



**President's Report
May 15, 2006**

Special Activities-COE/SACS

- The Council on Occupational Education (COE) visiting team report was received on May 5th. The Council provided two reports. The first was the official visiting team report which contained 15 recommendations that were reported in oral form at the team's exit session with the college community. The COE Steering Committee is preparing draft responses to the recommendations and Dr. Michelle Deeley will edit and prepare the final report. The report is due to the Council by May 26, 2006.
- A second report was received from COE regarding the approval of the Boone Campus as a branch campus. The college is preparing a follow-up report to five recommendations for the Boone Campus approval and will submit that report by May 26, 2006.
- The college submitted a two-volume response to the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in response to an initial staff review of the application for candidacy filed in November 2005. The staff member contacted the President late last week and made two additional requests for additional information that will assist the peer readers in reviewing the application. That material will be provided to the Commission by May 17th. The complete application will be considered by the Commission on June 19-22 at which time a decision will be made to send a visiting team to the college in the fall for a site visit.

Increasing Access

- The final spring semester headcount enrollment was 2,614. This compares to a headcount of 2,373 in 2005, for an increase of 10.2 %. The 2006 student credit hours generated by the enrollment is also increased from 16,696 in 2005 to 18,438 in 2006, for an increase of 10.43%.
- Two new classes of 60 nursing students each at the RN level were admitted to the Fall 2006 and January 2007 terms respectively. Over 350 applications were reviewed by the Nursing Admissions Committee. The college's first RN graduates will graduate in May 2006.

- Gateway hosted the Sixth District Elementary School 5th graders for a career day and tour of the Gateway facilities on Wednesday, March 29. Groups of 15 students toured the four campuses and learned about careers and the education and training needed to enter the careers. This is the second annual career day with the college's BEST partner school.
- The college and Sixth District School hosted a Health fair at the school on May 11. College employees and students set up various informational booths for parents of the grade schoolers to learn about healthy living and educational opportunities. Over 350 children and their parents attended the event.

Strengthening Regional Economic Development

- Gateway Community and Technical College's capital project for the \$36.6 million Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness (Phase II) Boone Campus was funded at \$28.6 million in the final state budget. Three architectural firms will be interviewed in Frankfort on May 16th. One firm will be selected to design the facility and oversee its construction.
- The college's request for support of a \$5.0 million equipment fund for the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness is being reviewed in Washington. Congressman Davis requested detailed information regarding the nature of the equipment needed in response to a request from the Department of Labor. The college submitted a detailed list of equipment that will be used in the center.
- The college hosted a new chamber-staffed consortium of manufacturers on May 11th at the Boone Campus. The Northern Kentucky Manufacturing Alliance is a group of 12 companies that are attempting to form an organization that will represent up to 400 small to large manufacturing companies in the region. The alliance members heard a presentation about the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness and a preliminary report from Dr. Angie Taylor and Assistant Professor Tony Clarke on training needs in the industry. The college intends on working closely with the alliance in the design of the center.

Developing Partnerships

- The college 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 CPA teams. The consortium is reviewing a plan similar to the Kalamazoo Promise.
- The Developing Partnerships SOAR team conducted a program information “fair” at the April college-wide meeting. During the session the faculty and staff in the Allied Health programs made 10-12 minute presentations in their respective teaching areas to small groups of GCTC employees. Each small group of employees moved to a different program area and program every 15 minutes. The program enabled GCTC employees to learn more about each of the program areas, talk with the faculty in the programs, and see the instructional space used. Evaluations of the program were nearly unanimous in the enthusiasm for repeating the session with different programs at another campus in the fall.

Capacity Building

- EOP architects have completed final schematic design for the Allied Health Sciences project at the Edgewood Campus. EOP and Gateway Community and Technical College staff have met several times with the key staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center to coordinate the master campus plans for both institutions which will provide the college with a new entrance into the Edgewood Campus. Construction bids are anticipated in the late summer with a contractor being selected by August. Groundbreaking will be held in the early fall term for the \$15 million facility.
- The HVAC system for the Highland Heights Campus has been funded by KCTCS and will begin in a few weeks. The project will cause the complete closure of the Highland Heights Campus for the summer in order for the campus to be ready for fall classes. Personnel will be relocated to other campuses during the summer term.
- Kim Schraffenberger was elected Chairperson of the GCTC Faculty and RuthAnne Kolumba was elected Chairperson of the GCTC Staff.
- Newly hired employees since last meeting:
Teresa Little, Counselor, Title III Program

Securing Financial Resources

- Dr. Clark Townsend of the Clements group interviewed 82 individuals over a two-week period as part of the feasibility study in preparation for the major gifts campaign. The Clements Group will make a report in July to the joint meeting of the Foundation Board and the Board of Directors that will help guide the final major gifts campaign process.
- The GCTC Foundation met on May 11th and agreed to contract with Property Advisors of Cincinnati to obtain more information on the potential value of the Covington/Park Hills Center property.

Student Success

- Amanda Newman and Tess Fredwest, students at GCTC were selected to represent the college on the KCTCS All-Kentucky Academic Team. They were at a dinner on April 11th in Lexington.
- 21 students were inducted into the college's chapter of the National Technical Honor Society during ceremonies on the Edgewood campus on May 4th. Dr. Jack Lundy presented the keynote address. Dr. Lundy, Special Assistant to the President, and Amy Monson, Coordinator of Placement and Cooperative Education, are the advisors to the society.

Celebrating Excellence

- JoDee Wilson, a graduating Visual Communications Arts graduate, was awarded a Silver ADDY at the National AAF Student ADDY competition. She is one of only two winners from the Cincinnati Ad Club (the other is a professional). Her work will be exhibited in San Francisco with the rest of the National winners. She will receive her award at a formal ceremony at the National AAF Conference in San Francisco the beginning of June. The school will also be recognized since it was a class project. JoDee is the first national student winner the Advertising Club of Cincinnati and GCTC has ever had.
- Marinell Brown, Professor of Early Childhood Education, and Rebecca Moening, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, will be recognized on May 16 as the college's New Horizon Faculty and Staff members of the year.
- Commencement will be held on Thursday, May 18th 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 17th at the NKU METS center beginning at 7 p.m.

Investing in Employees

- The Board of Regents of KCTCS approved the awarding of annual increases of 3.5% for full-time KCTCS employees, a \$2.5 million pool of funds to address staff salary compression issues, and a non-recurring merit pool of funds for individuals performing at the exceptional category.

Priorities for President

Past Quarter

The activities focused on the following:

- Securing final legislative approval for the funding for the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness in the Legislative budget.
- Securing Chamber support for Federal Funding of an equipment fund for \$5.0 million.
- Completing the final design planning for the Allied Health Sciences Center.
- Assisting in the completion of the COE visit and 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.
- Published an article in the ACCT Quarterly.
- Made two presentations at the Annual AACC Convention in Long Beach, one with Dr. Angie Taylor.
- Completed the review of candidates for the College Provost position.

Next Quarter

Activities will be focused on the following:

- Complete the selection of the architect for the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Competitiveness.
- Secure additional recurring funding of \$2 million in the college budget from KCTCS.
- Work with Congressmen Davis and Senator Bunning to secure added federal funding.
- Finalize selection of the contractor for the Allied Health Sciences Campus.
- Complete COE follow-up visit report.
- Complete search process for College Provost.
- Complete phase 2 of the reorganization for the academic and student affairs areas of the college.
- Finalize plans for the Urban Campus.
- Hire additional faculty and staff as budget will permit.