

**President's Report
September 18, 2006**

Special Activities-COE/SACS

- The college submitted the application for candidacy to the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools on August 31, 2006. SACS staff will review the application and supporting documents and make comments back to the college. We have asked that this be expedited to allow the Candidate Review Committee time to make a recommendation to the Commission in December, at which time a decision will be made to send a visiting team to the college in the spring for a site visit.
- The college hosted the highest ranking government official in its history on Friday, September 8, when The Honorable Carlos Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce in President Bush's administration, joined Congressman Geoff Davis at a briefing about Northern Kentucky at the Boone campus. Secretary Gutierrez heard a presentation from a variety of community leaders and the college about the Northern Kentucky economy, its challenges, and how GCTC fits into the workforce development. Gary Moore, Boone County Judge Executive; Dan Tobergte, President of TRI-ED; Daniel Longo, VP of the Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Angie Taylor, VP for Business and Industry Services; and I made presentations which were followed by a roundtable discussion joined by Rick Jordan, Chairman of the GCTC Board of Directors. Secretary Gutierrez was very complimentary of the college's efforts in the career pathway and workforce development and training areas.

Increasing Access

- The preliminary fall headcount enrollment as of September 13 was 2,262, compared to approximately 1,830 or a 23.6% increase over the previous fall. These students represent the "regular" students and do not include dual credit, industry and business training, or apprenticeship students. We anticipate enrolling 650 dual credit students, 420 business, apprenticeship, and other students before the November 1 deadline. Final headcount totals are projected to be 3,332 as compared to 2,952 (12.8%).
- The Urban Learning Center has also seen an increase in enrollment from fall to fall of 28 students or a 22% increase. There are 156 students taking ULC classes from GCTC, TMC, and NKU.

- Gateway and Sixth District Elementary School will again be partners in the Chamber of Commerce B.E.S.T. program. This will be the third year for the partnership which involves 20-25 Gateway employees. A major focus is aimed at the students' parents. The college and school received the Outstanding Elementary Partnership award this past May.
- The college has enjoyed an increased number of articles in the Kentucky Post, Enquirer, and Community Press during the last quarter thanks to the efforts of **Margaret Thomson**. Many of the articles feature students and their successes. In addition, nearly all of the college's program brochures have been completed with the new marketing design.

Strengthening Regional Economic Development

- Gateway Community and Technical College's capital project for the \$28.6 million Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness (Phase II) Boone Campus is in the middle of the process of design. A small core group of employees has been meeting with the architectural firm, Omni (Lexington) for the past month. Individual faculty and staff members have had meetings with the architects to review ideas for specific spaces. The space plan will be completed by October 15. Initial plans call for the completion of the 100,000 sq. ft. facility by spring 2009.
- The college's request for support of a \$5.0 million equipment fund for the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness continues to be reviewed in Washington. Congressman Davis hosted U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez at the Boone Campus on September 8 and requested his assistance in helping secure the funding.
- The College has entered into a tentative agreement with EON to develop an Interactive Digital Center (IDC), better known as a Visualization Center, at the Boone Campus that will utilize the latest in three-dimensional technologies. The center will focus on two main areas: First, it will be a demonstration site for the development of multi-dimensional software programs for businesses and industries desiring simulations. Second, the center will become a site for the development and use of multi-dimensional technology for teaching and learning including web learning and training. A business plan and funding are being secured to launch the center.

Developing Partnerships

- The college is one of a large group of colleges, businesses, and agencies that have agreed to join forces in a region-wide (across the river) program called STRIVE. 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). Five goals of STRIVE focus on preparation of students from pre-school through college with the fundamental goal of preparing the students for careers or college. Seven faculty and staff members from GCTC are serving on STRIVE teams. I currently serve on the Steering Committee.

Capacity Building

- Hemmer Industries has been hired as the contractor for the Allied Health Sciences Center at the Edgewood Campus. Hemmer's bid of \$11.4 million was accepted. A pre-construction meeting will be held on September 21 to begin the construction process. Groundbreaking is scheduled for October 6 at 10 a.m., but may be changed due to a conflict in Governor Fletcher's schedule. Completion of the new building phase is planned for April 2008, with renovation completion of the existing facility in December 2008.
- The HVAC system for the Highland Heights Campus was completed on time for classes to begin as scheduled.

Securing Financial Resources

- Dr. Pend Armistead, President of the Clements Group, and Ray Clements, Chairman of the Board and founder of The Clements Group, provided a two-day campaign workshop for Gateway and Elizabethtown Colleges in preparation for the initiation of the campaigns at each college. **Laura Cook**, Vice President for Resource Development and External Affairs, **Debbie Sumpter**, Staff Assistant, and I attended the workshop. Detailed planning for the campaign is now underway to implement a major gifts campaign in 2007. No goal has been established for the campaign. Potential projects include scholarships, endowments, equipment, and additional construction funds for the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness and construction of a new Urban Campus.

Student Success

- **Shelby Krentz** has appointed full-time to the position of Director of the Academic Advising Center. A renovation of existing space at the Covington Campus for the Advising Center and the Registrar's Office is underway and should be completed within the month.
- The Advising Center worked with over 900 students during the summer and prior to the fall semester. Anecdotal reports from faculty indicate that students have been better prepared to meet the respective course demands, due to the assessment and placement components of the Advising Center. A more formal assessment will be initiated as part of the institutional effectiveness program.

Celebrating Excellence

- **Laura Cook**, Vice President for Resource Development and External Affairs, has been selected as the recipient of the **2006 Donor2 Scholarship**, to be applied toward the cost of her attendance at Council on Resource Development's Annual Conference in Washington, DC, November 1-4.

Investing in Employees

- Additional staff is being hired in several key areas to alleviate increased workloads. The following positions are being advertised currently: utility worker for Covington Campus, accounts payable for Business Office, Instructor of Nursing, College Registrar, Librarian, and Director of Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness (replacing Dr. Stebbins who is retiring in September). Additional funding is being sought to allow for the addition of several office assistants in critical areas of Financial Aid, Admissions, and faculty support. Additional faculty positions in general education, nursing, business, and technical programs are part of the college's plan for recurring funding.
- The LEAD (Leadership, Enrichment and Development) Program will begin September 25-26 and will continue for eight months. The program is an outgrowth of the S.O.A.R. process that requested a formal program be implemented to provide training in leadership. Nine employees have been selected by an external panel of reviewers to be in the class of 2006. **Rebecca Moening**, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, is providing staff support and leadership for LEAD.
- A second leadership training program designed to unite managers will be launched in October. The program will be designed to give division/department chairs, budget center directors, and other key mid-managers specific skills that will aid them in completion of their responsibilities. Professor **Marinell Brown** is leading this effort under **Dr. Deitemeyer's** leadership.

Priorities for President

Past Quarter

The activities focused on the following:

- Securing Federal support for Federal Funding of an equipment fund for \$5.0 million.
- Completing the bid process for the Allied Health Sciences Center.
- Completion of the SACS accreditation application processes.
- Securing additional recurring funding for the college from KCTCS.
- Monitoring carefully the college's "Right Start" and budget processes.
- Completed the orientation of Dr. Kandi Deitemeyer as the College Provost.
- Initiating the planning for the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness.
- Initiating a new budgeting process.

Next Quarter

Activities will be focused on the following:

- Complete the programming process for the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness.
- Secure additional recurring funding in the college budget from KCTCS.
- Work with Congressman Davis and Senator Bunning to secure added federal funding.
- Complete comprehensive planning for major gifts campaign.
- Conduct a groundbreaking ceremony for the Allied Health Sciences Center.
- Complete any requested materials for the COE follow-up visit report.
- Complete search process for vacancies in the VP for Business Affairs and the VP for Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness.
- Finalize plans for the Urban Campus.