Board of Governors

Action Items

Approval of Minutes

The Board unanimously approved the June 15, 2004 meeting minutes.

Discussion Items

Board of Governors Retreat

The Board will hold their annual planning retreat on October 22, 2004, at Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV. Mr. Terry Purdy, Cargill Associates, will provide a progress report on the Major Gifts Campaign.

Wyoming / McDowell Campus Task Force Report

In November 2002, President Joanne Jaeger Tomblin established the Task Force to assess the needs of the Wyoming/McDowell Campus service area and make recommendations for the future direction of the campus. Patricia Clay, Task Force Administrative Liaison, provided an overview of the project and updated Board members on the findings and final recommendations of the committee.

Board of Governors Associate in Applied Science Degree

Ms. Calisa Pierce, Director / Chair of Transitional Studies, informed the Board about the new adult degree completion program that is now available to all WV community and technical colleges. The Adult Degree Completion Program is an alternative degree program designed for adult students seeking a degree completion program. The program is specifically devised for adults to meet occupational goals, employment requirements, establish professional credentials, or achieve personal goals at the associate degree level. The unique aspect of the program provides the opportunity for adults to be granted college credit for prior learning experiences via licenses, certificates, military credit, work experience or other non-collegiate sources while assuring maximum credit transferability. The Board of Governors A.A.S. is designed to articulate with the Regents Bachelor of Arts Degree, a similar program at the baccalaureate level.
**Discussion Items Continued:**

**Academic Affairs Update**

Ms. Cathy (Katie) Smith, Vice President for Academic Affairs, gave the following synopsis:

- We are offering 510 sections of courses this semester (includes dual credit courses).
- The West Virginia EDGE (*Earn a Degree Graduate Early*) allows students to take high school courses for community and technical college credit. Students who take the college credit courses available in high school could earn an Associate Degree within one year after high school or in conjunction with a high school diploma.
- Faculty continue to develop and offer on-line course offerings through President Tomblin’s Faculty Incentive Program.
- The Academic Affairs Committee endorsed the new Dental Hygiene Program at their last meeting. Dr. Lisa Haddox-Heston will present the program to the Board of Governors at their November meeting. Discussions are in progress with Logan Regional Medical Center to establish a partnership for our Dental Hygiene Clinic.
- Our Instructional Technologist will begin on October 1st. The position is grant-funded through the HEPC and will assist faculty with technology development.

**Higher Education Bond Issuance Report and Property Acquisition and Facilities Report**

Mr. Fred Scott, Vice President for Finance, reported that Southern will receive bond funding in the amount of $9.6 million for capital projects.

**Facilities Projects Status Report:**

- Williamson Campus HVAC **Complete**
- Williamson Campus Roof Replacement **Complete**
- Logan Campus Roof Repairs **Flood lights still needed.**
- Logan Snack Bar Renovation **Awning still needed.**
- Williamson Faculty Office Furniture **12 offices refurbished; 10 to be refurbished this year; 12-14 to be refurbished in 2005-2006.**
- Specifications being written for December installation of elevator at the Williamson Campus. Specs have been requested for installation of a third elevator at the campus.
- Williamson Campus interior painting scheduled for December.
- Specifications requested for wall demolition, mall gate and awning for the Williamson Snack Bar.
- Property acquisition, appraisals and negotiations are underway for the new Technology and Allied Health Building in Logan.
- The new building floor plan layouts are complete and renderings are forthcoming.
- Southern's wing is under construction at the new Lincoln County Comprehensive High School.
President’s Report

Prior to updating the Board on pertinent institutional developments, President Joanne Jaeger Tomblin introduced Southern’s newest family members to the Board: Ms. Cathy (Katie) Smith, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Ms. Cindy Crigger, Communications Director.

Ms. Smith comes to Southern from Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, MI, where she served as the Dean of Arts and Sciences. Ms. Smith resides in Logan.

Ms. Crigger’s most recent employment was at Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, KY, where she served as Public Relations Specialist for more than 10 years. She resides in Williamson.

1. As of September 21, enrollment figures show an increase in headcount of 4% and 1.29% in FTE. These figures do not include dual credit enrollment.

2. Southern’s campus is currently under construction at the new Lincoln County Comprehensive High School.

3. President Tomblin recognized Ron Hamilton for diligently pursuing grant funds for the Distance Learning Project that will interactively link all county high schools in our service district to the College. This initiative is designed to provide distance-learning services to high school students residing in rural areas who would otherwise not have access to college preparatory classes.

4. Dual credit offerings have increased this semester in Mingo County.

5. Professor Belvai (Vinnie) Kudva was selected as Director for the Teaching / Learning Center, which is under the direction of Ms. Katie Smith.

6. President Tomblin and Mingo County House of Delegates member, Steven Kominar, have an appointment with General Major Allen E. Tackett, adjutant general of the WV National Guard, on October 1st to discuss possible acquisition of the Williamson National Guard Armory. The Logan and Williamson detachments will combine into one unit and occupy a new facility in 2006.

7. The annual Business Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Economic, Workforce and Community Development Unit is scheduled for October 28, 2004, at the Earl Ray Tomblin Convention Center. A reception is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. with dinner immediately following. President Tomblin extended an invitation to all Board members and announced that formal Invitations are forthcoming.

8. Foundation fundraising events:
   - Logan Golf Outing was held on August 26th at the Logan Country Club. Mr. Don Nehlen, former WVU football coach, was the guest speaker.
   - September 30th, Wyoming Campus Golf Outing at Twin Falls State Park.
   - October 17th, Bowling Tournament at Plaza Lanes in Logan, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

9. The Institutional Compact will be brought before the Board for approval at the October 21 meeting. Merle Dempsey, Executive Vice President, is in charge of the project.

10. The Higher Education Policy Commission’s annual Boards of Governors training is scheduled for Friday, September 24, 2004 in Charleston. The purpose of the daylong conference is to contribute to an understanding of the major responsibilities of board leadership, especially in the context of higher education reorganization and restructuring. Board member, Dr. David R. Pierce, is scheduled as a speaker for the training.
President’s Report Continued:

11. Mr. Rory Perry, Board Secretary, will attend the annual Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) conference, October 5-9, 2004 in New Orleans, LA.

12. President Tomblin and Allyn Sue Barker, Vice President for Workforce, Economic and Community Development, will attend the annual Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA) conference, October 2-5, 2004 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

13. Southern received official notification from Governor Bob Wise of an award of $300,000 in State Set Aside funds for the WV Courtesy Patrol program to provide the educational component for Workforce Invest Act (WIA) eligible adults as Courtesy Patrol drivers.

14. Major Gifts Campaign Update

- Cargill Associates surveyed 7,000 Southern alumni and personally interviewed 60 persons.
- One hundred percent of those persons they personally spoke with have high regard for the College.
- The Foundation has retained Cargill Associates for 20 months to work on the Major Gifts Campaign.
- Terry Purdy, Consultant, will join us at the Board Retreat and provide a detailed report.
- This is a long-term venture.

Other

1. Madame Chair expressed gratitude to Allyn Sue Barker and Pauline Sturgill for development of a 5-10 year plan for the Corridor G Development Authority.

2. Chair Huffman announced that a press release was forthcoming in the Coal Valley News regarding Southern working hand-in-hand with the Corridor G Regional Development Authority Board of Directors. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Chair Huffman expressed gratitude to President Tomblin and Vice President Barker.

3. The Williamson Campus Community Appreciation Day held in conjunction with the King Coal Festival, is scheduled for Sunday, September 26, 2004, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2004—6:00 p.m.  
Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV

Annual Board of Governors Retreat: October 22, 2004  
8:00 a.m.—4:00p.m.  
Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV

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