

ACTION ITEMS:

Governmental Relations Committee:

The Board unanimously selected Shelley T. Dan to serve as Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College's Board of Governors representative on the statewide Governmental Relations Committee.

Policy Approval

Following a 30-day comment period, the Board adopted the following policies, effective upon passage:

1. SCP-1010, *Alcoholic Beverages on Campus* (Revised)
2. SCP-2360, *Holidays*, (Series 14, Title 133 (HEPC 04/2002) (New)
3. SCP-4398, *Student Grades and Grade Point Average Requirements for Graduation*, (Series 22, Title 133 (HEPC 08/2002) (New)

The Board deferred action on the approval for a 30-day comment period of the proposed draft policy, SCP-2220, *Evaluation/Course Feedback Policy* (New), and attachment SCP-2220.A, *Course Feedback Form* (Revised), until further documentation/clarification is collected and provided to the Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Governor's Budget Summary for Higher Education FY 2004

President Joanne Tomblin led a discussion regarding the impact of a 10 percent reduction in base budgets for higher education for fiscal year 2004 as mandated by Governor Wise. All community colleges, both free-standing and components are exempted. Base budgets were further reduced by 3% of salaries and benefits that are funded by general revenue and lottery funding. However, no exemptions were made for the additional budget reduction. Generally, this reduction results in an additional budget cut of 3%, but the percentages will vary by institution depending upon funding strategies. This reduction in total was \$11.8 million. For the current fiscal year (2003), the total budget reduction for Southern is \$261,349 (3.4%).

House Bill on Higher Education

The bill requires the Higher Education Policy Commission to privatize, merge or close at least two public colleges or universities by June 30, 2007. By December 1, 2003, the HEPC will determine the institutions to be privatized, merged or closed, but may not convert a free-standing community and technical college.

Reduction in Workforce

The Board directed President Tomblin to appoint a Blue Ribbon Committee consisting of faculty, staff, and administrators to review current and new policies related to workforce reduction and recommend revisions to the president. The Board requested that these policies be ready for distribution to Southern's constituencies for a 30-day comment period as quickly as possible.

Naming of Southern's Downtown Logan Facility

The Board approved the naming of Southern's downtown Logan facility as follows:

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College—Logan Downtown Annex

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

President Joanne Tomblin updated the Board on pertinent institutional developments.

1. Senator John Unger, chair of the Workforce Innovations and the New Economy Subcommittee, would like for the higher education system to use Southern's Nursing program as a statewide model for training nurses.
2. President Tomblin will meet with Delegate Steven Kominar to discuss the possibility of providing student internships for a potential radio station in Mingo County.
3. Currently, Southern's Spring enrollment figure shows a 3.76% increase in FTE and a decrease of 4 in Headcount from Spring 2002. Final enrollment figures will be available May 28, 2003.
4. The 2003 Self-Study Report is complete and has been sent to the printer. The document will be posted on our website the week of January 27th.
5. The Southern Partners for Education and Economic Development (SPEED) Legislative Reception is scheduled for January 28, 2003 at the Embassy Suites in Charleston, WV.
6. College Day at the Legislature is scheduled for February 4, 2003, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
7. Harmony Week activities are being planned at the campuses. President Tomblin will e-mail Board members a complete list of activities.
8. Our CD-ROM View Book should be complete by mid-February.
9. The Allied Health Open House and Adult Advantage Program was held on January 9, 2003, at the Logan Campus in Room 111 with approximately 70 attending.
10. The Higher Learning Commission Evaluation Team will hold a dinner meeting with the Board of Governors on Monday, April 28, 2003 at the Logan Campus, Room 111, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting: February 18, 2003, Logan Campus, Room 111, 6:00 p.m.