



Office of the President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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The Central State campus is busier this summer than in summers past due to an increase in summer term enrollment. Our Summer A enrollment was 511, up from 461 in Summer A 2009. Two weeks remain before the start of Summer B, and we have already surpassed last year's enrollment for Summer B. We have seen steady increases in our summer enrollment over the last several years. This is an encouraging sign. It indicates that more students are taking courses in the summer in order to complete their degrees on schedule. We are working diligently to meet our enrollment goals for Fall 2010.

Summer Camps

Contributing to the activity on campus this summer are a number of summer programs for middle and high school students. You will learn more about these in the Provost's report.

One I'd like to highlight is the CSU-ATK Pre-Engineering (CAPEP) Summer Program, which is in its first year. It's the result of a partnership with ATK, a defense material research, development, and acquisition corporation with a division in Dayton. This program is one of several this summer that is aimed at cultivating interest among young people in the STEM disciplines. Another is the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp hosted by CSU's Institute for Urban Education. Now in its third year, that camp has grown in popularity. The first year, the IUE received 40 applications for the camp; this year the number of applications increased to almost 240.

These and our other summer camps provide a valuable service, helping increase the University's visibility, enhance its public image, and cultivate future students.

William and Mary.

I am delighted that Dr. Briggs has agreed to serve in this most important capacity and I look forward to working with him as we continue to strengthen our student affairs division.

Outreach activities

I have been involved in the following activities since the last board meeting:

- Third Annual Summit for College and University Presidents, convened by Sen. Sherrod Brown, Washington, D.C., April 20
- MCU BOV meeting, Quantico, VA, April 30
- Commencement activities, CSU campus, May 7-8
- Space Assessment Charrette for Dayton Campus, Dayton Campus, May 17
- Tour of ATK facility, Dayton, May 18
- Farewell reception for Lt. Col. Odell Graves, National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center, May 18
- Miami Valley Research Park Annual Board of Trustees Meeting, Kettering, May 19
- Meeting with Rep. Roland Winburn and Bob Moore of Global Technology Management, CSU, May 20
- Trip to China to develop partnerships with Chinese institutions, May 26-June 6
- 2010 Corona Top, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, June 8
- OLBC meeting about CSU construction reform project, Columbus, June 9
- TCDC board of trustees meeting, CSU, June 10
- DCDC board meeting, Miamisburg, June 10
- Presidential reception for prospective Cincinnati area students, June 11
- General Alumni Association annual off-campus meeting, Cincinnati, June 11-12
- Meeting with Xenia Township Trustees to discuss land use planning project, CSU, June 14
- Meeting with STAN Solutions, Cincinnati State, June 15

Partnership opportunities

You will hear from the Provost about our recent trip to China to develop partnerships with Chinese institutions. We came away with a formal Memorandum of Understanding with one institution and the expectation that we will develop future agreements with some others. We are excited about the opportunities these agreements present for internationalizing our campus and expanding educational opportunities for students and faculty from Central State as well as our Chinese partners.

Community Development

The Tawawa Community Development Corporation (TCDC), in partnership with the City of Dayton, has received two separate awards of federal stimulus dollars through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), whose goal is to address slum and blight. The first award was for \$300,000 to implement a pilot program called "Fall Soft" that involves acquiring and rehabilitating three vacant, abandoned or foreclosed properties. The properties after rehabilitation will be leased to families for a period of not longer than 30 months, at which time they will become home buyers. TCDC has just been notified that it will receive up to \$2.5 million in additional funding to expand the Fall Soft program to do an additional 30 homes. These activities will occur in the Inner West Priority Board area of Dayton.

Presidential Leadership Institute

Twenty-five Presidential Fellows graduated in March from the first Presidential Leadership Institute. As part of their participation, they developed a group project, which focuses on retention and involves mentoring a selected group of new, first-time freshmen. This will be a valuable contribution to our efforts to retain students, and a model of leadership and service to Central State. I look forward to future contributions by this inaugural class of Fellows and those of the classes to follow.

New Vice President of Student Affairs

I am pleased to report that Dr. Jerryl Briggs will join Central State University in early July as our new Vice President of Student Affairs.

Dr. Briggs brings over 20 years of professional experience in student affairs administration to his new position. He comes to Central State from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, where he has worked for 10 years, first as Dean of Students and Campus Life and now as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. Before that, he was Director of Housing and Residence Life at Clark Atlanta University, and also held leadership positions, primarily in the area of residence life, at a number of other institutions. His consulting firm, JABA Enterprises, LLC, provides consulting services to small businesses in the area of leadership, change, motivation, and group dynamics.

Dr. Briggs has a bachelor's degree in chemistry education from Xavier University, a master's degree in human relations supervision from Louisiana Tech University, and an educational specialist degree in higher education administration from The College of