

President's Report to the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees February 23, 2024

➤ President's Office

- The HLC visit for the Bachelor's degree in Nursing went very well. The reviewers were highly complimentary of all areas of the college, especially our support of online teaching and learning. We expect to receive the team's report within 4-6 weeks. Thank you to the Trustees who participated in the session with the reviewers.
- The state capital budget process continues to play out. While none of Edison State's One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund projects were included in the capital bill that the House passed on February 7, the process will start over in the Senate beginning in April.
- Senate Bill 104 has become active again. This bill would make mostly good changes to the College Credit Plus program, such as adding another application period for students in the fall. One potential difficulty in the bill for Edison State is a provision for colleges and high schools to split the cost of CCP textbooks 50/50. This could increase costs for us. James Lehmkuhl is working with a team from the College to submit textbook cost information to the OACC, who will then lobby on our behalf.
- Jack Hershey is no longer the President of OACC. Tom Walsh has been appointed as the Interim President.
- The Commencement Committee has determined that the Commencement ceremony will begin at 1:00pm on Friday, May 10.

➤ Academic and Student Affairs

- Congratulations to Professor Kevin Coghlan on completing his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Sociology; this is a tremendous accomplishment!
- Enrollment for the Spring 2024 semester is nearly finalized. We stand at 4.5% up in headcount and nearly 2% up in credit hours compared to Spring 2023. This is an increase over where we were on the first day of class.
- The Medical Assisting Examination Review Board (MAERB) has approved Apprenticeship status for the Edison State's Medical Assisting program, beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year. Congratulations to Yvonne Koors and Brandi Olberding for their work on this!
- The Edison State Childhood Development Center has achieved a new five-year term of accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Congratulations to Holly Short and her team on this achievement!

➤ Advancement, Strategic Planning, and Partnerships

- As a part of our year-long 50th Anniversary celebration, we will be holding the 50 Years of Talent, Edison State Talent Show on April 17, showcasing the many talents of our Edison State family. We are collecting contestant performance

submissions now. To be eligible to compete, contestants must be affiliated with Edison State as either a current employee, student, alumni, or retiree and must submit an online video file of their performance no later than March 18th. All online submissions will be reviewed by a committee that will select finalists to perform person at the April 17th Talent Show, which will take place from 6:00pm – 8:00pm in the Robinson Theater at the Piqua Campus. The April 17th Talent Show will be open to the public to attend at no cost.

- The top three winners of the April 17th Talent Show will earn cash prizes (\$200 for third place / \$300 for second place / \$500 for first place!) and will be asked to perform at the May 11th 50th Anniversary Blue & Gold Gala.

➤ Facilities/ Department of Public Safety

- Edison State has become a polling location for the Miami County Board of Elections. The College will host the primary election on March 19 and the general election on November 5.
- The Darke County Commissioners have appointed Chad Beanblossom to serve on the Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services. Congratulations to Chad on this appointment!

➤ Finance/Financial Aid

- Instructional costs for the Spring 2024 semester are down by 9% thanks to the efforts of our leaderships teams in Finance and Academics. Specific thanks go to James Lehmkuhl, Macy Guillozet, Andy Runyan, Paul Heintz, and Melissa Wertz.
- Thank you to James Lehmkuhl, Todd Brittingham, and the teams from Finance and Institutional Research who have worked hard recently on several data requests from the state of Ohio.

➤ Human Resources

- With the posting of several job openings over the last week, Edison State is beginning its journey out of the highly limited refilling of positions that has been in effect for nearly a year as we have worked to regain our strong financial position. The President's Cabinet has developed a plan to continue this trend over the next year with the goal of replacing many of the positions that have been left vacant while also adding positions in critically strategic areas. It is important to note that this plan is contingent mainly on the amount of increase in State Share of Instruction (SSI) dollars we anticipate for fiscal year 2025, which should be confirmed sometime in April or May.

➤ Trustee Recognitions

- Thank you to Trustee Tom Milligan and his wife Mardie for attending the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. on February 4-7. Their contributions to the discussions were invaluable.

➤ Upcoming Events

- Edison State Board of Trustees Meeting – February 28 (2:00pm)
- Student Success Leadership Institute (SSLI) – February 28 and 29
- Employee Appreciation Day – February 29
- Black History Month Celebration: An Evening of the Arts – February 29 (5:30-7:30pm)
- Kids to College – March 1 (9:00am)
- President’s Council Retreat – March 6 (9:00am)
- RN to BSN Information Fair – March 8
- District Science Fair – March 9
- Spring Break – March 11 – 16
- Charger Reverse Raffle – March 21 (6:00pm)
- Alumni Experience Series with Nancy Shuler – March 26 (5:30pm)
- Phlebotomy Program Accreditation Site Visit from NAACLS – April 1 – 2
- Eclipse Day – April 8 (College closed)
- Edison State Employee Health Fair – April 11
- Edison State’s 50th Anniversary Talent Show – April 17 (6:00pm)
- Board of Trustees Meeting – April 24 (2:00pm)