

# President's Report to the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees April 19, 2024

## ➤ President's Office

- In the last two weeks, I have hosted five listening sessions with faculty and staff. I received excellent feedback regarding the status of Edison State. That information will be discussed with the President's Cabinet, and action items will be identified for follow-up. Thank you to Heather Lanham for coordinating these sessions.
- We have received the final reports from our Bachelor's degree HLC visit and our comprehensive re-accreditation HLC visit, and both indicate full approval with no additional monitoring required. It is fairly rare to have two completely clean reports from the HLC, especially given the gravity of the visits. Both reports are attached. Notice page 15 of the comprehensive report in particular, which speaks to the work of the Board of Trustees (Nice job!). The final step in the process is for the HLC's Institutional Actions Committee to vote on the reports submitted by the review teams. We anticipate this happening at the end of April. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who prepared for and participated in the visits!
- On April 12, Senator Steve Huffman visited Edison State in order to learn about our capital project requests. The visit included discussions with me and Dr. Hanes, along with a tour of our Engineering, Nursing, and Respiratory Care areas. We have also submitted the required capital project information to Senator Cirino's office. The Senate is now beginning their process of developing the capital bill. We do not anticipate the process being wrapped up until June.
- Tom Walsh, interim President of OACC, will be leaving June 1 to take a position at Ohio State. The search for a new OACC President will begin immediately.

## ➤ Academic and Student Affairs

- Congratulations to Sara Young, PTA Program Director, on earning her doctorate degree in Physical Therapy!
- Congratulations to Beka Lindeman, English Faculty Member, on being named Edison State's nominee for the Dale P. Parnell Faculty Excellence Award from the American Association of Community Colleges! Beka was recognized at the recent AACC Annual Conference in Louisville during a special brunch celebration for nominees. It was an honor for Provost Wertz and me to be able to attend the brunch alongside Beka.
- Edison State has been awarded \$900,000 in federally directed spending to support the startup of our Respiratory Care program. We are exceedingly grateful to Senator Sherrod Brown and his staff for their efforts in securing this funding for the College. And special thanks to Andy Runyan and Christina Raterman for their work in developing this funding application in March of 2023.

- Advancement, Strategic Planning, and Partnerships
  - Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration continued on April 17 with a tremendously successful Edison State 50 Years of Talent competition. Seven acts performed in the theater to a standing-room-only crowd, and they all did an excellent job! Special thanks go to Heather Lanham and Christina Raterman for organizing the event and thanks to Leah Shreves, Caleb Means, and Melissa Wertz for the wonderful job they did with emceeding the festivities; they were very entertaining! The winners will perform at the Gala on May 11 and are as follows:
    1. First Place: Leah Lusk (student), Gabriel Lust, and Daniel Lusk
    2. Second Place: Mariana Reese (student)
    3. Third Place: Graham (adjunct faculty) and Katie Furrow
  
- Facilities / IT
  - The IT Department is hard at work on achieving efficiencies with the new helpdesk software, transitioning to the new website, and enhancing the College's cybersecurity measures.
  - Thank you to the Facilities Department for their work this spring in cleaning up and maintaining the grounds at the Piqua Campus. They have spent a lot of time mowing, spraying weeds, mulching, and completing other "spring cleaning" tasks. The campus will look great for Commencement and the Gala.
  
- Finance/Financial Aid
  - The Finance Department is deeply involved in the development of the fiscal year 2025 budget at this point. The process will continue through May, and the final budget will be presented to the Board at the June meeting.
  - We received confirmation from ODHE on our State Share of Instruction amount for fiscal year 2025. Edison State will receive just under 1 million dollars in additional state funding next year thanks to our comprehensive student success and enrollment efforts. This continues a long trend by the College of strong performance in the funding model. Our growth in funding for FY2025, which represents a 7.7% increase over last year, ranks us fourth in the state among community colleges.
  
- Human Resources
  - There are currently 4 open positions at various stages of the search process:
    1. Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education - Respiratory Care (RSP) Program/Faculty Member
    2. Early Childhood Education Faculty Member
    3. Maintenance Facilities Services Technician (3rd shift)
    4. Student Records & College Resource Specialist (Greenville Campus)
  
- Trustee Recognitions
  - Thank you to Trustee Oda for attending the Edison State Talent Show
  - Thank you to Trustees Dubbs, Baird-Ganley, Gutmann, Milligan, and Oda for supporting the Charger Athletics Reverse Raffle.

➤ Upcoming Events

- Administrative Professionals' Day – April 24
- Edison State Board of Trustees Meeting – April 24 (2:00pm)
- Commencement – May 10 (1:00pm)
- 50th Anniversary Blue and Gold Gala – May 11 (6:00pm)
- Mosaic of Community Leadership Conference – May 22
- Edison State Board of Trustees Meeting – May 22 (2:00pm)
- ODHE and Governor's Trustee Conference – June 5