Results of the June 20, 2006
Board of Governors Meeting

Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers

Ms. Jada Hunter, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the committee’s proposed slate of officers for fiscal year 2006-2007. By a unanimous vote, the Board of Governors elected Linda Q. Akers as Chair, Rory Perry as Vice Chair, and Jada Hunter as Secretary for fiscal year 2006-2007.

Action Items

Board Approves 2006-2007 Schedule of Meetings

The Board of Governors approved the its schedule of meetings for 2006-2007 as follows:

- September 26, 2006
- October 19, 2006
- October 20, 2006
- November 21, 2006
- February 20, 2007
- April 24, 2007
- June 19, 2007

Unless otherwise indicated, all business meetings of the Board begin at 6:00 p.m. Additional meetings may be necessary for emergency or time-sensitive issues.
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Transfer of Bond Funds Approved

Provisions of the Lottery Revenue Bond Issue of 2004 allow institutions to request that the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission transfer funds not needed by one project to another project. The Lottery Revenue Bond Issue of 2004 included $318,000.00 for the purpose of paying the remaining debt on the Logan Downtown Annex building. The debt payoff was $144,000.00 and renovations to the building totaled $28,420.74 leaving a remaining balance of $157,579.26.

Discussion Items

Academic Program Review Follow-up

At its April 18, 2006 meeting, the Board of Governors approved the recommendations of the Program Review Committee to continue the University Parallel Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degree programs at the current level of activity with corrective action and that the academic leadership be provided the opportunity to address identified weaknesses and the recommendations offered by the Division Chairs.

Mr. Merle Dempsey, Executive Vice President, informed the Board that several meetings have taken place since the April 18 Board meeting. It has been determined that the institution’s program review process needs to be reviewed and its data collection process customized. At this time, there is no new data to present to the Board.

Strategic Planning Workshop and Board of Governors Retreat

Dr. David Pierce will facilitate the Board of Governors Strategic Planning Workshop on September 26, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Room 116 at the Earl Ray Tomblin Workforce Development Center and Administrative Complex.

The Board will focus on development of a Strategic Plan during its annual planning retreat facilitated by Mr. Tom Heywood scheduled for October 20, 2006 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston, WV.

Needs Agenda Technology Acquisition Plan

Chief Technology Officer, Ronald Hamilton, addressed the Board regarding priorities for the implementation of technology at the institution for the next five years. The Media-Technology Governance Committee developed a Needs Agenda Technology Acquisition Plan to address the rapid changes in technology to be managed through planned equipment acquisition cycles and ongoing software maintenance. Mr. Hamilton reviewed and discussed ongoing projects and priorities contained in the document.

Review of Institutional Mission and Vision Statements

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools recommends that institutional mission and vision statements be reviewed periodically and adjusted accordingly. During its Strategic Planning process in October, the Board of Governors will review Southern's Mission and Vision Statements to determine if adjustments are necessary and make a formal recommendation.
President Joanne Tomblin updated the Board on relevant institutional developments:

1. Completed Dialogue Days on May 2 at the Wyoming/McDowell Campus. Since the last Board of Governors meeting the President has met individually with 17 employees. The personal conferences provide an avenue for employees to discuss with President Tomblin any issues, ideas and/or concerns they may have about the direction of the College.

2. Southern’s annual Employee Recognition Awards Ceremony was held on May 5, 2006 at the Logan Campus.

3. On May 12, 2006, Southern conducted its annual Allied Health Pinning Ceremony at the Earl Ray Tomblin Convention Center in Chapmanville, WV. Graduates from Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technology, Radiologic Technology, and Emergency Medical Services received their individual program pins and recited professional oaths.

4. Ms. Jeannette Walls, award-winning author of The Glass Castle was the keynote speaker for Southern’s Commencement Ceremony held May 13, 2006 at the Earl Ray Tomblin Convention Center.

5. On May 31, 2006, a 2+2 Agreement was signed with Marshall University to deliver locally a full baccalaureate degree in Elementary Education K-6 Comprehensive Program for students in our service district. Courses will be delivered at the Williamson Campus.

6. President Tomblin held the annual Administrative Retreat June 14-16, 2006 in Kingsport, TN.

7. Discussions are currently underway with Midway College to develop a 2+2 agreement in Homeland Security.

8. Beginning August 2006, Lindsey Wilson College will deliver an on-site Bachelor’s Degree in Human Services, and a Master’s Degree in Counseling and Human Development for eligible residents in Southern’s service district who wish to pursue this degree option. This program will be delivered at the Williamson Campus.

9. President Tomblin created an Ad-hoc Committee on Faculty Responsibilities to review and make recommendations on several faculty responsibilities including student load, enrollment-based incentives, release time, college service, class caps, and review of current policies concerning these topics. Merle Dempsey will serve as the committee facilitator throughout its tenure. Recommendations are expected to be received by President Tomblin in January 2007.

10. The Williamson Campus Task Force mailed business surveys to 800 businesses located in Mingo and Wayne Counties in West Virginia, and Martin and Pike Counties in Kentucky. Student surveys were also delivered to elementary, middle and high school students in these communities. Currently, survey responses are being collected and results tabulated.


12. Southern received more than two million dollars in grant funds for fiscal year 2005-2006.


14. Accreditation site visits are scheduled for the following Allied Health programs:
   - Medical Laboratory Technology, October 2006
   - Dental Hygiene, April 2007

15. Construction is scheduled to soon begin on the Beckley Higher Education facility which is targeted to open for business in fall 2007.

16. Additional new programs scheduled to begin at Southern include

   **Credit**
   - Water-Wastewater (On-line)
   - Forestry Technician (Williamson)
   - Cosmetology (Boone)

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- Auto Technician (Lincoln Vocational School)
- Medical Billing and Coding (Williamson)
- Diesel Mechanic (Wyoming and Lincoln)
- Respiratory Therapy/Care (Williamson)
- Mortuary Science (Kanawha Site)
- Expand Surgery Technician
- Physical / Occupational Therapy (long-term goal)

Non-credit
- Mine Training and Energy Technologies
- Small Engine Repair
- ATV Repair
- Hospitality Program Upgrade
- Security Guard Certificate
- EMT/M Certificate

17. Construction is scheduled to begin July 1 on the Allied Health and Technology Center.

Other

Congratulations to Connie White, Professor of Accounting in the Division of Business and Public Administration, for her appointment to participate in a College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) Standard Setting Study for the CLEP Accounting Exam. She was among 20 experts nationally appointed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) in Princeton, New Jersey.

The 2006 Savas-Kostas Award for Excellence was presented by Ms. Linda Q. Akers, Board of Governors Chair, during Southern's Commencement Ceremony on May 13, 2006. The award was established as a permanent endowment by businessman Nick Savas in 1989 in recognition of contributions by outstanding faculty and classified staff of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College. This year’s faculty recipients are Jennifer Godby, Professor of English, and Matthew Payne, Information Technology Instructor. Classified Staff recipients are Freeman Davis, Wyoming Campus Building Service Worker, and Sandra Podunavac, Administrative Associate for the Vice President of Economic, Workforce and Community Development.

Mr. Chad Baisden, a second year nursing student at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, was named a New Century Scholar by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges. Mr. Baisden was honored at the American Association of Community Colleges convention in Long Beach, CA, April 22-24. He represent all West Virginia community college students at the convention’s opening ceremony on April 22. Pictured l-r are Barbara Donahue, Nursing Coordinator, President Tomblin, and Chad Baisden.

The next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2006, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Room 111 at Southern’s Logan Campus, 2900 Dempsey Branch Road, Mount Gay, West Virginia.

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