.

Any new certificate programs developed by the College will still need prior approval by the Department of Education to offer federal financial aid funding.

Financial Aid Training

Staff members, Sheila Fawley and Jaime Simmons, attended the Powerfaids conference which provides updates and training for our financial aid software.

Student Success Center

Advising Center

Navigate (EAB)

User training for support staff and advising faculty is underway as *Navigate* continues to be an excellent tool for aiding students towards completion.

Campaigns are planned for the Fall term to engage students into the functions/resources of *Navigate*.

CCP Advising/High School Presence

With the retirement of Lisa Hord, Academic/Career advisors have picked up the liaison relationships with high school counselors for CCP initiatives and student advising. Each advisor is assigned to the high schools by county and will have at least a monthly presence in our partner schools in order to assist the counselors with CCP needs. Advisors will also present the opportunities at SSCC during the high school CCP Information Sessions for potential students and their families.

Counseling Services

Outreach

Career Services worked with the Fayette County (WCH) Youth Build teaching success skills for the workplace.

Sexual Assault / Suicide Prevention Awareness

Counseling Services reviewed programs for Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention and Suicide Prevention and Awareness for auditing purposes and continuous improvement opportunities.

James Bland and Tom Payton met with Kerry Soller from the Ohio Department of Higher Ed's Campus Safety & Sexual Violence Prevention to discuss SSCC's awareness and bystander intervention programs.

Testing Center

Industry Certifications

The Testing Center is an authorized *PearsonVue* Testing site with locations at the Wilmington & Hillsboro campuses. They provide proctoring services for candidates seeking industry credentials.

ServoSafe Manager Certification, recently added, is the newest certification offered to those in the food industry.

Updating Resources

With the *Windows 10* migration coming this Fall, the testing center is updating hardware to continue its services and to be able to offer new industry credentials, such as *AutoDesk & Solidworks* certification for the Engineering Technology students

Tutoring Center

Online services

Since the addition of the online platform for writing and Math tutoring assistance, the tutoring use has rapidly increased.

The convenient avenue of technology has also included tutoring sessions through *Zoom* (a face time view through computer/web cams). Pre-semester workshops are offered on every campus to assist students with basic computer use and technology navigation.

Academic Skills Assistance

The ending of the AmeriCorps grant this year required the relocation of academic skills assistance to students. Tutoring is adding that resource to students with workshops and one-on-one assistance.

Athletics

Athletic Department

The Athletic Director is working on the upcoming season schedule, as well as updating the Athletic website. Schedules and contracts are being finalized for the 2019-2020 season.

Men's Soccer

Currently, candidates for the Head Coach position for the 2019-2020 season are being interviewed. We continue to maintain contact with players and recruits to update them on the season.

Men's and Women's Basketball

The Women's team has been holding open gyms and will continue to recruit for the upcoming season. The Men's team has had numerous open gyms. Coach Gaines has been having good turn outs.