



President's Report March 20, 2006

Special Activity-COE

- Dr. Linda Barlow, Vice President for Instruction at Lanier Technical College in Georgia, visited the college for her preliminary visit on March 1 and 2. She toured the campuses and reviewed the documentation that we have assembled for the visiting team. A nine-member team will visit GCTC from April 10 – 13, with the opening reception slated for Monday, April 10th at 7 PM at the Boone Campus.

Increasing Access

- The new Integrated Manufacturing Program that received approval from the Board of Regents in December is sponsoring an open house at the Boone Campus on Wednesday, March 22nd. Tony Clarke, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the program, has invited area manufacturers and area students to meet to learn more about manufacturing as a career. The event will begin at 5:30 PM.
- While a new class of 50 nursing students at the RN level was admitted to the January term, the college's first RN graduates are completing their studies and will graduate in May. Over 400 students have applied for the Fall 2006 class.
- Gateway will be hosting Sixth District 5th graders to conduct a career day and tour of the Gateway facilities on Wednesday, March 29. Groups of 15 students will tour the four campuses and learn about careers and the education and training needed to enter the careers.

Strengthening Regional Economic Development

- The college's pilot program in a Construction Trades Apprenticeship Program has begun with 25 students. The goal of this program is to build a program for plumbers and carpenters, based on the German apprenticeship model. That model has students working with an employer four to five days per week and attending classes several nights, or one day per week for instruction over a two-year period. Matth Toeppen (Toeppen Companies) has been instrumental in the development of the program. The program is funded via a KCTCS grant.

- Gateway Community and Technical College's capital project for the \$36.6 million Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness (Phase II) Boone Campus was partially included in the Governor's budget proposal at \$26.6 million, but only funded at the design phase of \$1.0 million in the House budget. We are awaiting the Senate version of the budget to see what level of funding will be provided.
- The college's request for support of \$5.0 million equipment fund for the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness was considered, but not funded in the Federal budget. A similar request has been submitted to Congressman Davis for the next budget.
- The college has begun a program to train heavy equipment operators for the highway construction industry. GCTC will partner with the Workforce Investment Board, the Kentucky Department of Transportation, and Brighton Center to offer training to individuals beginning in February at the Park Hills Center. This is a replication of a project begun at Elizabethtown CTC.

Developing Partnerships

- Gateway continues to be one of a large group of colleges, businesses, and agencies that have agreed to join forces in a region-wide (across the river) College Access Program. Every major two and four-year college and university in the Greater Cincinnati Area is participating (Cincinnati State and Gateway are the only two-year colleges). The initial goals of CAP are to increase the college/post-secondary education and training going rates of young people in the region. Seven faculty and staff members from GCTC are serving on four CAP teams.
- Gateway Community & Technical College Assessment Center will be the first provider of the internet-based TOEFL test in Northern KY beginning in April 2006. The TOEFL test measures English proficiency and is accepted at over 5,000 colleges, universities, and licensing agencies in the world. The TOEFL internet-based test includes listening, speaking, reading, and writing components.

Capacity Building

- EOP architects have completed meetings with faculty and staff for the Allied Health Sciences project at the Edgewood Campus. Phase B conceptual design in which detailed room-by-room plans are developed have been completed. EOP and Gateway Community and Technical College have met several times with the key staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center to coordinate the master campus plans for both institutions that will provide the college with a new entrance into the Edgewood Campus.

- The Request for Proposals for the design of the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness has been developed and advertised. The goal is to have an architect employed by April 15 to begin working with faculty and staff on the design and programming of the center.
- The college has been notified that a renovation of the HVAC system for the Highland Heights Campus has been funded by KCTCS and will be completed during the summer term.
- After several years of searching, the college has linked with a developer who is working with St. Elizabeth Medical Center and Healthpoint Family Medical to develop a 12-acre site adjacent to I-75/1 and 12th Street in Covington for its Urban Campus. The GCTC Foundation development committee is being engaged to assist in developing a financing plan for the project.
- Newly hired employees since last meeting:
Mary Lou Zirkelbach – Administrative Assistant for the HRSA (Nursing) Grant.

Securing Financial Resources

- A preliminary draft of a Case for Support has been outlined by Laura Cook, Vice President for Resource Development and External Affairs. It will be reviewed and shared with the Board in March as will the projected campaign schedule.
- A new annual scholarship was presented to the college. Michael and Phyllis Lynch established an annual scholarship in honor of Mrs. Lynch's father, Thomas, who was a tinsmith and a Rotarian receiving the Paul Harris Award. It will be known as the Thomas Eugene Langley Memorial Scholarship. The Lynch family, through Minuteman Press in Florence, will provide \$1,000 per year for the scholarship to be offered at the college. The scholarship will cover one academic year and may be renewed for a second year, if the student maintains eligibility for the scholarship. It will be used for tuition and books at the college.

Celebrating Excellence

- Two students at GCTC were selected to represent the college on the KCTCS All-Kentucky Academic Team. They will be announced at a dinner on April 11th in Lexington.
- Eight faculty and staff members have submitted applications for the 2006 KCTCS Presidents Leadership Seminar. Two will be selected to participate in the fall week-long seminar hosted by President McCall.

- Commencement will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center beginning at 7 p.m.
- The Nursing Pinning Ceremony for RN and LPN graduates will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at the NKU METS Center beginning at 7 p.m.
- Laura Cook, Vice President for Resource Development and External Affairs, has been named one of the Top Ten in the region for advertising, marketing, and public relations by the Women's Business Cincinnati publication.
- Rick Neltner and JoDee Wilson, students in the Visual Communications Arts Program, received top honors in the student competition held as part of the Cincinnati ADDY Awards. The ADDY's are the top awards given to marketing and advertising companies and are coveted in the profession. Rick won the National Judges Best of Show, the Local Judges Best of Show, and a silver ADDY for Package Design. JoDee received a silver ADDY for her package design. Toni Bloom is the instructor of the class in which the award projects were completed.

Investing in Employees

- A new employee additional benefit program has been initiated by the SOAR team. The program will be conducted by the Liberty Mutual Company and will involve insurance discounts, a series of employee selected workshops on topics ranging from identifying security and auto identification program, and retirement planning. It was implemented in January.
- The college conducted its first annual Health and Wellness Fair for employees on January 31. A team from St. Luke Hospital was on campus to conduct a variety of health and wellness screenings designed to give employees information about their own health. The screenings were free. Staff members from St. Luke's were available to interpret the results. Approximately 120 employees took part in the health fair. The North Central Area Health Center coordinated the event and provided a healthy morning snack for participants.

Priorities for President

Past Quarter

Activities focused on the following:

- Maintaining the funding for the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness in the Legislative budget.

- Maintaining Chamber of Commerce support for the college's recurring and capital funding requests to the Kentucky General Assembly.
- Securing Chamber support for Federal Funding of an equipment fund for \$5.0 million.
- Completing the conceptual design planning for the Allied Health Sciences Center.
- Assisting in the preparation of the COE self-study and SACS accreditation processes.
- Securing additional recurring funding for the college.
- Monitoring carefully the college's right start and budget processes.
- Submitted article for publication -- ACCT Quarterly to be published in April.
- Initiated search process for Provost.

Next Quarter

Activities will be focused on the following:

- Securing full funding in the Legislative budget for the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness.
- Secure additional recurring funding of \$2 million in the college budget from the General Assembly and KCTCS.
- Work with Congressman Davis and Senator Bunning to secure added federal funding.
- Finalize design of the Allied Health Sciences Campus.
- Complete COE reaffirmation visit report.
- Revise and implement the ongoing employee orientation program.
- Prepare college for the next phase of "Right Start" for students.
- Complete search process for VP of Academic and Student Support.
- Finalize plans for the Urban Campus.