Southern State Community College

March and April 2010 President's Report to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Kevin Boys, President

Chancellor Fingerhut has communicated the importance of the Third Frontier issue that will appear on the May ballot in Ohio. I have included some information in the packet. Also enclosed is a resolution that I would ask the Board to consider at the April meeting. Although the first Third Frontier phase did not substantially involve community colleges, there are indications that this round of funding may provide more opportunities for our involvement. The 2009 Third Frontier Annual report can be found at http://www.thirdfrontier.com/.

One of the things that I have assessed in my first three months in this role is the organizational structure. The college has taken a great stride recently in initiating a human resource department, and this addition to the administrative structure is taking care of some issues that may have been easy to overlook without that function. Additionally, the new advising and retention services area will provide a vital resource to helping more of our students experience even more success and completion of programs. This will not only help us accomplish our primary purpose, but will also advance the institution through the new "success points" funding structure. One of the areas that is a significant concern to me is the need for additional academic support and leadership so that we are better positioned to develop new programs and courses, evaluate and further develop both full-time and adjunct faculty, and manage all of the partnerships and collaborations that are becoming our new way of life. I have asked Dr. McCall to share with the Board at Wednesday's meeting, a plan for addressing this issue so that we can further enhance the quality of our academic programs.

I was able to take part in my first pinning ceremony of the Practical Nursing program last month. You were absolutely right. This was a very moving and well done event. I was impressed with the organization, warm tone, and professionalism of the event. Dr. Krebs does a nice job making this a very meaningful ceremony. The family members and guests were so proud of their graduates and so appreciative of the college.

I have been serving on this local committee since January. Recently, the committee conducted interviews of major employers in the area to assess the current challenges and successes in their enterprises. I used the occasion to spend some time with each of the superintendents in Highland County to both conduct the interview and to discuss the partnerships we are seeking to build with each of our school districts. I found this personally beneficial and will continue the practice into the other counties.

Actively engaging with students to learn more about their media preferences is one strategy the SSCC communications team uses to inform marketing, advertising, and communication decisions. For the



with 27 adjunct faculty members attending. Presentations were provided on expectations, syllabus requirements, resources, and classroom policies. Many thanks go to Jon Davidson, Sharon Purvis, Luann Edwards, Dennis Griffith, Jessica Wise, Peggy Chalker, Karen Davis, Barb Fleming, Kris Hilgeman, and Steve Bikowsky for all of their help with the event.

Orientations are mandatory for adjuncts that have been with the institution for less than one year. There will be two more orientations this year prior to the beginning of Fall and Winter Quarters.

Southern State was approached by Wright State University to collaborate with their Bachelor of Science of Nursing (BSN) degree located at the Adena PACCAR Educational Facility in Chillicothe. Wright State currently offers a BSN degree in Chillicothe in partnership with Adena Healthcare systems. Wright State has requested that Southern State provide the general education component of the BSN program, with classes offered at the PACCAR Educational Facility and the Fayette Campus. The two institutions will meet during the next few months to determine and finalize details of the collaboration, with an anticipated start date for Fall Quarter of 2010. When the program is fully operational there will be approximately 60 Wright State BSN students enrolled in Southern State classes each quarter.

Truck Driving AcademyAlong with some unpleasant winter weather, February and March brought a continuation of lower enrollment trends compared to one year ago. TDA enrollment January through March is down about 30 percent compared to the same period one year ago. The TDA saw an approximate 31-percent increase in enrollment in March compared to January and February.

TDA staff and John Joy attended the annual convention of the National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Driving Schools (NAPFTDS) in early March. Other community-college-operated TDAs across the nation are seeing a downward trend in enrollment and increasing pressure to generate revenue. Of particular interest was one of the keynote presentations from the Truckload Carriers Association, who stated that there will be a coming driver shortage, greater than what we have already experienced. The shortage is caused by an aging workforce and some new federal safety regulations. A summary of the regulations (CSA 2010) is provided in the quote below and was obtained from the FMCSA website (www.fmsca.dot.gov).

"With Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010 (CSA 20th) Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), together with state partners and industry will work to further reduce commercial vehicle (CMV) crashes, fatalities, and injuries on our nation's highways."

These new safety regulations are expected to eliminate poorer drivers from the fleets, and make it more difficult for marginal truck drivers to obtain and keep employment. Also of interest at the convention was the growing use of e-learning tools in both the classroom and in simulating actual driving. The

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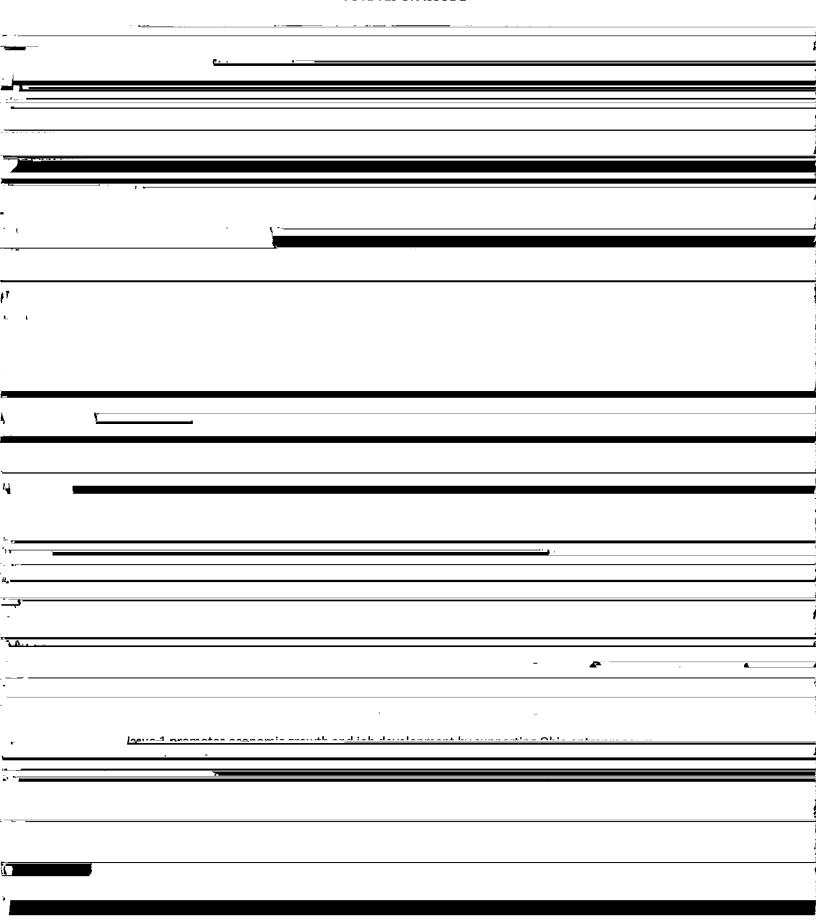
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Official Issue 1 Argument in Favor

VOTE FOR JOBS! VOTE YES ON ISSUE 1



Argument Against Issue 1

Vote No on Issue 1

	Issue 1 means more spending and more debt by Ohio's state government. The current Third Frontier Program is authorized to issue \$500 million in bonds over 10 years. Issue 1 would allow for an additional \$700 million in state bonds (state debt) to be issued over four years in addition to what is left under the current program
	This debt will need to be repaid from future state budgets costing already strapped state budgets millions of dollars each year. That is money Ohio doesn't have and can't afford.
	Some debt is good. Most of us have to borrow to buy major items such as a house or car. Governments borrow, too, for schools, roads and other major improvements.
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Third Frontier Commission

Eric Fingerhut, Chair Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents Norman Chagnon, Ph.D. Executive Director John Cullivan Consultant Richard Fearon December 2009

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Dear Colleague,

We are pleased to present to you the 2009 Ohio Third Frontier Applied Papert The success

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of the program, as outlined in the personal stories and metrics in this report, demonstrate
how a visionary and bipartisan commitment to Ohio's future continues to bring prosperity
to the people and businesses of our state even in these challenging times.



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