



JUNE 2021 | DR. KEVIN BOYSE, PRESIDENT

- Slight increases (1% and ½%) in each year of the biennium in State Share
- The flexibility to increase tuition up to \$5 per credit hour in each year
- The establishment of the Ohio Code Scholarship Pilot program to be adopted through Southern State in our local high schools and Career Centers with an appropriation of \$240,000 in each fiscal year

### COVID Recovery Plan

As you know, health orders throughout Ohio including those affecting the operation of the College were lifted on June 2. Susan Morris has coordinated the effort with the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents to develop a plan and communicate guidance on campus now that the



# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## In the News

### Faculty Participating in Ohio Transfer 36 Review Panels

Southern State is pleased to learn from the Ohio Department of Higher Education's Ohio Transfer and Articulation Network (OTAN) that two of our nominations were accepted for review panel participation . Panel participation helps facilitate progress and implementation of statewide initiatives, as well as strengthen courses and programs for the students and citizens of Ohio by lending their subject area expertise and guidance to the review process.

Congratulations to Jeffrey Tumbleson who will serve on the Social and Behavioral Sciences faculty review panel and to Annie Rankin who will serve on the Arts and Humanities faculty review panel. Annie Rankin has accepted our invitation to serve and represent Arts and Humanities on statewide Ohio Transfer 36 (formerly the Ohio Transfer Module) reviews. Her involvement and panel participation will help facilitate progress and implementation of statewide initiatives, as well as strengthen courses and programs for the students and citizens of Ohio.

## Adult Opportunity Center

### Aspire Grant Award

From Chancellor Randy Gardner – “After a rigorous review process, I am pleased to let you know that your organization has been selected to receive an Aspire Adult Workforce Readiness Education Grant for Fiscal Year 2022. After the first one-year grant, the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) retains the right to fund the organization for up to two additional years – FY 2023 and FY 2024.

The tentative allocation of funds for your agency for Fiscal Year 2022 is \$240,000 for the Aspire Instructional grant. The final amount is contingent upon receipt of the federal grant award and confirmation of the state appropriation in the state budget bill.”

## Instructional Technology

### New Investments Help to Streamline Quality Assurance

In an effort to meet the needs of the rapidly changing distance learning landscape, the Instructional Technology Department has implemented two new tools aimed at improving distance learning development as well as streamlining quality assurance processes. DesignPLUS Tools for Canvas, allows course designers to cut the time it takes

be well positioned to ensure the transferability of courses to public and private institutions.

The Student Success Center staff (Advising, Counseling, Tutoring) have prepared over the last 2½ years to develop a holistic advising approach to career and academic planning. Many of our students have access to a comprehensive career assessment (compliments of a regional grant initiative for workforce readiness). Staff “coach” students through their career assessment and help them define their goals into an academic plan and pathway. Since *Guaranteed Pathways* ensures the opportunity for a bachelor degree after attending the community college, students can afford to pursue their goals.

## Records Office

### Degrees Conferred

Below is a summary of the number of degrees/certificates conferred during the 2020-2021 time period compared to the previous year.

Category	2020-2021	2019-2020
AS	68	37
AAB	28	30
AAS	129	75
ATS	2	1
One Year Cert	29	118
One Year Cert	43	47
Total General Degrees	126	176
Total Technical Degrees	140	106
<b>Total All Degrees/Certificates</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>328</b>

### Summer Semester

Summer semester began Monday, May 24. Over the next few weeks the Records Office will be reviewing the attendance reported from instructors and will be updating enrollments accordingly.

### Jenzabar Annual Meeting

The Registrar attended the Jenzabar Annual Meeting on June 24.

## Financial Aid

### Office Transition

Financial Aid Director, Linda Myers, retired on May 30 and Suzanne Harmon was hired as Financial Aid Director with a start date of May 3. Linda and Suzanne worked together during the month of May to transition the office.

Kaylynn Bell was hired in May as Financial Aid Assistant and handles document intake, student emails and mail, as well numerous clerical duties in the Financial Aid Office.

## Recruitment/Admissions

### New Student Orientation

Letters have been mailed to students who are registered for summer classes. Completion for summer is significantly better than years past.

### OACAC College Fair Update

OACAC, with guidance from the CDC and State of Ohio, has decided to have in-person college fairs this fall. The Clinton County College Fair will go on with Wilmington High School and the request has been put in with OACAC, but no date has been set at this time.

The Director is working with Highland County high schools to possibly rotate the HCCF between the Highland County high schools.

## Phi Theta Kappa

### Leadership

Applications are being accepted for VP positions, and Meg Storrs has been added to the Advisor Team effective June 1.

### Events

Honors Institute will be held virtually June 23 -24 and will be attended by advisors and 3 members.

Leadership Development Studies will be held virtually in August. Advisor, Susan Morris, will attend to become certified to teach the course.

The chapter participated in the SSCC Cruisein Commencement by providing a photo booth. A photo op with Patrick the Patriot was the highlight!

