MINUTES
Somerset Community College
Board of Directors
January 22, 2009

Board Members Present:
Ms. Charlene Harris, Chair
Mr. Clay Parker Davis, Vice Chair
Mr. Eric Dicken
Ms. Mardi Montgomery
Ms. Lois McWhorter
Ms. Pam Turner

Board Members Absent:
Mr. Gary Upchurch, Secretary
Mr. Dale Weddle
Mr. Jeremy W. Jones

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harris called the meeting of the Somerset Community College Board of Directors to order at 1:05 p.m. in the Citizens National Bank Community Room of the Harold Rogers Student Commons.

APPROVAL

Chair Harris asked for a motion for approval of the minutes from the October Board meeting as mailed to them in their Board books, if there were no corrections or additions.

MOTION: Mr. Davis moved that the Board approve the minutes of the October 28, 2008 meeting. Ms. Montgomery seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Marshall reported to the Board that the final Fall 2008 enrollment number was 7,175 versus 7,113 for Fall 2007. The target enrollment number was 6,319. However, the FTE numbers which translate into credit hours were down. The thought is that the students are coming, but just not taking as many courses. The unofficial Spring 2009 enrollment as of January 21st is 5,354 versus 5,176 at the same time in 2007.

The Laurel Campus Allied Health/Academic Technical Building is under construction with an expected opening for Spring 2010. Roger Angevine, Associate Dean of the Laurel Campus, reported that the weather has caused some delays but currently the block is being installed and the spiral staircase is next. The McCreary Project is coming along. The construction contractor is Hacker Brothers and the construction should start shortly. Larry Abbott,

SCC Chief Operations Officer, is attending a pre-bid conference for a cosmetology renovation at the Clinton Center. The program is being extended to the Clinton Center.

Recent events include Martin Luther King Day activities. On January 16th, John Perkins, former Somerset Postmaster and SCC Board member, spoke at the SCC Unity Breakfast. SCC also participated in sponsoring the Martin Luther King Day Celebration at Somerset High School on Sunday, January 18th.

For the fourth time in five years, SCC has been named to the top 25 Best Places to Work. A news conference will be held in Frankford on February 24th and the awards dinner will be held in Lexington on Tuesday, April 21st. The final rankings will be announced at the dinner and all Board members are invited to attend.

On October 29, 2008 President Marshall met with the Council on Postsecondary Education Committee on Equal Opportunities to discuss SCC's response to the Committee's report. The Committee wants to send support letters to the Governor to encourage the appointment of an African American to the vacant spot on the SCC Board of Directors.

Theatre events: On April 3rd and 4th an evening of one-act plays entitled *Sketches* is scheduled in the Stoner Little Theatre. On Saturday, January 24th SCC will be hosting its first Winter Shorts Film Festival with the public showing of entries at 7:30 pm in Stoner Little Theatre. Admission is free. Workshops in film editing and choreography are scheduled for the afternoon of the same day. On Saturday, March 7th SCC will host the popular Teen Theatre Festival which is an all-day event where students from all over the eastern part of Kentucky compete in acting competitions and attend theatre workshops.

Upcoming Art program events include an exhibit by UPFROMSOMEDIRT during the month of February. On February 14th UPFROMSOMEDIRT (Ron Davis) and Kentucky author Crystal Wilkinson will be at the Stoner Little Theatre for a presentation.

A concert entitled *A Night of Love* will be held in the Meece Auditorium on Friday, February 13th at 7:30 pm.

David Wiles, Chief Community, Workforce and Economic Development Officer, gave an update to the Board on CWED happenings. There are six active KY WINS projects and a marketing campaign is underway to attract new employers for KY WINS. Two Lineman Training classes have been completed and the program is starting phase II in March. The program is receiving national attention and word of mouth is working well for recruiting students and employers.

Dr. Marshall called upon Dr. Tony Honeycutt, Provost, to update the Board on SCC approach to developmental classes. Dr. Honeycutt stated the developmental program has been revised and now there is a Developmental Division headed up by Kim Cleberg. The aim of the program is to help students successfully transfer to regular college credit courses.

Linda Bourne, Associate Academic Dean for Extended Programs, spoke about the increased number of on-line classes now being offered. SCC has added approximately 13 on-line classes. This was able to happen because of some full-time faculty opening caps on their classes which enabled the College to hire adjunct faculty to handle the new on-line courses. Examples of courses available on-line include accounting, intro to Business, psychology, biology, human ecology, intro to computers, criminal justice, sociology, history, educational courses, English I and II, early childhood, math, music, intro to theater, etc.

President Marshall informed the Board of a new virtual venture KCTCS is undergoing called "KCTCS Online." The purpose of this new venture is to become less dependent upon state dollars for our operating costs. Board Member Lois McWhorter was called upon to speak about "KCTCS Online." Ms. McWhorter announced that 350 modules in Business Administration will go-live this coming Monday. Each module goes through five different people for quality. The modules are some of the best that Ms. McWhorter has seen anywhere. Each module is able to have 250 students enrolled and the students can enroll 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Students sign an agreement that the module they enroll in will be completed within a specified number of weeks. The modules run through Blackboard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Mardi Montgomery announced a couple of upcoming events as an invitation to Board members and SCC faculty and staff. On February 12th at 11:00 am in the Lake

Cumberland Regional Hospital community room, Tony Wilder, Commissioner of the Governor's Office for Local Development, and Secretary of State Trey Grayson will be guest speakers at the Rotary Club meeting.

On March 3rd at 11:00 am at the Pulaski County Public Library, First Lady Jane Beshear will be at the Literacy Belt Celebration with about 90 kindergarteners and 1st graders who have read their first book.

Ms. Montgomery commended the P-16 Council and the collaborative work by Dr. Honeycutt, Lynn Crabtree and Linda Bourne.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Harris announced the next scheduled Board meeting will be April 23, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

5-7-09
Date Approved By
Board of Directors

Charlene Harris, Chair
SCC Board of Directors

Gary Upchurch, Secretary
SCC Board of Directors

Jo Marshall, Ph.D.
SCC President & CEO