

| DR. KEVIN BOYS, PRESIDENT

Details for Upcoming Board Meeting and Graduation

We eagerly await the first graduation under the semester system this Friday, May 3. Our graduation speaker is the Honorable Brett Spencer of Adams County. Judge Spencer has been a wonderful partner in our expansion of GED classes in Adams County. His personal story is compelling. You will find the press release included in this packet. Approximately 500 students have met their graduation requirement since last summer session.

4:00 p.m. | May Board Meeting | Room 106

5:30 p.m. | Dinner | Hallway 100

6:30 p.m. | Prepare for Processional | Room 203/4

7:00 p.m. | Graduation Ceremony | Patriot Center

Executive Session

Immediately after roll call, the board will adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. Please note that the start time is 4 p.m. to allow for sufficient time for the meeting and graduation dinner.

Faculty Emeriti

You will see on the agenda that the Faculty Senate is bringing forward recommendations that the following faculty members be designated as Faculty Emeriti: Virginia Ferguson, Teresa Grooms, Louis Mays, Ken Shull, and James Skip Werline. All of those that have been so honored during this academic year have been invited to the pre-graduation dinner so that we can personally honor and congratulate them.

All-Ohio Academic Luncheon

The All-Ohio Academic Luncheon was held April 25 in the atrium of the State Capitol. The Speaker of the House and Senate President were on hand to congratulate the recipients of scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$2,000. These following Southern State students were honored as members of All-Ohio Academic teams:

Second Team: Stephanie McKinney

Third Team: Sharon Hatfield, Robin Hopper, Christine Kessinger, and Emily Turner.

Ohio Presidents' Conference

As I briefly mentioned in my report last month, I was able to participate in the planning of the annual Ohio Presidents' Conference. This conference is a gathering of college presidents (public and private). Senator Sherrod Brown sponsors this annual conference and it provides the only time during the calendar year in which we all convene. Perhaps more important, it allows an opportunity for us to meet with high ranking government officials on challenges confronting higher education. This year we heard from Senators Lamar Alexander, Sherrod Brown, Rob Portman, and Tom Harkin. The keynote address was provided by the Honorable Eric Shinseki, U.S. Secretary of Veteran Affairs. Other panels addressed the topics of Massive Open Online

President's Activities and Involvement

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

WSRW Radio Education Spotlights
Meeting with Hillsboro Safety Service Director Todd Wilkin
Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony
Ohio Jobs and Workforce Development Summit

Post

The Department of Education has imposed several more items that the college financial aid office must monitor and verify prior to disbursement of funds. This extra monitoring is very time consuming, and without the new system probably would not be possible with the current number of staff.

and Tutoring Assistant, Writing) on issues regarding writing tutoring, Adam Holbrook (SSCC Athletic Director and Academic Advisor) on advising student athletes, Janeen Disavoy (SSCC Director of Financial Aid) on advising financial aid, Wendy Johnson (SSCC Director of Admissions) on PSEO issues, and Susan Long on the goals of the restructuring. Updates on North and Fayette campus advising issues are provided by Carolou McCarren (SSCC Advisor, North Campus) and Brenda Landis (SSCC Advisor, Fayette Campus). Stephanie Bartley (SSCC Tutoring Specialist) and Kari Simpson (SSCC Tutoring Specialist) provide updates on training for tutors. For more information, contact (815) 831-1313 or (815) 831-1313.

–Tom Payton (SSCC C

Two special sessions of "Making Peace with Passion," a free workshop aimed at increasing awareness of violence in romantic relationships, were conducted at Central Campus on Friday, April 26. Bob Hall, professional speaker, conducted the workshop which discussed risks and warning signs of unhealthy relationships and how to seek help. The Office of