Southern State Community College

September 2010 President's Report to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Kevin Boys, President

We welcome the following individuals to the Southern State Community College Board of Trustees:

- Michelle Cimis
- Leilani Popp

The new trustees will be sworn in at the beginning of Wednesday's meeting.

After new trustees are sworn in, we will need to adjourn for an executive session for the purpose of reviewing negotiations with the SSEA, and discussing the compensation, hiring and dismissal of public employees.

I would like to convene the Long-range Planning Committee at the members' earliest convenience to discuss the upcoming Strategic Visioning process and the facility master-planning process. The state architect's office has assisted us in preparing a Request for Qualifications and we have had at least 21 responses from architect firms to assist the college with doing a facilities assessment. We would value the committee's participation in exploring this further. Stevetta will be calling you to find a time for us to meet.

I hope you can plan to attend the Back-to-School Barbeque on Thursday evening, Sept. 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. You should have received an invitation in the mail. We have invited everyone who works at the college and their families. I hope it sets an inclusive tone and is an enjoyable night for everyone. This event is scheduled during the week in which faculty report back for the new academic year.

I have been invited to participate in the first class of Leadership Adams, a community service leadership development organization serving Adams County. The group will convene monthly and will conclude in June 2011.

I was honored to receive the Distinguished Citizen's Award from the Blue Ash/Montgomery/Symmes Rotary Club for my 31 years of service to these communities through my work in both the Sycamore and Loveland school districts. It was a surprise to be notified of the award and I hope it brings some recognition to the college as well.

The office participated in 36 summer orientations during which approximately 515 students were advised for the fall term.

The ARS participated in an orientation and registration session at the Adena PACCAR Medical Education Center in Chillicothe where approximately 50 students were advised and registered.

The ARS staff participated in outreach sessions during the month of August at the Adena PACCAR Medical Education Center, Scioto County Career Technical Center, and Masco (Mills Pride) Transition Fair.

Due to budget cutbacks in the federal Perkins grant and a resignation, both the part-time and full-time retention specialist positions became vacant. The position descriptions for both of these positions are being re-evaluated, and it is anticipated that they will filled soon.

The childcare centers offer a tuition discount to faculty and staff at Southern State. The figures below represent the total amount of tuition discounts for the current fiscal year.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Tuition Discount Totals: