

Southern State Community College

2010 President's Report to the Board of Trustees

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Update

Enclosed is an enrollment report on high school students enrolled at the college through the PSEO program. Overall, these students represent 15.9 % of our students this fall. In addition to students attending classes at our college campuses, several college classes are being offered in the local high schools utilizing either our faculty, or properly credentialed high school faculty. We continue to see opportunity for providing even greater access to college for our area's high school students who are capable of doing college work.

Vision Document

Also enclosed is a copy of the vision map that emerged out of our three-day planning session that was briefly discussed at the last Board meeting. Since that meeting, I had the opportunity to talk about the vision and how we will begin to work toward the achievement of this vision with the entire faculty and staff. I've also had several opportunities to talk about this renewed vision to different audiences and it seems to resonate with people. We continue to work on a more formal presentation of strategies and work plans that will constitute our first set of priorities. This process differs from a more traditional strategic plan in that we will not be determining the complete set of strategies and action plans for the next five years. It allows us to articulate a clear direction for the college while allowing us to be more agile in meeting the needs of our local communities.

Grant Opportunities

One of the bold steps identified in the renewed vision for the college is to vigorously pursue outside funding opportunities. To that end, the college is in the process of pursuing several grants that hold promise for allowing us to develop new offerings, work on student success initiatives, and help to bring jobs to our areas. There has been a recent push due to some recently announced grants with close deadlines and emerging partnerships that are creating some good opportunities for Southern State.

College 101

Enclosed is a copy of _____ magazine. Southern State student Hannah Ziegenhardt (and her experience with the Ohio Career Information System) is featured on the cover and in an article beginning on page 18.

Soccer Team Success

At this writing the Southern State Community College Men's Soccer team is in Burlington, Vt., preparing for the first national tournament bid in its 19-year history. They were given an enthusiastic send-off on Wednesday morning, complete with the school mascot and a cheering crowd including children from the Patri-Tots Center.

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

- Leadership Adams on Travel and Tourism in the Region
- OACC Presidents' Meeting
- Ohio Dual Enrollment Partnership 2010 Fall Summit, Ohio Dominican
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Meeting
- Washington Court House Rotary Club Presentation
- Women's Volleyball vs. Ohio Christian University Game
- Meeting in Greenfield City Council Chambers regarding potential new business
- OVRDC Economic Development Meeting in Piketon, Ohio
- OVRDC CEDS Meeting in Waverly, Ohio
- Ohio Benefit Food Bank Luncheon
- Bidders Conference regarding "Completion by Design" Grant
- Meeting with Sid Raisch regarding Enterprise Facilitation
- Teleconference with Cincinnati State and others regarding "Completion by Design" grant collaboration
- Chili Cook-off Judging at South Campus
- Meeting with Representatives of OSU South Centers
- Foundation Board Chairman Planning Meeting
- Highland County Chamber Board Meeting
- Dedication and Tour of UC East
- Annual SSCC Advisory Breakfast
- All-College Meeting – Strategic Visioning with all faculty/staff
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Distance Education Coordinator

The position of Distance Education Coordinator has been posted, and the search committee has been selected to begin reviewing resumes within the week. It is anticipated that the selection of the Distance Education Coordinator will be complete by the end of November with an approximate start date sometime in December.

As the number of distance education courses and the associated faculty members and students increase, there is need for

The department continues to provide support and training resources to New Sabina Industries, which is facing a reduction in workforce in 2011, due to one of their operations moving to Mexico. In October, New Sabina associates began taking online industrial technology training provided through a partnership with ITZ and Southern State Community College.

Two half-day customized training workshops were provided to NCB Bank of Hillsboro. The workshops were designed to improve employee productivity through targeted instruction on software the bank uses, and the workshops were conducted at Central Campus.

Corporate and Community Services hosted a small group of representatives Friday, Oct. 29, at the annual Advisory Breakfast at Central Campus. Partners from local industry completed a survey and provided feedback and suggestions for improvement.

Continuing Education & CCS Notes

Non-credit classes from the Continuing Education offerings this fall continue to be cancelled due to low/no enrollment. Exceptions are the art-related classes at South. Revisions to the approach are planned for winter quarter, in the hope that some classes can be offered that draw sufficient enrollment. Work with University Alliance continues so that a wider range of non-credit, workforce-related, online courses developed by such prestigious institutions as Villanova University, the University of San Francisco, and others can be offered to the community. These non-credit courses should be ready in November.

Southern State has been selected by Connect Ohio as a sub-award recipient to provide basic, introductory computer training to the five counties comprising the SSCC service area. In cooperation with our representative at the Ohio Attorney General's office, the sub-award agreement with Connect Ohio is being reviewed. It is expected to be finalized in early November. Connect Ohio is a group dedicated to improving broadband access in Ohio, and improved broadband is a key issue for the SSCC community. The primary focus now is improving the adoption rates in our service area, through the ECO (Every Citizen Online) initiative.

Enterprise Center

There were two business consultations:

- 1 – Student travel service (pre-venture)
- 1 – Mobile marketing service (pre-venture)

Coordinator Russ Brewer participated in the following meetings:

- Oct. 5 – Leadership Adams Board meeting, Winchester
- Oct. 5 – Highland County Enterprise Facilitator Project Management Team Meeting, Hillsboro
- Oct. 14-15 – Highland County Enterprise Facilitator Project Sirolli Training, Hillsboro
- Oct. 29 – Conference Call with the Appalachian Regional Entrepreneurship Group

Coordinator Brewer participated in the following meetings:

- Oct. 25 – Meeting with Mike Jackson, Director, Maysville Entrepreneurial Center, Maysville
- Oct. 27 – Meeting with Meagan Barnes and Ryan Mapes of OSU South Centers and SBDC, SSCC President Kevin Boys, and SSCC Dean of CCS John Joy, South Campus

Other sources that were less common included:

2. Newspaper Ads
3. Alumni Referrals
4. Email Announcements
5. Others – Metropolitan Life and Wright State University

Advising and Retention Services

Advising

The office had 372 contacts with students during the month of September. In the three-fourths of a year that the office has been opened, it has had just fewer than 300 student contacts per month.

The office is currently accepting applications for a part-time advisor. The individual filling this position will work primarily at the Fayette Campus.

All the professional advisors from the office attended the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) annual conference Oct. 3-6 in Orlando, Fla. All attendees agreed that this was a very beneficial experience. One benefit in particular was the opportunity to interact and share experiences with individuals from all types of institutions.

In addition, one advisor (Freddie Jenkins) participated in a musical performance provided by the all-conference choir.

Retention

To date, faculty have submitted 66 students to the office through the early warning system. The staff is working to contact these students in order to work with them to develop a plan of action that will lead to immediate and future success in their classes. The staff is currently working on ways to streamline the system in order to reach students quicker.

Disability Services

The Office of Disability Services has moved to a new location. The office is now located in Room 406 on Central Campus. Regular office hours have been established and posted at each campus.

The office worked with the Communications Department to provide signage for offices on each campus and to update the brochure. In the near future, the office expects to have permanent signage at Central Campus. This will serve to increase awareness about the services the office provides as well

The office is working with Karyn Evans of the Adult Opportunity Center to provide English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to a native ASL signer.

Cathy Zile is developing and testing a Blackboard site currently titled "Accessibility" to provide faculty, tutors, and staff with a resource to understand issues related to providing online classes to students with disabilities.

Childcare

Fiscal Year-to-Date Tuition Discount Totals:

\$ 421.44 Sibling discounts
\$ 856.25 Student discounts
\$7,721.50 Employee discounts
\$8,989.19

Enrollment

The final Fall 2010 enrollment report has been completed. Total credit hours enrolled is 40,536 (a 6.26% increase). Total FTE is 2,702.4 (a 6.26% increase). Total headcount is 3,729 (a 10.65% increase). Comparisons are made against the final Fall 09 enrollment report.

Enclosures

- PSEO Enrollment Report
- Vision Map
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