

CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL:

As prescribed in West Virginia Code §18B-6-4b, the classified staff council held their annual meeting with the governing board to discuss matters affecting classified employees.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ratification of the 2020 Vision

The Board unanimously endorsed the 2020 Vision presented by President Joanne Jaeger Tomblin which is based upon the direction set forth by the Board of Governors at its 2002 strategic planning retreat.

Classified Staff Constitution Approval

House Bill 2224 mandated several changes to Chapter 18B of the West Virginia State Code affecting classified staff employees at higher education institutions. Effective April 1, 2003, Section 18B-6-4b was added to the WV Code that established at each higher education institution an institutional classified employee's advisory council to be known as the "Staff Council" or "Council," terms of membership, and the institutional president's and governing board's involvement with the Council.

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College's Classified Staff Council made revisions to its Classified Staff Constitution, SCP-1091 (the "Constitution") to reflect these mandates, along with some additional changes.

The revised Constitution was sent to all classified staff employees for their review and comment on October 8, 2003. A vote was taken on each of Southern's campuses and the downtown annex on November 3 and 4, 2003, by the Council representatives at those locations. A final tally of the votes was made at the November 5, 2003, Council meeting which resulted in 84% approval of the revised Constitution.

The Board of Governors granted final approval of SCP-1091, Classified Staff Council Constitution, as requested by the Council.

Dissolution of College Council

At their September 26, 2003 meeting, College Council members reviewed their work over the last two years and determined that the Council's purpose has significantly changed since the Board of Governors became the rule-making body under which the institution operates. Therefore, the members voted to make a formal request to the Board that the Council be abolished since it no longer has a purpose for existence. At their October 21, 2003 meeting, the Board of Governors unanimously approved for the process to begin to dissolve the College Council from the institutional governance system. The governance handbook was revised and submitted to the Board for review and final approval. The Board of Governors granted final approval to dissolve the College Council as recommended by its membership effective November 18, 2003.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Joanne Jaeger Tomblin updated the Board on pertinent institutional developments.

1. Approximately 100 persons attended the annual Business Appreciation Dinner was held on November 5, 2003 at the Earl Ray Tomblin Convention Center.
2. The Higher Education Policy Commission will host a seminar "Quality and Cost Containment in Higher Education" on December 4, 2003 at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center in Charleston. President Tomblin and Chair Huffman plans to attend. Several Board members plan to participate by video conference from the College.
3. Pat Summerall Productions will host "Champions of Industry: Focus on Education" featuring a six-minute segment on Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College that will air on the Discovery Channel on Thursday, November 20, 2003 beginning at 8:00 a.m. We are currently broadcasting the segment on our television channel. Also, our video will run on the Internet on www.TheEducationStation.com. It will be showcased and featured on the main page November 15-21, 2003, under the category of colleges and universities. The video may also be accessed from Southern's main page.
4. Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College held an Open House Saturday, November 15, 2003, at the Logan Campus. We will hold an Open House at the Williamson Campus on Saturday, December 6th.
5. Preliminary on-line pre-registration began November 3rd for the spring 2004 semester. College-wide enrollment statistics show an increase from 2003.
6. HB 3009 funds will provide Southern with \$173,000 for expansion of the Nursing program into the Kanawha Valley. Ms. Pam Alderman and Polly Donohue are currently interviewing candidates for that site.
7. President Tomblin, Pam Alderman, Polly Donahue and Dama Vance attended the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (N-OADN) Conference held in Tampa, FL, November 8-11, 2003.
8. All College Day will be held January 12, 2004. President Tomblin will present the 2020 Vision to College employees.
9. APPALREAD will hold its annual book drive to collect children's books through December 6, 2003.
10. A total of 10 courses will be offered via the FastTrack program beginning with the spring semester.
11. Southern's Emergency Plan is being completed.
12. Merle Dempsey and Fred Scott continue working with architects to finalize the Master Facilities Plan. It will be presented to the Board of Governors at their February 17, 2004 meeting for approval. Following approval by the Board, we will present it to the Higher Education Policy

Commission in March 2004.

13. Southern recently underwent a Civil Rights Audit and Financial Audit. We received excellent reviews from both groups.
14. Stoney's will no longer operate the Logan Campus Snack Bar after December 2003.
15. The HEPC has scheduled Higher Education Day at the Legislature for February 3, 2004.
16. President Tomblin received the proposal from the Teaching/Learning Center Committee. She plans to bring information regarding the proposal to the February 2004 Board meeting.
17. The Interactive System at the Pettus Site will soon be moved to Mount View High School in McDowell County.
18. The Wyoming County Task Force continues to conduct community surveys and will submit their report next semester.
19. The Tourism Workshop held by our Workforce Development Unit was well attended.
20. Governor Wise anticipates a revenue shortfall of \$15-20

million by the end of 2003.

Next meeting: February 17, 2004, Logan
Campus–Room 111, 6:00 p.m.

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