



JUNE 2022 | DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

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

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
- SSSC 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, SSSC VP of Academic Affairs
- OACC Annual Conference (Shelby, OH)
- Community Colleges of Appalachia (CCA) Annual Conference (Asheville, NC)

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

*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

- 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 versus 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.