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**SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2020**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Watson called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. noting the meeting was in compliance with RC § 121.22(F).

**Roll Call**

Members present: Mr. Watson, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Evans, Mr. Furbee, Ms. Hartop, Dr. White, Mr. Williams, Ms. Heresh, Ms. Stratton

Members absent: Mr. Howarth

**Approval of the September 13, 2019 Executive Committee Minutes**

Mr. Evans moved and Mr. Edwards seconded a motion to approve the September 13, 2019 Executive Committee minutes. Without discussion, the Board unanimously approved said minutes.

**Approval of the January 10, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Edwards moved and Mr. Furbee seconded a motion to approve the January 10, 2020 minutes. Without discussion, the Board unanimously approved said minutes.

**Approval of the March 13, 2020 Revised Agenda**

Mr. Evans moved and Mr. Edwards seconded a motion to approve the March 13, 2020 revised agenda. Without discussion, the Board unanimously approved the March 13, 2020 revised agenda.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution F05-20, Approval to Rescind Selected Policies and Consolidate Into an Updated Retitled Policy
2. Resolution F06-20, Approval of Policy 5.30Rev, Campus Computer and Network Use
3. Resolution F07-20, Approval of Policy 5.11Rev, Media, Social Media and Web Sites
4. Resolution F08-20, Approval of Revisions to Policy 5.39, Marketing and Branding
5. Resolution ASA02-20, Approval of Policy 3.00Rev, Admission & Degree Requirements
6. Resolution ASA03-20, Approval of Policy 3.23, Academic Forgiveness

Chair Watson directed the Board to review the action items on the Consent Agenda and asked if anyone wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. There being no objections, items 1 – 6 were approved by acclamation.

### **Executive Committee Report**

Mr. Furbee reported on behalf of the Executive Committee having two non-consent action items for the Board to approve.

1. Resolution E01-20, Appointment of Vice President for Finance and Administration, recommends the appointment of Mr. Michael Barhorst as the Vice President for Finance and Administration starting on May 1, 2020. Mr. Furbee moved that the Board adopt Resolution E01-20 and Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote of all Board members present.
2. Amended Resolution E02-20, Authorization for University President to Enact Temporary Emergency Procedures, authorizes the University President to enact temporary emergency procedures that may expand, restrict or otherwise modify the rights and responsibilities of members of the University community that are currently provided for in University policies. Mr. Furbee moved that the Board adopt Resolution E02-20 as amended and Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote of all Board members present.
3. The Committee discussed the Board of Trustees meeting calendar and times for the upcoming fiscal year.

### **Finance and Administration Committee Report**

Mr. Furbee reported on behalf of the Finance and Administration Committee having two non-consent action items for the Board to approve.

1. Resolution F03-20, Approval of AY2020-2021 E-Campus Tuition Rates, approves AY2020-2021 e-campus tuition rates for undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs and authorizes the Vice President for Finance and Administration to seek approval from the Chancellor for the RN/BSN program's online tuition rate. Mr. Furbee moved that the Board adopt Resolution F03-20 and Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote of all Board members present.
2. Resolution F04-20, Approval of Revised Tuition Schedule for the 2019 Guarantee Cohort, approves guarantee of the 2019 cohort's out-of-state surcharge rate through 2023. Mr. Furbee moved that the Board adopt Resolution F04-20 and Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote of all Board members present.
3. Mr. Greg Ballengee, Controller, provided a report on the University's diversified investment portfolio and discussion was held regarding issues related to the corona virus that is having or could have financial implications for FY20 and the actions being undertaken to secure the

University's investment portfolio's value and maintain adequate cash for projected short term needs. The full report is attached to the minutes.

4. Dr. Elinda Boyles and Ms. Malonda Johnson, Director of Human Resources, provided an update to the Committee on the status of the University's deliberations on becoming a founding member of the HEALTH (Jefferson Health Plan) Consortium. A comprehensive analysis of the cost impact was provided by HORAN, Inc., on March 12, that more clearly illustrates the cost impact the University would realize by making this transition. The report is under review. A decision on this matter is forthcoming and will be based upon the immediate financial implications as well as the long-term benefits to the University and employees.
5. Dr. Boyles provided an update on the FY20 operating budget and anticipated financial impacts of the COVID-19 virus including steps being taken to monitor the situation. The full report is attached to the minutes.
6. Dr. Boyles reviewed the status of construction projects which included the Library/Center for the Arts, Kricker Innovation Hub, Rhodes Athletic Center and ATC roof replacement. The full report is attached to the minutes.
7. Mr. Eric Braun presented an enrollment management report that reflects total undergraduate applications for fall 2020 admission are higher over this time last year with the addition of acceptance of the common application.
8. Mr. Braun reviewed the Advancement & Institutional Relations Executive report which included events hosted on-campus, athletics honors and national ranking of the Men's and Women's basketball programs, pre-collegiate programs and initiatives, VRCFA productions, Development Foundation campaign updates, and Kricker Innovation Hub activities. The full report is attached to the minutes.

### **Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report**

1. Dr. Thiel presented recent activities in Academic and Student affairs which included membership into the Insurance Industry Resource Council, reaffirmation of the Dental Hygiene, Emergency Medical Technology and Paramedic program accreditations, OTD accreditation update, Dr. Kacir to become HLC Survey Reviewer, and book publication by Neal Carpathios. The alumni panel scheduled for March 17 is cancelled. The full report is attached to the minutes.
2. Dr. Thiel presented an overview of the plan for continuation of classes in the event of school closure due to the COVID-19 virus.
3. Ms. Kara Stump presented on the SSU Alumni Association and Alumni Ambassador Program highlighting increased engagement and opportunities for alumni and ambassadors to participate in campus and admissions recruiting events. The full report is attached to the minutes.

4. Mr. Eli Cole presented the Student Programming Board (SPB) report which included an overview of SPB and events held. More educational events, such as Topsy Turvey, which allowed students to experience a drunk driver scenario, are being planned. Evaluating staple events to make them more inclusive to all students on campus. The full report is attached to the minutes.
5. A presentation by Dr. Brian Richards was tabled as he was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

### **Reports from Board Liaisons with other Organizations**

None

### **President's Report**

Dr. Bauer addressed the Board regarding the coronavirus pandemic and steps the University is implementing to ensure continuing to provide education in a manner that provides the safest, healthiest environment possible for students and employees. Measures include activation of our Emergency Response Team, multi-channel communications to students and employees, cancelation of all non-essential, university-sponsored travel through the end of the fiscal year, enhanced cleaning services, moving in-person classes to online, extended health clinic hours, cancelation of large group events, canceling all housing events or modifying to fit a virtual format, and Human Resources review of options to minimize the impact of changing work environment on employees. He further noted that the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs search is on hold, Strategic Planning committee work is on hold, Master Planning is being coordinated with the City of Portsmouth, and Board Member Jeff Albrecht has resigned. The full report is attached to the minutes.

Chair Watson commented that the health and wellness of students is top priority and the steady leadership and transparency is appreciated. He praised faculty and staff on their ability to transition.

### **New Business**

Ms. Audrey Stratton, student Board member, provided information that all student organization activities are suspended until the University deems it is safe to return, SGA is coordinating with Communications and stated one of their videos has had 16,000 views, fundraising in order to make a \$5,000-\$8,000 donation to pantry for students affected, University has communicated well with students, and the University has been appointed military friendly status and ranked in the top 20% for 2020-2021.

### **Comments from Constituent Groups**

None

## **Faculty Senate Report**

Mr. Tony Ward, University Faculty Senate President, gave an update on the University Faculty Senate's commitment to making the end of the semester as smooth as possible for students. Faculty are working to transition classes to online and meetings are being moved from face-to-face to online formats. The full report is attached to the minutes.

## **Executive Session**

Mr. Williams moved and Mr. Edwards seconded a motion to move into Executive Session to confer with University General Counsel concerning disputes that are the subject of pending court action. The Board approved moving into Executive Session by unanimous roll call vote. The Board moved into Executive Session at 1:49 p.m. Those in attendance for the Executive Session were Mr. Watson, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Evans, Mr. Furbee, Ms. Hartop, Dr. White, Mr. Williams, Dr. Bauer, Dr. Boyles, Mr. Braun, Dr. Thiel and Mr. McPhillips. Mr. Williams moved and Mr. Edwards seconded a motion to leave Executive Session and return to public meeting. Without discussion, the Board unanimously approved leaving Executive Session. The Board exited Executive Session at 2:31 p.m.

## **Other Business**

None

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Evans moved and Mr. Furbee seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion was passed unanimously and the Board was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.



Chairperson, Board of Trustees



Secretary, Board of Trustees

## **RESOLUTION F05-20**

### **APPROVAL TO RESCIND SELECTED POLICIES AND CONSOLIDATE INTO AN UPDATED RETITLED POLICY**

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of Professional Development policies revealed that the existing policies are outdated and do not adequately provide for the current professional development needs of the University. Further, the content of the existing policies are closely related and their consolidation into a single, retitled policy provides for more effective administration; and

WHEREAS, the President recommends rescinding the following policies and consolidating and updating the content into a single policy:

- 4.58 On-Campus Education Benefits (08/19/2016)
- 4.66 Professional Leaves of Absence for Administrators with Pay (06/18/1993)
- 4.67 Professional Leaves of Absence for Administrators Without Pay (06/18/1993)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees approves the rescission of the above-listed policies and adopting the revised, consolidated policy retitled Policy 4.54Rev, Professional Development (Degree and Non-Degree), effective upon approval.

(March 13, 2020)

Certified as True and Correct  
April 21, 2020

  
Secretary, SSU Board of Trustees

# Shawnee State University

POLICY TITLE:	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (DEGREE AND NON-DEGREE)
POLICY NO. :	4.54REV
ADMIN CODE:	3362-4-26
PAGE NO.:	1 OF 7
EFFECTIVE DATE:	03/13/2020
NEXT REVIEW DATE:	3/2022
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER(S):	VPF&A
APPROVED BY:	BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## 1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide administrative employees (administrators, public safety officers, and administrative technical support staff) with degree and non-degree professional development opportunities that encourage employees to pursue knowledge and skill enhancements important to career aspirations and that are vital to the success of the University. These programs are consistent with higher education industry standards and are an important component of the University's overall employee-benefit program.

## 2.0 UNIVERSITY APPROVED OR REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2.1 The university supports both career and job-related professional development activities. It is expected that employees and supervisors will discuss professional development needs and opportunities.
- 2.2 When an employee is required to attend a University-approved development program, training or other educational activity, the time spent in attendance will be counted as time worked, and the associated fees and costs, (i.e., materials, travel and per diem, etc.) will be paid by their department.

## 3.0 LEAVE FOR ELECTIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 3.1 The University will consider a request for unpaid leave to attend an elective (not required) training or professional development program. The time attending such training or program will be non-compensable and any related expenditures will not be reimbursable (i.e., materials, travel and per diem, etc.) unless otherwise specified in this policy.
- 3.2 Full-time administrative employees with two (2) years of continuous full-time service with the University and whose professional development program can be demonstrated to benefit the University, may request a one-time unpaid professional development leave for a period not to exceed one (1) year.
- 3.3 For consideration of such leave request, the employee must develop and submit a written plan through the applicable supervisory and management levels, including the President, requesting approval for the leave. In addition to providing the information



prescribed in this section, approval will be subject to scheduling, staffing, and budget considerations. The written plan must include the following:

- 3.3.1 A description of the program and a concise explanation of the necessity for the requested leave from active employment status;
  - 3.3.2 The requested period of time;
  - 3.3.3 The relation of the program to the employee's current job responsibilities, how the program enhances the employee's department and the University; how the program will assist the employee's transition into career-related positions at the University;
  - 3.3.4 The quality of the particular training as compared to similar programs that do not require leave time and an assessment of the reliability of the institution, organization, or other sponsor providing the training; and
  - 3.3.5 The impact on the employee's workload and the workload of colleagues within the department.
- 3.4 An employee requesting a leave of absence must utilize accrued paid leave balances before entering an unpaid (inactive) status.
- 3.5 If an unpaid leave of absence is approved and the employee's status is changed to inactive, the following benefits will be impacted as follows:
- 3.5.1 University-provided health insurance continues only while an employee is in active paid status. Coverage during an unpaid leave of absence may be continued by the employee by paying the total employee and employer monthly premiums pursuant to COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act). Arrangements for such coverage should be made with the Department of Human Resources prior to an approved leave of absence.
  - 3.5.2 An employee on unpaid leave of absence will not receive pay for holidays falling within the dates of the leave of absence, excluding the week of closure for winter break.
  - 3.5.3 During an unpaid leave of absence, both the employer and the employee contributions to state retirement (OPERS, STRS or Alternative Retirement Plan) are discontinued. Additional information relative to accrued benefits, purchase of service credits, and related matters may be obtained by contacting the applicable state retirement system.
  - 3.5.4 An employee on unpaid leave of absence does not earn vacation or sick leave. However, the time spent on authorized leave of absence will count toward the employee's length of service for vacation accrual purposes.

#### **4.0 WAIVER OF ON-CAMPUS TUITION (UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE)**

- 4.1 The University waives certain Shawnee State on-campus education costs for undergraduate and graduate courses as a means of encouraging administrative employees and their eligible dependents as defined in this policy to further their education.
- 4.2 The on-campus education benefit waives instructional, technology, and general fees for courses including those delivered online as outlined in this policy. Where applicable, out-of-state surcharge fees are waived.
- 4.3 The on-campus education benefit does not cover the costs of special fees including but not limited to: course fees, program fees, bond fees, late payment fees, books or supply fees. These costs, including those incurred by eligible dependent(s), are the responsibility of the employee.

#### **5.0 UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

- 5.1 Full-time Administrative Employees (Actively employed)
  - 5.1.1 Upon completion of the new-hire probationary period, full-time administrative employees may take two (2) courses per semester (including main campus courses delivered online). Those who are enrolled in an e-campus program are permitted to take one (1) course per sub-session within a semester.
  - 5.1.2 Administrative employees who are actively enrolled in a course of study prior to the commencement of an approved leave of absence (does not include involuntary administrative leave), temporary layoff or furlough status may continue that course of study.
  - 5.1.3 Administrative employees are expected to register for classes that meet outside of their regular work schedules. In situations in which the course must be taken during the employee's regular work schedule, with written approval from his/her supervisor, an administrative employee may arrange for a flexible schedule in order to complete the required course. In no case will a schedule that would result in the employee being in overtime work status be approved.
  - 5.1.4 The maximum benefit for a full-time administrative employee is 160 attempted credit hours.
- 5.2 Dependents of Actively-Employed Full-Time Administrative Employees
  - 5.2.1 As used in this policy, an eligible dependent is defined as the spouse, or child 25 years of age or younger, and dependent as defined under IRS rulings, of full-time actively-employed administrative employees. Dependents may enroll in as many hours per semester as allowed under the University's academic policies.

- 5.2.2 The maximum benefit for each dependent under this policy is 160 attempted credit hours.
- 5.3 Retired Full-Time Administrative Employees and Dependents
- 5.3.1 A full-time administrative employee who has formally retired (disability or service) under an Ohio state pension system or approved alternative retirement system (ARP), receiving a pension benefit payment, not actively working as a re-employed retiree, and who has served at Shawnee State University for ten (10) continuous years or more in full-time status (“eligible retiree”), is eligible to receive undergraduate fee waiver benefits on a space-available basis not to exceed 160 attempted credit hours.
- 5.3.2 A dependent of an eligible retiree who is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at the time of the eligible retiree’s retirement may continue to receive waivers for instructional, general, and technology fees and out of state surcharge where applicable in order to complete the current course of study, not to exceed a total of 160 attempted credit hours.
- 5.3.3 Re-employed retirees will be eligible for undergraduate fee waiver benefits based upon full or part-time status as defined in this policy.
- 5.4 Dependents of Full-Time Employees Deceased While In Active Status
- 5.4.1 A widow or widower and/or dependent child of a deceased full-time administrative employee with ten (10) years of continuous service is eligible to receive on-campus education benefits, as follows:
- 5.4.1.1 Must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program within one year of the active employee’s date of death;
- 5.4.1.2 Will be registered on a space-available basis; and
- 5.4.1.3 Maximum tuition waiver is not to exceed 160 attempted credit hours.
- 5.5 Part-time Administrative Employees and Eligible Dependents
- 5.5.1 Upon completion of the new-hire probationary period, actively-employed part-time administrative employees regularly working at least 20 hours and their eligible dependents may take one (1) course per semester (including main campus courses delivered online). Those who are enrolled in an e-campus program are permitted to take one (1) course during the semester (one of the sub sessions). No special provisions will be made in employees' work schedules to accommodate taking the class. The maximum tuition waiver is 160 attempted credit hours.

## 6.0 ON-CAMPUS GRADUATE COURSES

- 6.1 Actively-employed full-time administrative employees (but not dependents) with at least two (2) years of continuous service with the University are eligible to receive a waiver of instructional, general, and technology fees and out-of-state surcharge fees where applicable for the successful completion of a Shawnee State on-campus graduate program, as follows:
- 6.1.1 Prior written approval of the degree program is required by all levels of respective employee's supervision up to and including the vice president;
  - 6.1.2 The employee must apply following the same application and selection criteria as all students;
  - 6.1.3 Class space must be available, preference will not be given to Shawnee employees;
  - 6.1.4 The employee may take two (2) courses per semester (including main campus courses delivered online). Those who are enrolled in an e-campus program are permitted to take one (1) course per sub-session within a semester;
  - 6.1.5 Administrative employees may complete one (1) graduate degree program under this policy;
  - 6.1.6 Prior approval by the respective employee's supervisor to flex work or modify work schedules (including using earned vacation or comp time) is required in order to maintain a full-time workload; and
  - 6.1.7 Income tax will be applied as required by IRS regulations.

**7.0 CRITERIA FOR ON-CAMPUS TUITION WAIVER (UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE)**

- 7.1 Administrative employees, spouses and dependents shall enroll during the regular registration processes.
- 7.2 Programs or classes which have special admission requirements or limited class sizes will be available for enrollment in the same manner as made available to the general student body; and administrative employees, spouses and dependents will be required to compete for admission into these programs or courses with other student applicants.
- 7.3 Administrative employees, spouses and dependents must remit payment for special fees and charges as defined in this policy in accordance with University student payment deadlines.
- 7.4 The administrative employee, spouse or dependent may be required to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete the verification process if determined necessary by the Financial Aid office.

- 7.5 All necessary and required forms must be completed according to University policies and timetables. Forms are available on the [Financial Aid](#) webpage.
- 7.6 No employee or his/her dependent will be entitled to on-campus education benefits, nor will the University be required to pay, for any classes that have already been taken by the employee or dependent and failed or otherwise not successfully completed by the employee or dependent.

## **8.0 OFF-CAMPUS GRADUATE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

- 8.1 The University supports full-time administrative employees taking graduate courses at other institutions of higher education when the graduate program will increase the skills necessary in their present positions and enhances their contribution to the University.
- 8.2 Any graduate program offered by Shawnee State University (on-campus or online through E-campus) is not eligible for tuition reimbursement at a different institution.
- 8.3 The off-campus education benefit allows full-time administrative employees to apply for Master's and Doctoral program tuition and fee reimbursement as specified herein after two years of continuous full-time service with the University.
- 8.4 The graduate degree, including online degrees, must be provided by an accredited institution of higher education.
- 8.5 To ensure the proposed course of study meets conditions outlined in this policy, prior approvals by the employee's supervisor, the department budget manager, and concurrence of the appropriate vice president are required.
- 8.6 Reimbursement is provided for approved courses with a grade of B or higher. Should the program not provide a grade, the employee must submit evidence of satisfactory progress (e.g. dissertation credits as PR, etc.) Documentation from the institution granting the grade and/or progress report must be attached to the reimbursement request.
- 8.7 The maximum reimbursement tuition rate for employees who commence their graduate study after the effective date of this policy will be at Shawnee State's Master's or Doctoral in-state tuition rate. The rare exception to this maximum rate requires approval of the vice president of the employee's division.
- 8.8 In the case of employees whose course of study commenced prior to the effective date of this policy, reimbursement will be calculated based upon the average credit hour cost from all Ohio public universities' relevant or related Master's or Doctoral programs, whichever is applicable to the approved program. This rate will be determined at the start of each academic year and will apply for that full year.

- 8.9 Only courses required for the attainment of the degree as identified in the initially approved course of study are eligible for reimbursement.
- 8.10 Reimbursement is limited to one graduate-level program.
- 8.11 An employee awarded this off-campus education benefit will agree in writing to remain employed at the University for at least two (2) years from the end date of the term of the approved coursework. If not, the employee agrees to repay the tuition reimbursement amount received. The repayment amount will be pro-rated based on the employee's length of service.
- 8.12 Repayment requirements set forth in Section 8.11 shall not apply in cases of: 1) the elimination of the employee's position, or 2) a workforce reduction in which the employee is laid off for at least 21 months duration.

History

Effective: 01/19/1991

Revised: 03/13/2020 (Replaces Policies 4.58, 4.66 and 4.67. Policies 4.58, 4.66 and 4.67 rescinded); 03/15/2008; 02/08/2002

# Shawnee State University

AREA:	FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION	POLICY NO.	4.54REV
		ADMIN. CODE:	3362-4-26
		PAGE NO.	1 OF 2
SUBJECT:	ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF DEVELOPMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE:	3-15-08
	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT – OFF CAMPUS	RECOMMENDED BY:	VPFA
		APPROVED BY:	BOT

## 1.0 Introduction

Shawnee State University supports a professional development program for full-time Administrators and ATSS employees taking graduate courses at other institutions of higher education that enhance the skills necessary in their present positions.

## 2.0 Program Qualifications

2.1 **The Administrator/ATSS is eligible to apply for Master's and Doctoral program tuition and fee reimbursement as specified herein after two year of continuous full-time service at Shawnee State University;**

2.2 The graduate course of study must be provided by a regionally accredited institution of higher education;

2.3 **The graduate course of study must be relevant to the employee's position.**

2.4 Prior approvals of the course of study by the **employee's supervisor, the department budget manager, and concurrence of the appropriate Vice President** are required.

2.4.1. After the initial approval of the course of study, subsequent requests for reimbursement for the same course of study will be submitted through the supervisor to the department budget manager for approval.

2.5 Any graduate program also offered by Shawnee State University is not eligible for tuition reimbursement provided a tuition benefit is offered for the Shawnee program.

## 3.0 Tuition Reimbursement

3.1 Reimbursement is provided for approved courses with a grade of B or higher. Should the program not provide a grade, the employee must submit evidence of satisfactory progress (e.g. dissertation credits as PR, etc.) Documentation from the institution granting the grade and/or progress report must be attached to reimbursement request.

- 3.2 The maximum reimbursement is 8 semester and 10 quarter hours per semester/quarter.
- 3.3 Non-traditionally structured graduate programs may be reimbursed based on pro-rated basis equivalent to the above.
- 3.4 Only courses required for the attainment of the course of study are eligible for reimbursement.
- 3.5 Reimbursement is limited to one graduate-level program.

#### 4.0 Funding

- 4.1 Reimbursement will be calculated based upon the average credit hour cost from **all Ohio public universities' relevant or related Masters or Doctoral programs**, whichever is applicable to the approved program. This rate will be determined at the start of each Academic Year and will apply for that full year.

#### 5.0 Continuous Service

- 5.1 An employee awarded benefits as permitted by policy will agree, in writing, to remain employed at the University for at least two (2) years from the end date of the term of the approved coursework. If not, the employee agrees to repay the tuition reimbursement amount received. This agreement applies for all reasons for departure except for: **elimination of the employee's position or force reduction in which the employee** is laid off for at least 21 months duration.

#### 6.0 Effective

- 6.1 This policy become effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees and applies to all approved courses of study beginning the term following the adoption of this policy.



# Shawnee State University

POLICY TITLE:	ON CAMPUS EDUCATION BENEFITS
POLICY NO. :	4.58REV
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RESPONSIBLE OFFICER(S):	VPF&A
APPROVED BY:	BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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- 3.5.4 An employee on unpaid leave of absence does not earn vacation or sick leave. However, the time spent on authorized leave of absence will count toward the employee's length of service for vacation accrual purposes.

#### **4.0 WAIVER OF ON-CAMPUS TUITION (UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE)**

- 4.1 The University waives certain Shawnee State on-campus education costs for undergraduate and graduate courses as a means of encouraging administrative employees and their eligible dependents as defined in this policy to further their education.
- 4.2 The on-campus education benefit waives instructional, technology, and general fees for courses including those delivered online as outlined in this policy. Where applicable, out-of-state surcharge fees are waived.
- 4.3 The on-campus education benefit does not cover the costs of special fees including but not limited to: course fees, program fees, bond fees, late payment fees, books or supply fees. These costs, including those incurred by eligible dependent(s), are the responsibility of the employee.

#### **5.0 UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

- 5.1 Full-time Administrative Employees (Actively employed)
- 5.1.1 Upon completion of the new-hire probationary period, full-time administrative employees may take two (2) courses per semester (including main campus courses delivered online). Those who are enrolled in an e-campus program are permitted to take one (1) course per sub-session within a semester.
- 5.1.2 Administrative employees who are actively enrolled in a course of study prior to the commencement of an approved leave of absence (does not include involuntary administrative leave), temporary layoff or furlough status may continue that course of study.
- 5.1.3 Administrative employees are expected to register for classes that meet outside of their regular work schedules. In situations in which the course must be taken during the employee's regular work schedule, with written approval from his/her supervisor, an administrative employee may arrange for a flexible schedule in order to complete the required course. In no case will a schedule that would result in the employee being in overtime work status be approved.
- 5.1.4 The maximum benefit for a full-time administrative employee is 160 attempted credit hours.

- 5.2 Dependents of Actively-Employed Full-Time Administrative Employees
- 5.2.1 As used in this policy, an eligible dependent is defined as the spouse, or child 25 years of age or younger, and dependent as defined under IRS rulings, of full-time actively-employed administrative employees. Dependents may enroll in as many hours per semester as allowed under the University's academic policies.
- 5.2.2 The maximum benefit for each dependent under this policy is 160 attempted credit hours.
- 5.3 Retired Full-Time Administrative Employees and Dependents
- 5.3.1 A full-time administrative employee who has formally retired (disability or service) under an Ohio state pension system or approved alternative retirement system (ARP), receiving a pension benefit payment, not actively working as a re-employed retiree, and who has served at Shawnee State University for ten (10) continuous years or more in full-time status ("eligible retiree"), is eligible to receive undergraduate fee waiver benefits on a space-available basis not to exceed 160 attempted credit hours.
- 5.3.2 A dependent of an eligible retiree who is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at the time of the eligible retiree's retirement may continue to receive waivers for instructional, general, and technology fees and out of state surcharge where applicable in order to complete the current course of study, not to exceed a total of 160 attempted credit hours.
- 5.3.3 Re-employed retirees will be eligible for undergraduate fee waiver benefits based upon full or part-time status as defined in this policy.
- 5.4 Dependents of Full-Time Employees Deceased While In Active Status
- 5.4.1 A widow or widower and/or dependent child of a deceased full-time administrative employee with ten (10) years of continuous service is eligible to receive on-campus education benefits, as follows:
- 5.4.1.1 Must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program within one year of the active employee's date of death;
- 5.4.1.2 Will be registered on a space-available basis; and
- 5.4.1.3 Maximum tuition waiver is not to exceed 160 attempted credit hours.

## 5.5 Part-time Administrative Employees and Eligible Dependents

5.5.1 Upon completion of the new-hire probationary period, actively-employed part-time administrative employees regularly working at least 20 hours and their eligible dependents may take one (1) course per semester (including main campus courses delivered online). Those who are enrolled in an e-campus program are permitted to take one (1) course during the semester (one of the sub sessions). No special provisions will be made in employees' work schedules to accommodate taking the class. The maximum tuition waiver is 160 attempted credit hours.

## 6.0 ON-CAMPUS GRADUATE COURSES

6.1 Actively-employed full-time administrative employees (but not dependents) with at least two (2) years of continuous service with the University are eligible to receive a waiver of instructional, general, and technology fees and out-of-state surcharge fees where applicable for the successful completion of a Shawnee State on-campus graduate program, as follows:

6.1.1 Prior written approval of the degree program is required by all levels of respective employee's supervision up to and including the vice president;

6.1.2 The employee must apply following the same application and selection criteria as all students;

6.1.3 Class space must be available, preference will not be given to Shawnee employees;

6.1.4 The employee may take two (2) courses per semester (including main campus courses delivered online). Those who are enrolled in an e-campus program are permitted to take one (1) course per sub-session within a semester;

6.1.5 Administrative employees may complete one (1) graduate degree program under this policy;

6.1.6 Prior approval by the respective employee's supervisor to flex work or modify work schedules (including using earned vacation or comp time) is required in order to maintain a full-time workload; and

6.1.7 Income tax will be applied as required by IRS regulations.

## 7.0 CRITERIA FOR ON-CAMPUS TUITION WAIVER (UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE)

- 7.1 Administrative employees, spouses and dependents shall enroll during the regular registration processes.
- 7.2 Programs or classes which have special admission requirements or limited class sizes will be available for enrollment in the same manner as made available to the general student body; and administrative employees, spouses and dependents will be required to compete for admission into these programs or courses with other student applicants.
- 7.3 Administrative employees, spouses and dependents must remit payment for special fees and charges as defined in this policy in accordance with University student payment deadlines.
- 7.4 The administrative employee, spouse or dependent may be required to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete the verification process if determined necessary by the Financial Aid office.
- 7.5 All necessary and required forms must be completed according to University policies and timetables. Forms are available on the [Financial Aid](#) webpage.
- 7.6 No employee or his/her dependent will be entitled to on-campus education benefits, nor will the University be required to pay, for any classes that have already been taken by the employee or dependent and failed or otherwise not successfully completed by the employee or dependent.

## **8.0 OFF-CAMPUS GRADUATE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT**

- 8.1 The University supports full-time administrative employees taking graduate courses at other institutions of higher education when the graduate program will increase the skills necessary in their present positions and enhances their contribution to the University.
- 8.2 Any graduate program offered by Shawnee State University (on-campus or online through E-campus) is not eligible for tuition reimbursement at a different institution.
- 8.3 The off-campus education benefit allows full-time administrative employees to apply for Master's and Doctoral program tuition and fee reimbursement as specified herein after two years of continuous full-time service with the University.
- 8.4 The graduate degree, including online degrees, must be provided by an accredited institution of higher education.

- 8.5 To ensure the proposed course of study meets conditions outlined in this policy, prior approvals by the employee's supervisor, the department budget manager, and concurrence of the appropriate vice president are required.
- 8.6 Reimbursement is provided for approved courses with a grade of B or higher. Should the program not provide a grade, the employee must submit evidence of satisfactory progress (e.g. dissertation credits as PR, etc.) Documentation from the institution granting the grade and/or progress report must be attached to the reimbursement request.
- 8.7 The maximum reimbursement tuition rate for employees who commence their graduate study after the effective date of this policy will be at Shawnee State's Master's or Doctoral in-state tuition rate. The rare exception to this maximum rate requires approval of the vice president of the employee's division.
- 8.8 In the case of employees whose course of study commenced prior to the effective date of this policy, reimbursement will be calculated based upon the average credit hour cost from all Ohio public universities' relevant or related Master's or Doctoral programs, whichever is applicable to the approved program. This rate will be determined at the start of each academic year and will apply for that full year.
- 8.9 Only courses required for the attainment of the degree as identified in the initially approved course of study are eligible for reimbursement.
- 8.10 Reimbursement is limited to one graduate-level program.
- 8.11 An employee awarded this off-campus education benefit will agree in writing to remain employed at the University for at least two (2) years from the end date of the term of the approved coursework. If not, the employee agrees to repay the tuition reimbursement amount received. The repayment amount will be pro-rated based on the employee's length of service.
- 8.12 Repayment requirements set forth in Section 8.11 shall not apply in cases of: 1) the elimination of the employee's position, or 2) a workforce reduction in which the employee is laid off for at least 21 months duration.

#### History

Effective: 01/19/1991

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# Shawnee State University

AREA: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

POLICY NO.: 4.66

PAGE NO.: 1 OF 2

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/18/93

SUBJECT: PROFESSIONAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE  
FOR ADMINISTRATORS, WITH PAY

RECOMMENDED BY: D. Creamer  
APPROVED BY:

## 1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 Professional Leave With Pay is to prepare individual administrators to better serve the educational process, the academic community, and thus the institution as a whole by increasing the effectiveness of the staff member in a current assignment or preparing the individual to assume a position of new responsibilities. The spirit of the program is to permit the administrator and his/her supervisors maximum flexibility in planning the individual's professional development.

## 2.0 CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Any administrator who has served for seven years as a full-time administrator is eligible to request leave with pay. To be eligible again, an administrator must complete another seven years of service at the University. (Eligibility alone does not guarantee that a professional development leave will be granted.)

2.2 Proposals will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

2.2.1 Evidence of potential value of the professional development leave to the University.

2.2.2 Performance of the individual in his/her administrative assignment.

2.2.3 Potential contribution of the individual to the University following the professional development leave.

2.2.4 Ability of the administrative unit to absorb the work or suspend responsibilities during the period of the professional development leave.

## 3.0 LENGTH/SALARY

3.1 Administrative staff could be granted one of the following leave options:

3.1.1 Four months leave or less at 100% pay.

3.1.2 Five to eight months leave at 75% pay.

3.1.2 Up to twelve months at 66% pay.

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3.2 Creative methods of proposing leaves are encouraged. It is not necessary for the leave time to be continuous.



#### 4.0 BENEFITS

- 4.1 An administrator on a professional development leave will still receive all eligible University benefits, e.g. insurance, retirement, worker's compensation, consistent with applicable law, rules and regulations, off-campus tuition reimbursements, etc.

#### 5.0 APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- 5.1 An administrator will discuss a proposal for a professional development leave with his/her appropriate supervisors to assure that the purpose for leave will be of significant benefit to the University. Requests for a professional development leave is to be made in writing to the appropriate supervisor no later than six months prior to leave date. The supervisor will evaluate the administrators proposal and send the application and his/her recommendations to the appropriate vice president. The evaluation should include a specific analysis as to how the work load will be handled during the development leave.
- 5.2 The vice president will review all proposals in his/her administrative or college area and make recommendations to the President for final approval. The administrator will be given written notification of the action in a reasonable length of time. The proposal must include a well-considered plan presented with a reasonable degree of specificity, showing how the leave will contribute to the administrator's professional development and the goals of the institution.
- 5.3 The terms of the leave will be clearly stated in writing in the form of an agreement between the individual and the appropriate supervisor and executive officer.

#### 6.0 CONTINUING SERVICE

- 6.1 It is expected that, under normal circumstances, a staff member will return to Shawnee State University for a minimum of one additional year of service following the leave period. An individual who elects not to return to their position from leave shall be required to refund the university an amount equal to the compensation received while on paid leave.

#### 7.0 REPORT

- 7.1 A report on the completed professional development leave shall be submitted in a form mutually agreed upon following the return of the administrator to his/her duties at Shawnee State University.

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AREA: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

POLICY NO.: 4.67

PAGE NO.: 1 OF 2

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/18/93

SUBJECT: PROFESSIONAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE  
FOR ADMINISTRATORS, WITHOUT PAY

RECOMMENDED BY: D. Creamer

APPROVED BY:

## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 Leaves of absence without pay may be granted to administrative staff for study, research, and professional development when, in the University's sole determination, it is deemed that the leave will enhance the employee's value to the University.

## 2.0 DURATION

- 2.1 The duration of such a leave may be for any period up to a year, with renewal possible for a second year.

## 3.0 PROCEDURE

- 3.1 All leaves must be approved six months prior to departure accompanied by an acceptable written justification. If circumstances do not allow compliance with this time frame, consideration will be made on a case by case basis.
- 3.2 Such leaves may be requested from the employee's supervisor, to the next level supervisor and to the appropriate Vice-President. Final approval must be given by the President.

## 4.0 CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS

- 4.1 The individual granted professional leave may continue uninterrupted health care insurance by making premium payments through the Department of Personnel. In some circumstances, the President may authorize that health care and other benefits (including tuition reimbursement) be maintained at University expense for a period of up to one year.
- 4.2 The University contribution toward retirement will continue for administrators on leave of absence providing:
- 4.2.1 The leave is consistent with the Public Employees Retirement System membership requirements.
- 4.2.2 The staff member shall contribute his/her normal retirement contribution of the period of leave.

- 4.2.3 That all other avenues of funding the University retirement payments through grant, contracts, or other means, to the University have been exhausted.
- 4.2.4 The appropriate vice president for the employee's area of employment deems that leave to be of further benefit to the University and that the appropriate vice president gives in writing advance approval for payment.

5.0 RETURN FROM LEAVE

- 5.1 An employee may, upon request, return to work prior to the expiration of a leave of absence if such early return is agreed to by the employee's supervisor, appropriate vice president and the President and if the position has not been filled on a temporary basis.
- 5.2 Upon completion of an approved leave of absence the employee will be returned to his/her former position. If leave extends beyond one year, the University will attempt to return the employee to his/her former position or a position at an equivalent grade.
- 5.3 If a staff member decides not to return from a leave, he/she should notify the supervisor not less than 60 days prior to the date of termination of leave. Should the staff member not return at the conclusion of the leave, he/she will be considered as separated from the University.

6.0 CONTINUING SERVICE

- 6.1 It is expected that a staff member will return to Shawnee State a minimum of one additional year OF service following the leave period. If benefits are extended, an individual who elects not to return from leave will be required to refund the University an amount equal to the compensation received while on unpaid leave.

**RESOLUTION F06-20**  
**APPROVAL OF POLICY 5.30REV, CAMPUS COMPUTER**  
**AND NETWORK USE**

WHEREAS, Policy 5.30Rev, Campus Computer and Network Use, was last updated on February 9, 2007 and required updates for modern technologies, compliance with applicable federal, state or local laws and regulatory mandates, and pertinent system and network access protocols that achieves the highest level of confidentiality, integrity, security, and availability of technology services to the University community; and

WHEREAS, the accompanying updated procedure 5.30:1, Conditions for the Use of Campus Computing Systems, specifies standards covering three major information technology areas: Network Security, Network Access, and Application Computing are provided for information;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University approves the revised Policy 5.30Rev, Campus Computer and Network Use.

(March 13, 2020)

Certified as True and Correct  
April 21, 2020

  
Secretary, SSU Board of Trustees

# Shawnee State University

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SU&JECT:	CAMPUS COMPUTER AND NETWORK USE POLICY	RECOMMENDED BY:	CABINET
		APPROVED BY:	Board of Trustees

## 1.0 Purpose and Application

1.1 The purpose of this policy is to establish the obligations of users and managers of University-provided technologies and related resources. All users and managers of University-provided and supported information technologies are required to abide by applicable federal and state laws, relevant regulations, *Conditions for Use-procedures*, and best practices to ensure the highest level of confidentiality, integrity, security, and availability of technology services that can be afforded by the University.

1.2 This Policy applies to all users of campus computing and network resources, whether or not employed by or affiliated with the University, and for all uses of computing and network resources whether on campus or from remote locations.

## 2 Responsibilities and Authority

2.1 All users are responsible for complying with this policy; *Conditions for Use and other procedures, if any, adopted hereto;* and any laws or regulations applicable to computer systems, information security, network access, and application computing.

~~1.42.2~~ 2.2 The University's Chief Information Officer (CIO) is responsible to maintain applicable policies and procedures to ensure the *Conditions for Use* reflect current operational expectations, incorporate best practices and technical updates, and to implement measures required for compliance with applicable laws and regulations that ensure privacy and security of data and delivery of appropriate access to network resources.

## 2.03 Access Privileges and Restrictions of Use

3.1 Access privileges are contingent upon the authentication of an identity (individual employee, student, or entity) and authorization of that identity to access specific technologies required to fulfill assigned roles or to complete the applications and activities of that identity at the University. Such access depends upon the role assigned by the Department of Human Resources upon employment or contractual relationship with the University. Additional accesses may be managed by department supervisors in accordance with University policies.

~~1.03.2~~ 3.2 Use of the University's computing systems, resources and networks (on-site and remote) is granted solely to Shawnee State active employees and retirees with ten (10) years of continuous service, currently enrolled students, contractual and term employees, and others who have a business or operational need for access and are authorized/designated in writing by the President or Vice President for Finance and Administration. The University will adopt

measures necessary to protect its computing systems and network including implementation of multi-factor authentication.

- 3.3 Commercial use of the University's computing systems, resources, and networks is prohibited without prior written consent from the Office of the General Counsel.
- 3.4 Once on-site and remote access to technology systems is assigned in accordance with Human Resources policies, student policies, or contractor or agent agreements, any modification of that access that involves personal and shared data may be extended to or retracted from the initial authorized account users with written consent of the respective appropriate vice president.
- 3.5 The University reserves the right to limit, restrict, extend or deny computing privileges and access to its resources.
- 3.6 Testing and monitoring of security will be routinely conducted as well as the regular review of files or information resident on University systems to guard against unacceptable use. All accounts assigned to authorized individuals will be treated as an individual's private account by university employees who are charged with managing University computer systems, resources, and networks.
- 3.7 An account may be accessed without the user's permission by the appropriately assigned ITS officials upon authorization by the President or the President's designee for any employee who is placed on temporary or extended leave of absence; or otherwise is not reasonably available; or when there is probable suspicion of violation of University policies or evidence of criminal activity; or when required by law. The University reserves the right to deny access to its computer systems, resources and networks until such access is re-authorized e-  
~~onsent to access the account is provided by the President or President's designee.~~ Chief Information Officer.

#### 4 Privacy Expectations

- 4.1 Users are expected to be aware that their uses of University computing systems, resources, and networks are not private. The University routinely monitors individual and campus-wide usage on a regular basis for suspicious activity and targeted threats. Service vendors often require the examination of institutional files, data transmissions, and system-generated logging files to maintain normal operations.
- 4.2 Shawnee State is subject to the Gramm Leach Bliley Act related to providing financial services to students and must protect financial information it collects during the normal course of business. Users authorized to maintain financial information must adhere to all state and federal mandates and compliance required to meet external or internal audit requirements.
- 4.3 As an institution of higher education, Shawnee State is obligated to protect confidential information restricted by Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Gramm Leach Bliley Act (GLBA), General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI), Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and other regulatory requirements (e.g. Red Flag Rule), and is not releasable to the public under state or federal law.

## 5 Use of University Computing Resources

5.1 Adherence to the *Conditions for Use* is mandatory in order for users to be granted the privilege of access to the University's information technology systems.

5.2 All users are responsible for complying with the *Conditions for Use* of Shawnee State's computer systems, resources, and networks. *Conditions for Use* shall be distributed to users via e-mail when substantive modifications are adopted. They shall be posted on the University Information Services web page and -made available upon request.

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## 6 ~~3.0~~ **Sanctions**

6.1 Violation of computer use policies or **non-adherence to the** *Conditions for Use* may result in sanctions by the University, up to and including loss of computing privileges, termination of employment and dismissal from the University in accordance with the appropriate policies and collective bargaining agreements regarding disciplinary actions.

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6.3 Disciplinary actions do not preclude additional civil or criminal prosecution by ~~other~~ the appropriate authorityies.

Replaces Policy 5.30 dated 9-11-01; ~~and~~ 2-09-07

Procedures: 5.30.1 Conditions for Use of University Computing Resources

~~Manual~~

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# Shawnee State University

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APPROVED BY:	BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## 1.0 PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

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#### 4.0 PRIVACY EXPECTATIONS

- 4.1 Users are expected to be aware that their uses of University computing systems, resources, and networks are not private. The University routinely monitors individual and campus-wide usage on a regular basis for suspicious activity and targeted threats. Service vendors often require the examination of institutional files, data transmissions, and system-generated logging files to maintain normal operations.
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Standard (PCI), Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and other regulatory requirements (e.g. Red Flag rules), and is not releasable to the public under state or federal law.

## 5.0 USE OF UNIVERSITY COMPUTING RESOURCES

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### History:

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PROCEDURE TITLE:	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF UNIVERSITY COMPUTING RESOURCES
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RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR(S):	CIO
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These *Conditions for Use* provide comprehensive details that serve as standard operating procedures for three major information technology areas: Section 1: Network Security; Section 2: Network Access; and Section 3: Application Computing. Additional sections may be incorporated to respond to modern technology processes and the delivery of new systems capabilities.

The information describes the conditions for users to gain access and authorized use of Shawnee State University’s information technology systems, network, and applications. These conditions incorporate rules and regulations that cover a broad range of technology matters. Users are responsible for understanding and complying with these *Conditions for Use*. They are designed to protect Shawnee State’s computing systems from unauthorized access and electronic attacks and to safeguard the University and users.

**SECTION 1: NETWORK SECURITY**

Information Security is critical to the interests of the University and the many constituencies it serves. As a result of the University’s dependency on electronic information, information and information systems must be protected from unauthorized access and electronic attacks to ensure the University can operate without interruption. Priority objectives are safeguarding Institutional Data and protecting confidential information from unauthorized access.

1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 Institutional Data: Includes information created, collected, maintained, stored or managed by the University’s staff and agents working on the University’s behalf. It includes data for the administrative, academic and research functions, operations, and mission of the University. All data derived within the University’s enterprise and departmental systems, including but not limited to: Oracle, Jenzabar, Blackboard, FEITH and Cognos applications are considered Institutional Data. Data stored in Microsoft Azure cloud services storage is considered institutional data.

1.1.1 Institutional data do not include personal data created, collected, maintained, transmitted, or recorded on University-owned resources that are not related to University business.

1.2 Confidential Information: Includes information covered and with restrictions governed by laws, such as: FERPA, HIPAA, GLBA, GDPR, PCI, Ohio Revised

Code and other regulatory requirements (e.g., Red Flag rules), and is not releasable to the public under state or federal law. These restricted data could reasonably be used to perpetrate identity theft, constitute a serious and unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, compromise the physical security of University employees or property, or compromise the University's computer systems. Examples of "Confidential Information" include but are not limited to the following:

- 1.2.1 "Personal information" includes an individual's name, consisting of the individual's first name or first initial and last name, in combination with and linked to any one or more of the following data elements, when the data elements are not encrypted, redacted, or altered by any method or technology in such a manner that the data elements are unreadable: social security number, driver's license number or state identification card number, account number or credit or debit card number, in combination with and linked to any required security code, access code, or password that would permit access to an individual's financial account.
- 1.2.2 "Personal Financial Information" that links an individual with nonpublic information about that individual's tax return, gross income, investments, financial aid, etc. Note: A public employee's salary is not "personal financial information."
- 1.2.3 Educational Records: "Any record with certain exceptions, maintained by an institution that is directly related to a student or students. This record can contain a student's name, or students' names, or information from which an individual student or students can be individually identified that include: files, documents, and materials in whatever medium (handwriting, print, tapes, disks, microfilm, microfiche, etc.) that contain information directly related to students and from which students can be personally identified.
- 1.2.4 "Medical Treatment Records" as defined under state and federal law. The HIPAA Privacy Rule defines protected health information (PHI) as individually identifiable health information, held or maintained by a covered entity (e.g., Shawnee State's group health plan) or its business associates acting for the covered entity, that is transmitted or maintained in any form or medium (including the individually identifiable health information of non-U.S. citizens). This includes identifiable demographic and other information relating to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual, or the provision or payment of health care to an individual that is created or received by a health care provider, health plan, employer, or health care clearinghouse.
- 1.2.5 Security and Infrastructure records include records or information concerning the protection of a University office against sabotage or attack.

- 1.2.6 Information that would allow unauthorized access to University computer systems or electronic files.

## 2.0 DEPARTMENTAL AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 The department of Information Technology Services (ITS) has overall responsibility for the security of the University's information systems. Implementation of and adherence to security guidelines and best practices to protect confidential information and Institutional Data are the responsibility of all University users.
- 2.2 All academic and administrative unit managers/directors have the primary responsibility and authority to ensure their respective departments comply with University requirements for privacy and security of specific types of confidential information (e.g., student education records, personnel records, health records, and financial transaction data). These unit managers/directors are responsible for general security issues (e.g., legal issues, security compliance, physical security and communications) as well as for completing risks assessments and assisting in the development of University IT security policies, standards and best practices in the areas of their responsibility.
- 2.3 Officially protected or confidential information created or maintained by the University including student academic records may reside only on systems or networks operated and maintained by the Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) or contracted vendors unless prior written authorization is given by the University's Chief Information Officer (CIO).
- 2.4 Upon recommendation of the CIO, the President or designee, may authorize other networks solely for academic purposes which do not come under the supervision of ITS, provided the department understands its responsibility for the security of such networks under its domain of control and responsibility, and may not use the network to host officially protected or confidential information. These responsibilities include but are not limited to responsibility for general security issues, e.g., legal issues, security compliance and reporting, physical security, communications, and IT infrastructure security on wired and wireless networks. Authorization may be revoked if it is determined that the network is operating contrary to University policy or the law.

## 3.0 INDIVIDUAL USER RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROTECT INSTITUTIONAL DATA:

- 3.1 The University's Institutional Data is a valuable asset and must be maintained and protected as well as remain in compliance with University records retention rules. Further, the privacy of University employees' personal information as defined as Institutional Data must be protected to the greatest possible extent.

- 3.2 University employees are assigned roles that require access to Institutional Data in support of the University's teaching, research, and operational objectives. Those employees who use stored Institutional Data during the normal course of business have the responsibility to comply with all state and federal mandates and other applicable laws. These employees are responsible to abide by University guidelines and policies that protect University Institutional Data as well.
- 3.3 Individuals who use University or personally-owned devices to access University resources are responsible for the security of Institutional Data originating on or downloaded to the mobile device and are subject to guidelines for reporting lost/stolen confidential or Institutional Data, and any associated University-owned data storage device found at <https://www.shawnee.edu/areas-study/clark-memorial-library/information-technology-services/information-security/breach-or>

#### 4.0 CONDITIONS

- 4.1 Adherence to the *Conditions for Use* is necessary to protect the University's Institutional Data from accidental or intentional unauthorized access, damage, alteration or disclosure while preserving the ability of authorized users to access and use Institutional Data for authorized University purposes.
- 4.2 Emailing Stored Institutional Documents
- 4.2.1 All electronic documents stored within the University-approved database are considered institutional documents, comprised of Institutional Data necessary for University business and potentially confidential and protected information.
- 4.2.2 Emailing electronic documents created within the University-approved storage databases, to other University employees is permissible using University email and the user's authorized network account access.
- 4.2.3 Emailing Institutional Data to third-party email systems is not permissible without prior written permission from the direct administrative supervisor.
- 4.3 Remotely Accessing Confidential Data
- 4.3.1 Individuals who need remote access to the University's computer network from off-campus require written authorization from the President or Vice President of their respective division. Upon approval, ITS will establish a secure connection to the user's desktop computer. The user is responsible for insuring that data accessed remotely are secured and protected from unauthorized access. Additionally, ITS recommends:

- 4.3.1.1 Remote access to SSU-managed computing resources is enabled by securely connecting an approved user device to the user's University-managed office computer.
  - 4.3.1.2 Adherence to multi-factor authentication implemented by ITS as a condition of remote access.
  - 4.3.1.3 The user acknowledges in writing to his/her supervisor these conditions and associated responsibilities of the remote access granted to him/her.
- 4.4 Secured Storage of University Institutional Data
- 4.4.1 Electronic files with student or employee confidential information or Institutional Data should not be locally (C: drive) stored, stored on departmental Web-shared spaces, or stored on unapproved third-party internet storage mediums. If departmental files need to be locally accessible, a request for a department share should be forwarded to [Help\\_Desk@Shawnee.edu](mailto:Help_Desk@Shawnee.edu) to ensure appropriate security access protocols are established in advance.
  - 4.4.2 Any use of "Cloud" services for storing University Institutional Data or confidential information should be reviewed and approved by ITS prior to such usage.
- 5.0 SECURITY VIOLATIONS
- 5.1 Reporting suspected violations of prohibited actions or behavior is the responsibility of all members of the University community.
  - 5.2 Prohibited (actual or attempted) behaviors include but are not limited to:
    - 5.2.1 Allowing institutionally or personally-owned devices with officially protected or personal confidential information to leave the campus without prior written authorization by the departmental supervisor and reasonable efforts by ITS to apply campus-standard security technologies and protocols on the device.
    - 5.2.2 Allowing others to use your personal accounts to access any SSU computing resource or network.
    - 5.2.3 Any attempt involving campus-computing resources for the purpose of hacking. Hacking is defined as attempting (either successfully or unsuccessfully) to break into or gain unauthorized access or rights on a computer system or network. Any unauthorized attempts to access non-university systems will be reported to the administrators of these non-university systems.



- 5.2.4 Accessing or using a protected computer account assigned to another person or the unauthorized sharing of a password to a protected account with another person without prior authorization by the CIO.
- 5.2.5 Misuse or abuse of computer equipment, networks, software, or peripheral devices.
- 5.2.6 Any act which interferes with the appropriate access rights of others.
- 5.2.7 Transmitting or posting fraudulent, defamatory, harassing, obscene, or threatening messages, or any communications prohibited by law.
- 5.2.8 Use of any computer network for a purpose contrary to the stated purpose of that network.
- 5.2.9 Software theft or piracy, data theft, or any other action which violates the intellectual property rights of others.
- 5.2.10 Deletion, examination, copying, or modification of files and/or data belonging to other users without their prior consent.
- 5.2.11 Forgery (or attempted forgery) of electronic mail messages.
- 5.2.12 Deliberate interference with the ability of other users to send/receive electronic mail.
- 5.2.13 Installation of departmental or enterprise systems intended to support the University's mission and operations without prior authorization by ITS.
- 5.2.14 Unauthorized decryption of system or user passwords and files.
- 5.2.15 The copying of copyrighted materials, or unauthorized sharing of electronic files (audio/video) or third party software without the express written permission of the owner of the copyright.
- 5.2.16 Intentional attempts to crash systems or programs to disrupt normal operations.
- 5.2.17 Any improper or unauthorized attempts to secure a higher level of privilege on University systems.
- 5.2.18 A physical connection of any computer to any of the University's networks without proper authorization from the appropriate network administrator.



- 5.2.19 Misrepresenting one's identity or relationship to the University when obtaining or using University computer or network privileges.
- 5.2.20 Creating, installing, or knowingly distributing a computer virus, "trojan horse", phishing attempt, or other surreptitiously destructive program on any University computer or network, regardless of whether any demonstrable harm results.
- 5.2.21 Adding, modifying or reconfiguring (without proper authorization) the software or hardware of any University computer or network.
- 5.2.22 Loading of software on campus computers for the purpose of accessing unauthorized network resources.
- 5.2.23 Any unauthorized access (or attempted access) of student identifiable data.
- 5.2.24 Using any University computer or network resources to perpetrate a violation of state or federal law or University policies.
- 5.3 Reporting a Data Security Breach or Loss of Data
  - 5.3.1 Reporting a perceived incident involving Information Security and the potential loss or breach of University confidential information is the responsibility of all members of the University community. Employees are charged to take immediate action when made aware so that responsible persons can meet the institution's obligation to protect the confidential information and limit the institution's risk of loss.
  - 5.3.2 Immediately complete and submit the form titled *Confidential Information-Data Loss or Breach of Security Incident Notification Report* accessed from <https://www.shawnee.edu/areas-study/clark-memorial-library/information-technology-services/information-security/breach-or> .

## 6.0 COMPLIANCE WITH BEST PRACTICES

- 6.1 Users are required to know and comply with best practices established by ITS, the University, and applicable federal, state, or other regulatory standards. Failure to comply with these practices may result in loss of computing privileges and/or disciplinary action.
  - 6.1.1 Lock down console (using <Ctrl-Alt-Delete> function) when not at user station.
  - 6.1.2 Do not share passwords. Passwords should be complex in nature i.e. uses upper/lower case, numbers, special characters.

- 6.1.3 Log-off or lock down computer when leaving office for the day.
- 6.1.4 Lock doors when not in office.
- 6.1.5 Do not share personal office computers with unauthorized users.
- 6.1.6 Do not share confidential information via the Internet without a secure connection.
- 6.1.7 Do not respond to emails phishing for personal or institutional information.
- 6.1.8 Do not store passwords or usernames in a non-secure location.
- 6.1.9 Do not allow unauthorized individuals into your office or to access your computer. Request ID information from unfamiliar individuals.
- 6.1.10 Notify [Help\\_Desk@Shawnee.edu](mailto:Help_Desk@Shawnee.edu) when a student or departmental employee terminates employment with SSU or leaves the department.
- 6.1.11 Notify [Help\\_Desk@Shawnee.edu](mailto:Help_Desk@Shawnee.edu) when an electronic data transmit process (file transmission or the Internet) is needed to complete a University business function.
- 6.1.12 Access to the Internet from computers with confidential files stored on the personal office computers local hard drive.
- 6.1.13 Change passwords to third-party software on a frequent basis, using complex passwords (at least every 90 days or as required by the third-party).
- 6.1.14 Do not keep paper reports with confidential information in non-secured areas and shred all reports and electronic media when no longer needed.  
Decommissioning of electronic storage devices requires an evaluation by ITS for stored drives/data that must be destroyed prior to related equipment leaving campus.
- 6.1.15 Do not download (from the Internet) unauthorized, non-work related software onto your computer (i.e. Screensavers, Pointers, etc).
- 6.1.16 Do not utilize computing resources to the extent that it negatively impacts normal usage by others.
- 6.1.17 Respect the privacy of other users and their accounts regardless of whether those accounts are securely protected.
- 6.1.18 Use only those computing resources you are authorized to use and use them only in the manner and to the extent authorized.

- 6.1.19 Review SSU's educational and training resources for security awareness at <https://www.shawnee.edu/areas-study/clark-memorial-library/information-technology-services/information-security/reducing>

## SECTION 2: NETWORK ACCESS

- 7.0 As part of the physical, administrative and academic infrastructure, Shawnee State acquires, develops and maintains computers, computer systems and networks. These computing resources are intended for University-specific purposes, including the support of University academic needs for delivery of instruction, academic and application research and service missions, University administrative functions and student business, student support, and campus-life activities.
- 8.0 The use of University computing resources, similar to the use of any other University-provided resource, is subject to the requirements of legal, regulatory, and ethical behavior within the University community. Responsible use of computing resources does not extend to just what is technically possible. Users must abide by all applicable restrictions, whether or not a component of the operating system or network or could be circumvented by technical means.
- 9.0 APPLICABILITY
- 9.1 Policy 5.30Rev permits access to computing resources and is applicable to current and previous students, faculty and staff, agents, contractors, volunteers, vendors and sponsored guests of the academic and administrative units, and affiliated entities, and to all users of the University's computing and network resources, regardless of location or device.
- 9.2 Access to some computer programs and network resources may require a written request. Access to information which is private or confidential may be restricted.
- 9.3 Employees who leave the institution shall have their account access disabled and then deleted after documents of a departmental nature are identified and appropriately dispositioned. Those employees who have been terminated or have received notification of termination will be restricted from access to the system, unless authorized by the President or President's designee.
- 9.4 Access to some on-campus computers and to external networks requires a means to authenticate a user's identity, usually with a username and password. The user, or account owner, is responsible for all actions originating from an assigned account. Passwords to protected accounts may not be shared or used by anyone other than the assigned user.

- 9.5 Users given access to University computing resources shall be advised of their domain (resources authorized for their use). Users may not go beyond or attempt to go beyond their respective domain without authorization.
- 9.6 The installation/execution of games and/or recreational programs and devices on Shawnee State systems excluding those required for academic coursework in designated labs and classrooms intended for gaming, is prohibited.
- 9.7 Use of University computer systems, resources, networks and/or services for unauthorized commercial activities, including use of Internet facilities for any commercial activities, is prohibited without prior written consent from the Office of the General Counsel.
- 10.0 Access to University Networks (wired and wireless)
- 10.1 Access to all University networks via an approved personal computer or device is conditioned on adherence to meeting established prerequisites and specific rules listed below. Since the wireless network is an “always on connection” similar to commercial broadband, the University has a responsibility to both the wireless network users and the greater Internet community.
- 10.2 Users are ultimately responsible for securing their personal computer systems. The University’s network is continuously monitored for malicious, unauthorized and inappropriate activity. If issues are detected on a system, the owner of that computer will be notified of the action taken to resolve the problem.
- 10.2.1 If the action results in the disconnection of that user from the network, s/he will be advised of the required steps to be reconnected to the Network. Upon satisfaction that all steps for reconnection have been met, in order for the user to reconnect his/her device to the network after a virus or other malicious software has been removed, an appointment with an ITS Technician may be necessary to verify the hard drive in question has been cleaned.
- 10.3 Specific Rules: The following specific rules are not optional and apply to all individuals connecting to the wireless network:
- 10.3.1 No servers of any kind will be allowed on the network.
- 10.3.1.1 Specific examples of servers are: Web servers (Apache, Windows Personal Web Server, etc.), FTP servers (Serv-U, WS-FTPD, etc.), File sharing servers, and Gaming servers.
- 10.3.1.2 Personal computing devices are not permitted to act as a service provider on the SSU Network.

10.3.1.3 File sharing applications, web servers, gaming servers, including native operating system file sharing services are not permitted.

10.3.2 Network port scans will not be allowed.

Port scans may be performed by ITS to maintain the network. However, no individual is to perform a port scan of any host inside or outside of the Network. This will be considered a Network attack.

10.3.3 Network attacks of any kind will not be tolerated.

10.3.3.4 Network attacks are serious concerns to ITS and should be to the individual user as well. They can result in expulsion from the University and Federal charges can be assessed.

10.3.3.5 There will be no dissemination of libelous, slanderous or racist material, or other material prohibited by law.

10.3.4 Software and hardware devices specifically prohibited by the University and ITS will not be permitted on the Network. Devices include network products (e.g. Apple Airport), thin-clients, hubs, switches, routers, print servers, and network appliances.

10.3.5 The Network services and physical wiring may not be modified or extended for any reason, including all network wiring, hardware, access points and in-room jacks.

## 11.0 Terms of Agreement

11.1 To make the University's network as useful, accessible, and effective as possible, there are certain expectations and rules for each user. In addition to common courtesy as network users, these terms of agreement and prerequisites must be adhered to by all users.

11.2 Use of the Network services is a privilege and it is the responsibility of each user to utilize these services appropriately. Failure to honor these terms can result in a suspension or loss of networking privileges.

11.3 The University's network is provided with the understanding that it serves primarily as an academic tool. Except for the student residential portion of the network, the University reserves the right to limit or prohibit those activities that might interfere with the network's academic or administrative use.

11.4 A user's access may be suspended or disabled for violating these terms or provisions of the related policies/conditions/guidelines governing the use of

network and computing services at Shawnee State University. Suspensions can also occur if the User's system is deemed a threat to other computers on the network (e.g., virus infection, security intrusion).

- 11.5 By connecting a host (computer or any other approved device utilizing the Network) to the Network, users are bound to and required to adhere to all aspects of Policy 5.30Rev and Conditions for Use of Campus Computing Resources as well as any and all University, city, county, state and federal regulations, and the network specific rules.
- 11.6 Network access is not permitted for non-affiliates of Shawnee State University without prior Guest approval by a supporting University department.
- 11.7 Users may not assign their own IP addresses, change the IP address assigned to them by UIS, or manually configure IP addresses.
- 11.8 The network connection may not be used to attempt unauthorized access to any system, or files of any system, or restricted portions of networks to monitor network traffic or to do network routing or serving.
- 11.9 Access to Personal Systems: ITS staff may require access to a User's computer or device to maintain network operations. User agrees to provide reasonable access to their machine and to the necessary modifications required to provide network communications and maintain acceptable performance standards.
- 11.10 Network Access Prerequisites:
  - 11.10.1 To successfully connect to the Network, each User must first install the required software on their computer. ITS uses Network Access Control technology to ensure that current MS Windows updates and the required anti-virus/anti-malware software are properly installed and running. To continue Network access users must ensure that they have properly configured their computer to receive the latest definition files for each required product. Failure to comply with these prerequisites will result in disconnection from the network until all prerequisites are met.
  - 11.10.2 For other devices that have been approved to connect to the network refer to the Gaming Consoles document posted on the ITS web site.
  - 11.10.3 Periodic Host Scans:
    - 11.10.3.1 ITS reserves the right to perform periodic host scans to ensure there are no vulnerabilities on computers connected to the Network.

11.10.3.2 If a computer is found vulnerable the User will be contacted and advised to make the necessary corrections within a specified time period. If the vulnerability is severe the User will be temporarily disconnected until corrective action is taken.

11.11 Responsibility for All Users: Users are ultimately responsible for any and all network use or communication traffic originating from their personally-owned computer/devices, regardless of the actual author of such traffic.

11.12 Disclaimer of Liability:

11.12.1 Users connecting personal computers and other approved devices to the Network or seeking technical assistance in order to connect computers to the Network understand and agree that Shawnee State University, its contractors, employees, representatives and agents helping the user set up the computer assumes no responsibility for a user's loss of time, data or other loss due to unavailable network services or network outages. With full knowledge of the risks involved the User waives any claim whether in tort, contract, or otherwise, for any damage including but not limited to loss of data, programs, and hardware which may result from work, as well as suggested or required downloads on the User's personal computer. Furthermore, the User agrees to hold harmless, Shawnee State University, its contactors, employees, and agents from any liability of damages the User might incur or cause to others. In addition to this waiver of any claim of damages, the User agrees to assume the risks associated with computer assistance. The User agrees to this waiver, hold harmless agreement and assumption of risk without reservation and certifies that the User has had the opportunity to ask any questions concerning the risks that might be involved with this computer assistance. ITS is charged with ensuring that the Users can connect their personally owned devices to the Network. It is at the discretion of the ITS staff the extent to which it will trouble shoot and/or resolve issues related specifically to the equipment.

12.0 Conditions for Wireless Installation and Usage

12.1 To guide the deployment and usage of wireless networking on the SSU campus, to protect the security of SSU's information resources and electronic communications as well as to abate possible interference in the FCC unlicensed 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz radio frequency spectrum, Conditions for Wireless Installation and Usage serve as a prerequisite to implementing and using wireless networks on the SSU campus.

12.2 Installing Personal Wireless Access Points

12.2.1 The installation of any wireless access device on SSU networks by any individual or group other than University Information Services (ITS) is



prohibited without prior authorization by the Chief Information Officer. Any Installation must comply with all health, safety, building, and fire codes.

- 12.2.2 Students may not install or operate wireless local area network (LAN) access points in the residence halls or any other areas on campus.
- 12.2.3 ITS retains the right to enforce cessation of any unapproved access point, and/or disable Network ports where unauthorized access points are found.
- 12.2.4 All IP addresses for the SSU WLAN will be assigned and maintained by ITS.
- 12.2.5 **Acceptable Technology:** The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) is responsible for defining and publishing telecommunications and data communications standards. ITS will use these standards as a basis for establishing and keeping current its wireless protocols for the campus.
- 12.2.6 **Installation and Management:** University Information Services (ITS) will be the sole provider of design, specification, installation, operation, maintenance, and management services for all wireless access points on the SSU Network. Departments wanting WLAN capability will schedule with ITS for installation and maintenance.

### 12.3 Radio Signal Interference

- 12.3.1 The use of other electronic data and telecommunication devices that occupy the same frequency as the SSU WLAN is discouraged on campus. In cases of significant problems, users of other devices will be required to cease using those devices.
- 12.3.2 ITS shall resolve frequency conflicts in a manner which is in the best interest of the University and its academic mission.

- 12.4 **Security/Access:** It is critical that ITS maintains the necessary security measures consistent with current network practices and protocols. All access points in the SSU WLAN will use a Service Set Identifier (SSID) maintained by Information Technology Services. All access points in the SSU WLAN will use authentication and security measures maintained by ITS.

## SECTION 3: APPLICATION COMPUTING

- 13.0 Application Computing consists of one or more software programs designed to permit the end user to perform a group of coordinated functions. Application software is installed and operates on Shawnee State's network and relies on network system software, utilities and



resources to provide technology services to the end user. It includes the database management systems and data that are created, stored and transmitted on a daily basis to serve administrative, academic and research functions, operations, and mission of the University.

- 14.0 All data derived within SSU's enterprise software using campus-wide and departmental-specific applications are considered application computing. Web applications and internet-based technologies operating on the University's network that requires the execution of an internet browser during operation is considered application computing.
- 15.0 Information Technology Services maintains sole responsibility for the installation, management and operation of software applications operating as a service on SSU's network. ITS maintains operational and performance standards for quality of service on the network and publishes minimum operating requirements for applications installed on one or more PC clients, or group of computers operating within a computer lab on campus. A catalog of managed server-based applications and services maintained by ITS is published on the SSU web site.
- 16.0 Departmental Managers and Directors may authorize the implementation of application software on the University's network and have the responsibilities of meeting all vendor contractual terms, approvals, obligations and license compliance, and securing the necessary resources required by the application to operate on the network. ITS will advise departments on the Conditions for meeting network prerequisites, any necessary technology commitments and expenses if applicable.
- 17.0 Software As A Service: Departments who select application software and/or platform as a service (SaaS/PaaS/Cloud service) as a preferred application provider are responsible for ensuring all vendor obligations, budget obligations, license compliance and functional administration are met. For any applications that will integrate with current SSU network resources, share data and/or processes, managers and directors are responsible to work with ITS to define the scope of integration and requirement of ITS resources to develop and maintain the service.
- 18.0 Campus Email
- 18.1 The campus unified communications system is designated as the primary means for distributing critical information to University employees. Unless otherwise provided in collective bargaining agreements or University policies, communication to University staff and faculty by University officials via campus email constitutes "notice" to the recipients.
- 18.2 Official University business communications to students is delivered through the Official Notifications portal on the MyInfo tab, within MySSU, and via campus email sent by the student business areas or the Office of Communications. Any communication sent from student business units to the Official Notifications portal on the MyInfo tab within MySSU, constitutes "notice" to the recipients.

- 18.3 Intended Recipients - Electronic mail (email) is intended for communication between individuals and clearly identified groups of interested individuals, not for mass distribution.
- 18.4 Mass Distribution is defined as sending an email to a group of University users, who have not otherwise indicated their desire to receive messages that are not directly related to their University position or the University's mission. Sending multiple copies of the same message to multiple groups is also mass distribution. Mass distribution of messages is permissible only for University business and official University-sponsored activities. Mass distribution of other non-University business and non-University-sponsored activities may be considered "spamming" and a violation of the Conditions for Use of Campus Computing Resources as determined by the President or President's designee.
- 18.5 Email Access - A University email account may be accessed without the user's permission upon authorization from the President or Vice President of their respective division, for any employee placed on temporary or extended leave of absence, or otherwise is not reasonably available in order to secure documents or communications essential to the mission.
- 19.0 Software Use and Intellectual Property Rights
- 19.1 Shawnee State is committed to educating its students, faculty and staff on the importance of understanding its role as an institution of higher education and the regulations it must adhere to as defined within the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA). Combating the unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials by users of the Shawnee State network, without interfering with the purpose of educational and research use of the network, is an overall goal of ITS.
- 19.2 It is the University's shared responsibility to protect the institution from copyright infringement. Overall campus awareness, policy enforcement and technology are all deterrents that comprise safeguards in place to protect students, faculty and staff. Each of us needs to be aware of the laws in effect to combat unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials, and the steps needed to protect individuals from potential civil and criminal liabilities, and disciplinary action for violation of federal copyright laws.
- 19.3 ITS understands its role in accepting the responsibility to implement industry-standard technologies that deter copyright infringement and actively monitors traffic on the network for unauthorized use and distribution of content, and responds to any notice from an authority charged to protect copyrighted material as reported under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA).
- 19.4 Respect for the scholarly work and intellectual property rights of others is essential to the educational mission of any University. Shawnee State University, therefore,

endorses the following 1987 EDUCOM/ADAPSO statement on *Software and Intellectual Rights*:

*"Respect for intellectual labor and creativity is vital to academic discourse and enterprise. This principle applies to works of all authors and publishers in all media. It encompasses respect for the right to acknowledgement, right to privacy, and right to determine the form, manner, and terms of publication and distribution. Because electronic information is volatile and easily reproduced, respect for the work and personal expression of others is especially critical in computer environments. Violations of authorial integrity, including plagiarism, invasion of privacy, unauthorized access, and trade secret and copyright violations, may be grounds for sanctions against the violator."*

#### 19.5 Protecting Against Copyright Infringement

Software and other materials that are protected by copyright, patent, trade secret, or another form of legal protection ("Protected Materials") may not be copied, altered, transmitted, or stored using SSU-owned or operated technology systems, except as permitted by law or by contract, license agreement, or express written consent of the owner of the Protected Materials. The use of software on a local area network or on multiple computers must be in accordance with the software license agreement.

History:

Effective: 03/13/2020

**RESOLUTION F07-20**  
**REVISION OF POLICY 5.11REV**  
**MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEB SITES**

WHEREAS, Policy 5.11Rev, Media, Social Media and Web Sites, was last reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees on February 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the policy was edited to clarify conditions which would warrant removal of a post on any social media platform;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University approves revised Policy 5.11Rev, Media, Social Media and Web Sites effective March 13, 2020.

(March 13, 2020)

Certified as True and Correct  
April 21, 2020

  
Secretary, SSU Board of Trustees

# Shawnee State University

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## 1.0 OVERVIEW

- 1.1 Shawnee State University is committed to sharing timely, accurate, and consistent information with its various audiences, including current and prospective students, parents and families, alumni and friends, neighbors and the community through whatever practical means are relevant and available, including media sources, social media sites, and websites.
- 1.2 The Office of Marketing & Communications is the official source of information to the media and manages Shawnee State University's official web and social media presence.
- 1.3 The Director of Marketing & Communications serves as the official university spokesperson and will coordinate designation of an appropriate source regarding specific areas of expertise.

## 2.0 DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO MEDIA SOURCES

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### History

Effective: 06/15/90

Revised: 03/13/20; 02/10/17; 07/10/15

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RESPONSIBLE OFFICER(S):	<del>VPA&amp;EA</del> <u>AIR</u>
APPROVED BY:	BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## 1.0 OVERVIEW

- 1.1 Shawnee State University is committed to sharing timely, accurate, and consistent information with its various audiences, including current and prospective students, parents and families, alumni and friends, neighbors and the community through whatever practical means are relevant and available, including media sources, social media sites, and websites.
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### History

Effective: 06/15/90

Revised: 03/13/20; 02/10/17; 07/10/15

**RESOLUTION F08-20**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
POLICY 5.39Rev, MARKETING AND BRANDING**

WHEREAS, Policy 5.39Rev, Marketing and Branding, was last reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees on February 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, minor technical revisions and updates were made to reflect current operations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University approves revised Policy 5.39Rev, Marketing and Branding effective March 13, 2020.

(March 13, 2020)

Certified as True and Correct  
April 21, 2020

  
Secretary, SSU Board of Trustees

# Shawnee State University

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NEXT REVIEW DATE:	03/2023
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER(S):	VPAIR
APPROVED BY:	BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## 1.0 OVERVIEW

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## 2.0 BRAND COMPLIANCE

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2.1.1 All materials used in official marketing campaigns, to recruit new students, build relationships with alumni and donors, fundraise, or promote athletics must be coordinated through the Office of Marketing & Communications to adhere to established marketing strategies.

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## 3.0 LICENSING

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### History

Effective: 02/10/17

Revised: 03/13/20

# Shawnee State University

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### History

Effective: 02/10/17

Revised: 03/13/20

**RESOLUTION ASA02-20**

**ADOPTION OF POLICY 3.00REV ADMISSION & DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

WHEREAS, Policy 3.00 REV, Admission & Degree Requirements, was last reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees on February 10, 2017, and requires updating; and

WHEREAS, a systematic review of institutional policies has been undertaken at the direction of the President in order to remove outdated policies, and to modify and update policies; and

WHEREAS, a modification of the policy is recommended in order for the University's doctoral program requirements to be specified; and

WHEREAS, Policy 3.00REV, Admission & Degree Requirements, has been recommended by the President for Board of Trustees approval;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University hereby approves revision of Policy 3.00REV, Admission & Degree Requirements.

March 13, 2020

Certified as True and Correct  
April 21, 2020

  
Secretary, SSU Board of Trustees



# Shawnee State University

POLICY TITLE:	ADMISSION & DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
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RESPONSIBLE OFFICER(S):	PROVOST/VPAA
APPROVED BY:	BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## 1.0 PURPOSE

Shawnee State University, created pursuant to O.R.C. Chapter 3362, serves as the regional state university for Southern Ohio. SSU is an open access university for all students who have successfully completed a high school education. This policy serves to identify SSU's requirements for admission to the University's degree programs and the credit requirements for those programs.

## 2.0 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR BACCALUAREATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

2.1 Admission to University baccalaureate or associate degree programs is determined by an applicant's (1) earned high school diploma, as defined by the State of Ohio, (2) level of "college preparedness" as defined by the State of Ohio's UNIFORM STATEWIDE STANDARDS for REMEDIATION-FREE STATUS (see link to state standards webpage below), and (3) ability to meet the requirements of a specific selective-admission program.

2.1.1 Non-College Prepared Students. Applicants not meeting the college preparedness standard will only be admitted into a non-selective admission associate degree program or a bridge program and be required to participate in University programs and courses for underprepared college students.

2.1.2 International Applicants. Admission requirements for international applicants also include meeting a university-established minimum test score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or equivalent for applicants whose native language is not English and proof of sufficient financial resources.

2.1.3 Transfer Students. Applicants applying for admission to associate or baccalaureate programs who have earned credit post high school from other regionally accredited colleges or universities are considered transfer

students and are admitted under the same standards described in sections 2.2 and 2.3 of this policy and may be subject to additional requirements.

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Link to the State of Ohio's Uniform Statewide Standards for Remediation-free Status:

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#### History

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# Shawnee State University

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#### History

Effective: 04/02/90

Revised: 03/13/20; 02/10/17; 04/21/95; 03/16/92

**RESOLUTION ASA03-20**  
**ADOPTION OF POLICY 3.23 ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS**

WHEREAS, Policy 3.23, Academic Forgiveness, was created to assist returning students in achieving their academic degree; and

WHEREAS, the University did not have any policy that provided forgiveness for previous grades earned by a student who has returned and re-committed to their academic success; and


WHEREAS, the establishment of a policy will enable former students to return to the University without the burden of a low GPA; and

WHEREAS, Policy 3.23, Academic Forgiveness, has been recommended by the President for Board of Trustees approval; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University hereby approves Policy 3.23, Academic Forgiveness.

March 13, 2020

Certified as True and Correct  
April 21, 2020

  
Secretary, SSU Board of Trustees

# Shawnee State University

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RESPONSIBLE OFFICER(S):	PROVOST
APPROVED BY:	BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## 1.0 POLICY STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 A student who returns to the University after an extended absence and who demonstrates the ability to do well academically, may use academic forgiveness to remove the effect of earlier unsatisfactory grades.
- 1.2 The Academic Forgiveness policy pertains only to former Shawnee State University (SSU) students returning to the University as undergraduate students after a significant absence and for coursework that does not count toward an earned associate's degree or certificate.

## 2.0 IMPLEMENTATION

- 2.1 An associated procedure developed and vetted through shared university governance outlines the circumstances, criteria, and eligibility requirements, guidelines, and timelines associated with implementation of this policy.
- 2.2 Eligible students are encouraged to meet with an academic advisor to develop an academic plan and to discuss this policy.

### History

Effective: 03/13/2020

Applicable Procedures: 3.23:1 Academic Forgiveness Procedure



# Shawnee State University

PROCEDURE TITLE:	ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS
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APPROVED BY:	PRESIDENT

## 1.0 PURPOSE

This procedure sets forth the requirements for students who seek academic forgiveness under Board of Trustees Policy No. 3.23.

## 2.0 ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Students who have not been enrolled in the University for five consecutive year are eligible to apply for academic forgiveness.

2.1.1 Academic or faculty advisors will identify students who are eligible for academic forgiveness when the student reenrolls in the university and meets with an advisor to discuss course selection and major. The academic advisor will communicate the requirements to the student at this time (see 3.0 Guidelines).

2.1.2 Students are only eligible for academic forgiveness once in their academic careers at Shawnee State University, no matter how many degrees the student earns from the University. Academic forgiveness only applies to grades and credit hours earned at Shawnee State University.

## 3.0 GUIDELINES

3.1 To obtain academic forgiveness, students must show one academic year satisfactory academic progress (minimum of 15 successfully completed credit hours per semester with a 2.5 minimum GPA).

3.1.1 Students who do not maintain the minimum GPA or credit hours will be ineligible for academic forgiveness. In addition, if their GPA falls below minimum standards they may be put on probation, suspension, or dismissal according to the academic policies governing those actions, which would also make them ineligible for academic forgiveness.

- 3.2 Students will work with their academic advisor and the Registrar to determine which credits are eligible for academic forgiveness. The Registrar has final say in this matter. Upon the Registrar's approval, the quality points and attempted hours for previously earned credits below a grade of C (C-, D+, D, D-, and F) will be excluded from the student's grade point average (GPA) calculation, but the grades will remain on the transcript. Students do not receive credit for forgiven courses they have failed, and students must retake courses with failing grades that apply to the General Education Program (GEP) or their degree program(s). Academic forgiveness does not apply to grades earned in pass-fail or non-credit courses. Grades for no more than 30 credit hours may be forgiven.

Students must meet the degree and GEP requirements for their catalog year. However, substitutions approved by the GEP director and/or department chair may be used to apply previously earned credit to a degree program.

#### 4.0 EXCLUSIONS

- 4.1 Academic forgiveness does not apply to financial aid standing. Federal regulations regarding financial aid will still apply. Grades that are academically forgiven will still count toward academic progress ratios, maximum credits earned for financial aid eligibility, and GPA calculated for financial aid eligibility. There will be no automatic eligibility for financial aid based on academic forgiveness. If academic forgiveness is granted, by federal regulations the Financial Aid Office must include all courses attempted in evaluating a student's satisfactory academic progress. Therefore, students deemed to have unsatisfactory academic progress for financial aid purposes and who receive academic forgiveness will need to file a financial aid appeal and document mitigating circumstances. Federal regulations regarding maximum number of credit hours eligible for financial aid will still apply.
- 4.2 Credits awarded through evaluation (transfer, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Life-Learning Experience, in-house examination, military experience, prior learning experience, and Advanced Placement) are not altered by this program, regardless of date received.
- 4.3 Per Department of Defense regulations, students receiving benefits from the Veterans Administration will not be reimbursed for repeating courses they have failed or for repeating courses they have passed (courses with a grade of D-, D, D+, C-).
- 4.4 Academic forgiveness does not apply to developmental coursework since these credits do not count toward a degree; however, a student who had previously failed developmental coursework and/or taken a developmental course three times, may retake the coursework but must pass it the first time after reinstatement or

reenrollment. Students may also appeal their placement upon reinstatement or reenrollment.

- 4.5 If a student has been awarded an associate's degree and/or certificate from Shawnee State University, only courses not used in completion of an associate's degree and/or certificate will be eligible for the application of the Academic Forgiveness policy.
- 4.6 Credits earned through College Credit Plus or PSEO may be forgiven; however, academic forgiveness only applies to a student's Shawnee State University transcript and NOT their high school transcript.
- 4.7 This Academic Forgiveness Policy does not apply to graduate students.

## 5.0 TIMELINE

- 5.1 Upon a student's reenrollment or reinstatement to the university, a faculty or professional advisor will identify and inform students eligible for academic forgiveness of the program's guidelines and exclusions, and the advisor will apply a tag to the student's advising file in AVISO or similar student retention software for tracking and reporting purposes.
- 5.2 At the end of each semester, the Director of Advising and Academic Resources will pull a report from the student retention software to identify students who have completed the required one (1) academic year (30 credit hours) and 2.5 GPA standards necessary to apply for academic forgiveness. The Director of Advising will notify students who have not met the requirements for academic forgiveness.
- 5.3 After the Director of Advising and Academic Resources notifies students that they are eligible for academic forgiveness, the student works with an academic advisor and department chair to identify eligible credits for forgiveness that would be most beneficial to the student.
- 5.4 After successfully completing one (1) academic year (30 credit hours) of study and prior to the student's final semester at SSU, the student may petition for academic forgiveness by completing a petition in the Registrar's office.
- 5.5 Within two (2) weeks of receiving a student's petition, the Registrar's office verifies the student's GPA since returning to the institution in order to ensure that the student has made satisfactory progress. If the GPA is below 2.5, the Registrar rejects the student's petition for academic forgiveness. If the GPA is above 2.5, the Registrar

notifies the student's academic advisor that a petition for academic forgiveness has been received.

- 5.6 Within two weeks of notifying a student that the petition for academic forgiveness has been approved, the registrar recalculates the student's GPA reflecting academic forgiveness. The quality points and attempted hours for grades below a C (C-, D+, D, D-, and F) that have been approved for academic forgiveness will be excluded from the student's grade point average (GPA) calculation, but the grades will remain on the transcript.

History

Effective: 03/13/2020

**RESOLUTION E01-20**

**APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

WHEREAS, University Policy 5.16Rev, President's Authority to Appoint Personnel & Manage Positions, requires approval by the Board of Trustees for appointment to the executive position of vice president; and

WHEREAS, the University engaged in a national search in which a comprehensive process was undertaken to select a highly qualified candidate for the position of Vice President for Finance and Administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Barhorst competed as a candidate through this national search process and was recommended for this position by a university search committee; and

WHEREAS, the President recommends Mr. Barhorst for this appointment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University approves the appointment of Mr. Michael Barhorst to the position of Vice President for Finance and Administration, effective May 1, 2020, and further authorizes the President to execute an executive employment agreement with Mr. Barhorst consistent with applicable university policies.

(March 13, 2020)

Certified as True and Correct  
April 21, 2020

  
Secretary, SSU Board of Trustees

November 27, 2019

Jennifer Muller  
Managing Partner & Senior Consultant  
Academic Career & Executive Search  
P.O. Box 370485  
West Hartford, CT 06137-0485

RE: Vice President, Finance and Administration for Shawnee State University (ID 1075)

Dear Ms. Muller:

I am writing to apply for the position of Vice President, Finance and Administration, for Shawnee State University. Insofar as my talents closely match the needs of Shawnee State for this opening, I would like to schedule a meeting at your earliest convenience to discuss this opportunity.

As you will note from my enclosed resume, I have carefully developed a career in public sector financial management characterized by increasing responsibility and proven success. Among the most noteworthy highlights of interest to Shawnee State are:

- Leadership in long-range financial planning for the State of Ohio's third largest community college (currently 12,200 annualized FTE) that has helped to produce consistently high scores on the campus accountability score promulgated by Senate Bill 6 in 1997.
- Relationship building across all areas of the higher education spectrum covering both line and staff functions.
- Leveraging of technology to produce efficiencies both inside the financial management function and beyond.
- Experience in a public sector collective bargaining environment from both an operations management and staff support perspective.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my qualifications. I look forward to hearing from you soon regarding this exciting opportunity.

Cordially,

Mike

*Encl.*

## ***Statement of Qualifications***

Results-oriented financial professional with unique expertise in public sector planning and budgeting \* Strategic thinker with exceptional conceptual, analytical, interpersonal and presentational skills \* Dedicated team player driven to organizational and personal excellence.

## ***Professional Experience***

### **Sinclair Community College**

**Dayton, Ohio**

#### **Director, Office of Budget and Analysis**

**2006 - Present**

Develop, monitor, and analyze **\$142 million** annual operating budget for comprehensive community college serving more than 25,000 students through more than 180 responsibility centers \* Construct, maintain and monitor performance relative to long-range financial planning model \* Author financial reports to the College's Board of Trustees and external entities such as the Ohio Department of Higher Education \* Benchmark financial performance against peers\* Contribute to MD&A section of annual audited financial statements \* Administer annual salary process for over 850 full-time employees \* Evaluate expansion and new program offering opportunities

- Facilitated successful completion of three-year plan to return College to fiscal health mandated by Board of Trustees
- Leveraged data warehouse tools (SAS) to provide financial managers with unprecedented granularity in reporting
- Re-engineered submission/review process capital budgeting for one of the first practical applications of the College's electronic workflow system
- Streamlined operating budget development processes, including error proofing of submission platform
- Developed proof-of-concept database that served as impetus for comprehensive faculty labor tracking system

#### **Senior Budget Analyst, Office of Budget and Analysis**

**2002 - 2006**

Evaluated financial viability of existing and proposed programs utilizing standard analysis tools such as net present value (NPV) and internal rate of return (IRR) \* Developed and administered departmental budget management database (*Microsoft Access*) \* Trained departmental budget managers in financial management techniques \*

- Reduced processing time for monthly budget exception reporting by 90%
- Consolidated numerous data sources into single departmental database (Microsoft Access)

#### **Financial & Operations Manager, Advanced Integrated Manufacturing Center**

**1999 - 2002**

Managed the financial plans and annual operating budgets of approximately \$1.7 million for a joint venture between the University of Dayton and Sinclair Community College dedicated to improving the competitiveness of the manufacturing industry in the Dayton, Ohio area \* Negotiated consulting contracts and prepared revenue and cost forecasts for same \* Managed the accounts receivable function for consulting services rendered on a fee-for-service basis \* Prepared and submitted budgets and financial plans for new grant funding.

- Expedited time and attendance tracking, reducing errors and improving accuracy of financial reporting
- Developed activity-based budgeting model for grants later adopted by fiscal agent

#### **City of Dayton, Ohio**

**Dayton, Ohio**

#### **Senior Management and Budget Analyst, Department of Management and Budget**

**1996 - 1999**

Analyzed financial performance of municipal governmental entities against annual budget allocations for the City's approximately **\$375 million** budget. \* Authored the capital section of the long-range financial plan \* Evaluated capital investments utilizing discounted cash flow methodologies such as net present value (NPV) and internal rate of return (IRR) \* Provided financial forecasting assistance to individual City departments with specific emphasis on labor cost projections - Total fiscal impact of departments served: **\$50 million** \* Served as the sole financial analyst for the City management's collective bargaining team for public safety forces for contracts in excess of **\$60 million** annually

### ***Professional Experience (continued)***

**Montgomery County Educational Service Center** **Dayton, Ohio**  
**Business Manager, West Carrollton City School District** **1995 - 1996**

Managed the transportation, food service, custodial and maintenance functions for a public school district serving 4,200 students in seven buildings (600,000 s.f.) on 100 acres, directed the activities of roughly 100 unionized employees through three first-line supervisors \* Purchased fleet, property, and umbrella liability insurance policies. Divested surplus property including vehicles and educational equipment \* Conducted demand analysis, solicited and evaluated proposals, and negotiated contract with latchkey program service provider \* Applied for and received \$25,000 grant from the State of Ohio for security improvements

- Improved approval rate of initial annual school bus inspections by State of Ohio Highway Patrol from 75% to 100%
- Decentralized classroom supplies procurement and inventory management by eliminating the central warehouse function at a first year savings of \$25,000.

**Dayton City School District** **Dayton, Ohio**  
**Senior Financial Analyst, Budget Department** **1993 - 1995**

Prepared, implemented, and monitored the district's **\$200 million** annual operating budget \* Trained cost center managers in the use of budget development software \* Compiled and submitted reimbursement requests for indirect costs associated with special education programs

**United States Department of Defense** **Dayton/Columbus, Ohio**  
**Management/Inventory Analyst** **1991 - 1993**

Prepared weekly management reports for payroll processing concern for ten government agencies, including the Executive Office of the President \* Managed over 5,000 lines of replacement parts inventory \* Reviewed and modified automated recommended purchases \* Served as liaison between technical and procurement functions

### ***Education***

M.B.A. in Finance Dec. 1990  
Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio GPA: 3.7/4.0

B.S. in Business Administration Dec. 1989  
Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio GPA: 3.7/4.0

### ***Training and Professional Affiliations***

Member, Institute of Management Accountants, 2002 to Present  
Certified Management Accountant (CMA)  
Graduate, College Business Management Institute (CBMI), 2005  
Activity-Based Costing (ABC) Training from PriceWaterhouseCoopers  
Software proficiency

- Microsoft Office (Excel, Access, Word, Outlook, PowerPoint)
- SAS Enterprise Guide, Web Report Studio & Add-In for Excel

### ***Civic Involvement***

Member, St. Helen Parish Council 2005 - 2011  
Adult Leader, Boy Scout Troop 329, Dayton, Ohio 2000 - Present  
Coach, Riverside Amateur Baseball Association 2001 - 2005  
Board Member, Junior Achievement of Dayton, Ohio 2013 - Present

### ***References***

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April 21, 2020



**AMENDED RESOLUTION E02-20  
AUTHORIZATION FOR UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT TO ENACT  
TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

WHEREAS, the discovery of an expanding number of cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the world and United States, including cases recently confirmed in Ohio, presents new challenges to University officials to safeguard the health of students, employees, visitors, and others in the University community; and

WHEREAS, until the coronavirus is contained, flexibility is needed with respect to existing University policies and procedures, to ensure that the administration may take prompt action in the best interests of the University community without obtaining formal Board approval; and

WHEREAS, as long as the coronavirus still poses a potential risk, issues that for which such flexibility may be needed include, but are not limited to: student and employee attendance requirements; employee use of paid and unpaid leave; authorization for employees to travel on University business; reporting on personal travel outside the United States; methods of delivery of course material; cancellation of campus gatherings and existing contractual agreements; and the cancellation or rescheduling of events, including athletic events;


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University authorizes the University President to enact temporary emergency procedures that may expand, restrict or otherwise modify the rights and responsibilities of members of the University community that are currently provided for in University policies; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the University administration shall take reasonable efforts to ensure that any such temporary emergency procedures that are enacted are communicated to members of the University community in a manner that will ensure broad dissemination, which may include emails, text alerts, and postings on the University web site; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the authority granted herein may be rescinded by the Board Chair when such authority is deemed no longer necessary.

(March 13, 2020)

Certified as True and Correct  
April 21, 2020

  
Secretary, SSU Board of Trustees

**RESOLUTION F03-20**  
**APPROVAL OF AY2020-2021 E-CAMPUS TUITION RATES**

WHEREAS, in response to the University's request, Wiley Education Services, Shawnee's contracted online management firm, conducted a competitive analysis of online programs that captured data from the region (within 150 miles) and from an online degree database that includes over 5,000 online program across the country; and

WHEREAS, the results of the competitive analysis reflect that Shawnee State's *e-campus* (exclusively online) tuition rates are highly competitive in the region as well as in the wider population; and

WHEREAS, based upon the data presented, the University proposes the following actions to the *e-campus* Tuition Rates:

- Undergraduate -
  - RN/BSN – seek a waiver of the AY20-21 undergraduate, in-state tuition per credit hour rate of \$305.90 (non-guarantee) to \$240.00 per credit hour for the RN/BSN online program (e-campus) to respond to the highly competitive market in the region for this program,
  - All other undergraduate - maintain the Board-approved AY19-20 rate,
- Graduate – evidence indicates that an increase over the AY19-20 online graduate rate is warranted and will maintain the University's competitive edge for graduate programs regionally and nationally,
- Occupational Therapy Doctoral Program – maintain the Board-approved AY19-20 rate that is expected to secure a greater presence in the market for this particular program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University approves the *E-Campus* Tuition Rates Schedule (attached) effective fall 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the vice president for finance and administration is authorized to seek approval from the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ref. Directive 2009-011) to waive the in-state undergraduate tuition rate for the RN/BSN program exclusively delivered via *E-Campus* for the AY2020-2021 biennium.



**E-Campus Tuition Rate Schedule**  
*(online courses/programs delivered exclusively online)*  
 effective Fall 2020

	AY19-20	AY20-21
<b>Undergraduate</b>		
	<b>Credit Hour</b>	
<i><b>In-State Tuition</b></i>	\$278.00	\$278.00
<i><b>Out-of-State Surcharge</b></i>	\$5.00	\$5.00
<b>RN/BSN</b>		
	<b>Credit Hour</b>	
<i><b>In-State Tuition</b></i>	\$278.00	<b>\$240.00</b>
<i><b>Out-of-State Surcharge</b></i>	\$5.00	\$5.00
<b>Graduate</b>		
	<b>Credit Hour</b>	
<i><b>In-State Tuition</b></i>	\$402.00	<b>\$452.00</b>
<i><b>Out-of-State Surcharge</b></i>	\$10.00	\$10.00
<b>Occupational Therapy Doctoral Program</b>		
	<b>Credit Hour</b>	
<i><b>In-State Tuition</b></i>	\$600.00	\$600.00
<i><b>Out-of-State Surcharge</b></i>	\$50.00	\$50.00

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 April 21, 2020

  
 Secretary, SSU Board of Trustees

**RESOLUTION F04-20**  
**APPROVAL OF REVISED TUITION SCHEDULE**  
**FOR THE 2019 GUARANTEE COHORT**

WHEREAS, the guaranteed tuition schedule for the 2019 Cohort reflected an increase to the out-of-state surcharge for AY20-21 as permitted by the University's amended *Shawnee Advantage Principles* approved in July 2019; and

WHEREAS, after adoption of the increase, inconsistencies were found between the adjusted rate and the communications regarding the 2019 Cohort's guaranteed rates; and

WHEREAS, in order to reconcile the inconsistencies, it is recommended that the out-of-state surcharge rate remain at the 2019 amount and guaranteed at that rate through 2023;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves guaranteeing the out-of-state surcharge rate for the 2019 Cohort as recommended.

(March 13, 2020)

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Secretary, SSU Board of Trustees



**Revised**  
**2019-20 Academic Year**  
**Shawnee Advantage Cohort (B)\***  
*effective fall 2019 through spring 2023*

<b>Full-Time</b> <i>(12 - 18 credit hours)</i>	<b>AY 2019-20</b> <i>(per semester)</i>	<b>AY 2020-21</b> <i>(per semester)</i>
<b><i>In-State Tuition</i></b>		
<b>Total In-State Tuition</b>	<b>\$4,132.35</b>	<b>\$4,132.35</b>
<b><i>Out-of-State Surcharge</i></b> (does not apply to students from counties included in reciprocal agreements; Kentucky residents may be eligible for the Kentucky Scholars Program)	\$2,904.12	\$2,904.12
<b>Part-Time</b> <i>(up to and including 11 and over 18 credit hours)</i>	<b>AY 2019-20</b> <i>(per credit hour)</i>	<b>AY 2020-21</b> <i>(per credit hour)</i>
<b><i>In-State Tuition</i></b>		
<b>Total In-State Tuition (up to and including 11 credit hours)</b>	<b>\$344.36</b>	<b>\$344.36</b>
<b>Total In-State Tuition (over 18 credit hours)</b>	<b>\$331.86</b>	<b>\$331.86</b>
<b><i>Out-of-State Surcharge</i></b> (does not apply to students from counties included in reciprocal agreements; Kentucky residents may be eligible for the Kentucky Scholars Program)	\$242.01	\$242.01

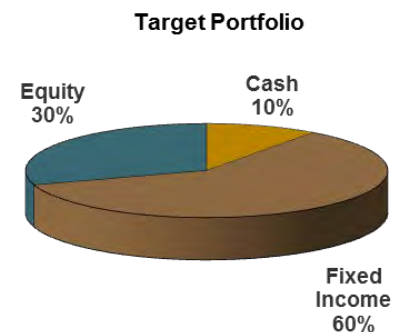
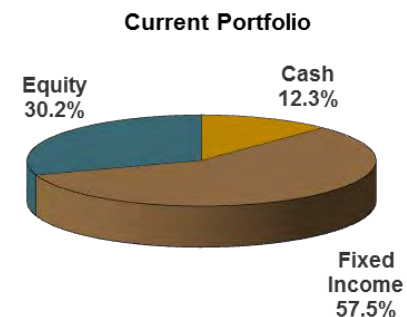
**NOTE: Course and Special Program fees will be charged for designated courses/programs. These fees can be found at <http://www.shawnee.edu/offices/student-accounts/>**

# Shawnee State University

## Asset Allocation – As of January 31, 2020



Asset Class	Market Value	% of Assets	Target %
<b>Cash Equivalents</b>			
TIAA Cash Deposit Account	\$1,040,086	12.3%	
<b>Total Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>\$1,040,086</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>
<b>Fixed Income</b>			
Fixed Income Separately Managed Account	\$3,175,579	37.5%	40.0%
Vanguard Short Term Bond Index Fund	\$842,974	10.0%	10.0%
DFA Inflation Protected SEC Fund	\$427,449	5.1%	5.0%
PIMCO 1-5 Year U.S. TIPS Index Fund	\$419,307	5.0%	5.0%
<b>Total Fixed Income</b>	<b>\$4,865,309</b>	<b>57.5%</b>	<b>60.0%</b>
<b>Domestic Equity</b>			
TIAA-CREF Large Cap Value Index Fund	\$837,664	9.9%	10.0%
TIAA-CREF Large Cap Growth Index Fund	\$793,201	9.4%	9.0%
iShares Russell Mid Cap Value ETF	\$146,272	1.7%	1.8%
Nationwide Geneva Mid-Cap Growth Fund	\$152,222	1.8%	1.8%
Wasatch Small Cap Growth Fund	\$45,084	0.5%	0.5%
TIAA-CREF Small Cap Blend Index Fund	\$83,144	1.0%	1.0%
Cohen & Steers Real Estate Fund	\$41,687	0.5%	0.5%
Vanguard REIT Index Fund	\$41,700	0.5%	0.5%
<b>Total Domestic Equity</b>	<b>\$2,140,974</b>	<b>25.3%</b>	<b>25.0%</b>
<b>International Equity</b>			
iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF	\$246,313	2.9%	3.0%
Harding Loevner Institutional Emerging Markets Fund	\$84,716	1.0%	1.0%
MFS International New Discovery Fund	\$41,970	0.5%	0.5%
DFA International Small Cap Value Fund	\$41,542	0.5%	0.5%
<b>Total International Equity</b>	<b>\$414,541</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$2,555,515</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>30.0%</b>
<b>Total Portfolio Market Value</b>	<b>\$8,460,910</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



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April 21, 2020

# FY2020 FY20 Operating Budget Discussion University Investment Portfolio Actions

Finance & Administration Committee

March 13, 2020

# FY20 Operating Budget Briefing

- **General Fund**

- State funding – above budget (SSI mid year adjustment)
- Tuition revenue – meeting projections through spring; summer enrollment uncertain due to actions required for COVID-1
- Compensation – health costs and salaries are being monitored (unknown labor costs to respond to COVID-19)
- Non-compensation – final outcome depends on obligations to respond to COVID-19

- **Auxiliary Fund**

- Housing & meal plan revenue tracking to budget; commissions, service fees, and ticket sales lagging (anticipate negative impact on operating revenue due to cancellation of multiple events)
- Compensation costs monitored; non-compensation running high primarily due to purchase of equipment/furniture for Rhodes Athletic Center (may be adjusted at year end)



# Anticipated financial impacts on FY20 Budget (evolving)

- Extended Health Clinic Hours
- Costs for additional Security measures
- Costs for deep cleaning/personal protective equipment
- Costs to transition to online courses March 23 – April 12 (may be extended)
- Software and hardware needed to accommodate online course delivery
- Training for online course delivery
- Major events and large gatherings cancelled (VRCFA, Celebration of Scholarship, athletic games, closure of Rhodes Athletic Center)
- Non-essential travel cancellations (offset by refunds of hotel, registration fees, etc.)

# Anticipated financial impacts on FY20 Budget (evolving)

- Lost time: Meetings with State, IUC, Emergency Response Team, Business Continuity, other
- Possible costs associated with sick leave options, work-from-home (telecommuting); creating processes to track
- Steps taken to monitor:
  - Budgetary project code to track costs associated with COVID-19
  - All non-comp expenditures \$1,000 or higher requires VP approval

# Investment Portfolio

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Secretary, SSU Board of Trustees

# University Investment Portfolio Discussion

- January 31, 2020 – value at \$8.46M (gain from July 1, 2019 of \$416K)
- March 3, 2020 – gain reduced to \$250K; SSU reached out to TIAA
- TIAA response *“strongly recommends SSU reduce equity exposure by at least 5%”*

**Projected cash needs in July or August (planned to replenish); preserve fiscal-year value for impact on SB6**

- March 4, 2020 – University instructed TIAA to move \$700K to cash; TIAA completed March 5
- Review status of portfolio:

# Portfolio Status as of March 10 {update for results on March 12}

Asset Class/Security		Market Value as of March 10, 2020	Amount of Gain/(Loss) From 1/31/20 To 2/27/20	Percentage of Gain/(Loss)	Amount of Gain/(Loss) From 1/31/20 To 3/10/20	Percentage of Gain/(Loss)	Amount of Gain/(Loss) From 2/27/20 To 3/10/20
<b>CASH EQUIVALENTS:</b>		\$ 1,685,648	\$ (62,167)	-5.98%	\$ 645,562	62.07%	\$ 707,729
<b>FIXED INCOME:</b>							
Fixed Income Managed Acct (US and Agency Securities)	Various	\$ 3,265,532	\$ 72,484	2.28%	\$ 89,953	2.83%	\$ 17,469
Vanguard Short Term Bond Index Fund	VBIRX	\$ 853,898	\$ 4,749	0.56%	\$ 10,924	1.30%	\$ 6,175
DFA Inflation Protected Securities Portfolio	DIPSX	\$ 426,756	\$ 3,120	0.73%	\$ (693)	-0.16%	\$ (3,813)
PIMCO 1-5 Year U.S. TIPS Index ETF	STPZ	\$ 415,328	\$ 1,910	0.46%	\$ (3,979)	-0.95%	\$ (5,889)
<b>Total Fixed Income</b>		\$ 4,961,514	\$ 82,263	1.69%	\$ 96,205	1.98%	\$ 13,942
<b>DOMESTIC EQUITY:</b>							
TIAA-CREF Large Cap Value Index Fund	TILVX	\$ 517,094	\$ (69,173)	-8.26%	\$ (320,570)	-38.27%	\$ (251,397)
TIAA-CREF Large Cap Growth Index Fund	TILIX	\$ 521,410	\$ (52,724)	-6.65%	\$ (271,791)	-34.27%	\$ (219,067)
iShares Russell Mid Cap Value ETF	IWS	\$ 82,047	\$ (17,109)	-11.70%	\$ (64,225)	-43.91%	\$ (47,116)
Nationwide Geneva Mid-Cap Growth Fund	NWKAX	\$ 98,396	\$ (9,559)	-6.28%	\$ (53,826)	-35.36%	\$ (44,267)
Wasatch Small Cap Growth Fund	WIAEX	\$ 27,525	\$ (1,943)	-4.31%	\$ (17,559)	-38.95%	\$ (15,616)
TIAA-CREF Small Cap Blend Index Fund	TISBX	\$ 50,946	\$ (5,939)	-7.14%	\$ (32,198)	-38.73%	\$ (26,259)
Cohen & Steers Real Estate Fund	CREFX	\$ 27,311	\$ (1,828)	-4.39%	\$ (14,376)	-34.49%	\$ (12,548)
Vanguard REIT Index Fund	VGSLX	\$ 27,419	\$ (1,986)	-4.76%	\$ (14,281)	-34.25%	\$ (12,295)
<b>Total Domestic Equity</b>		\$ 1,352,148	\$ (160,261)	-7.49%	\$ (788,826)	-36.84%	\$ (628,565)
<b>INTERNATIONAL EQUITY:</b>							
iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF	IEFA	\$ 148,287	\$ (24,301)	-9.87%	\$ (98,026)	-39.80%	\$ (73,725)
Harding Loevner Institutional Emerging Markets Fund	HLMEX	\$ 54,985	\$ (4,228)	-4.99%	\$ (29,731)	-35.09%	\$ (25,503)
MFS International New Discovery Fund	MIDLX	\$ 26,209	\$ (3,349)	-7.98%	\$ (15,761)	-37.55%	\$ (12,412)
DFA International Small Cap Value Fund	DISVX	\$ 25,055	\$ (3,648)	-8.78%	\$ (16,487)	-39.69%	\$ (12,839)
<b>Total International Equity</b>		\$ 254,536	\$ (35,526)	-8.57%	\$ (160,005)	-38.60%	\$ (124,479)
<b>Total Equity</b>		\$ 1,606,684	\$ (195,787)	-7.66%	\$ (948,831)	-37.13%	\$ (753,044)
<b>TOTAL PORTFOLIO MARKET VALUE</b>		\$ 8,253,846	\$ (175,691)	-2.08%	\$ (207,064)	-2.45%	\$ (31,373)
	Value as of July 2019	\$8,121,057					
	Value as of 3/10/2020	\$8,253,846					
	Diff \$	\$132,789					
	Diff %	1.64%					

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Status  
Construction/Renovation Projects  
as of February 29, 2020

PROJECT	STATUS	PROJECT BUDGET	FUNDING SOURCE(S)
<b>Library/CFA HVAC Renovation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction documents complete. Advertise for bids March 2020.</li> <li>• Includes replacement of all pneumatic and obsolete DDC controls for multiple air handlers in both buildings; an assessment of all existing equipment is required to set priorities on replacement.</li> </ul>	\$1.1M	State Capital
<b>Kricker Innovation Hub</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDA grant secured. Architect short list created; interviews scheduled early March, 2020.</li> </ul>	\$3.4M (est.)	EDA/Capital/Private
<b>Rhodes – Phase 1B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project complete. Punch list and closeout remain.</li> </ul>	\$3.3M (est.)	Bond proceeds
<b>ATC Roof Replacement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All roof systems on the ATC and T&amp;I buildings will be replaced with new 30-year EPDM single membrane system.</li> </ul>	\$892,000	State Capital

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## **Alumni & Community Engagement**

The Office of Alumni and Community Engagement (ACE) and Athletics co-hosted the Athletics Department **Hall of Fame Weekend** on February 7 & 8. On Friday evening, the 2020 Hall of Fame Class of Mandy (Goin) Davis (Volleyball & Women's Basketball), Brad Liston (Cross Country & Track), Alannah Sheets (Women's Basketball), Jami Turrill (Volleyball) and Ralph Kavanaugh Home Team Award winner Dr. Steven Rader were inducted into the Hall of Fame during a ceremony and dinner held in the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts, followed by an Alumni Social at Port City Pub & Café. On Saturday, the women's and men's basketball teams both defeated Lindsey Wilson and many past Hall of Fame members were in attendance during the day.

## **Athletics**

**Indoor Track:** Seth Farmer, defending national champion in one mile, fourth in one mile in 2020, earning NAIA All-American status; Jessica Price, 5,000-meter run, finished 10<sup>th</sup>; Steven Adams, 5,000-meter run, finished 12<sup>th</sup>; competed at Mid-South Conference Championships in Defiance and men finished fourth, women fifth; Mid-South Conference event winners were Hunter Ashton, high jump, Steven Adams, 3,000 and 5,000 meter runs, Seth Farmer, one mile, Jessica Price, 3,000 meter run and one mile, Jessica Cook, 800 meter run; won five Mid-South Conference Track Athlete of the Week Awards - Jessica Price (1/29/20 and 2/12/20), Seth Farmer (1/29/20 and 2/12/20) and Faheem Gilbert (2/19/20).

**Men's Basketball:** National Tournament seeding: 7<sup>th</sup>; EJ Onu won Defensive Player of the Year honors for second time in his career; EJ Onu and Kyree Elder named First-Team All-MSC; Bailey Davis CoC nominee; SSU defeated five teams ranked or receiving votes at time of matchup; Kyree Elder won Mid-South Conference Player of the Week Award (11/4/19); and D'Andre Price was named All-Academic Mid-South Conference.

**Women's Basketball:** Shawnee State won their fifth Mid-South Conference Tournament Championship in six seasons; National Tournament seeding: 2<sup>nd</sup>; Bailey Cummins won Mid-South Conference Player of the Year honors; Brandie Snow won Mid-South Conference Tournament MVP; Mid-South Conference honorees are Cummins, Snow (MSC First Team), Anyia Pride, Carson Roney (MSC Second Team), Leah Wingeier, CoC nominee; won six Mid-South Conference Athlete of Week Awards - Bailey Cummins (12/11/19, 12/25/19, 1/29/20, 2/12/20, 2/19/20), Sydney King (1/1/20); six individuals named All-Academic MSC - Hagen Schaefer, Anyia Pride, Marnae Holland, Bailey Cummins, Brandie Snow, Carson Roney.

**Bowling:** Kevin Simpkins finished 10<sup>th</sup> at Mid-South Conference Championships on men's side; Zach Otto won bowling program's first-ever Mid-South Conference Bowler of Week honors (11/20/19); Zach Otto, Jordan Hileman were Champions of Character nominees; Hallie Nichols finished 13<sup>th</sup> at Mid-South Conference Championships on women's side; eight bowlers named All-Academic MSC - MacKenzie Mason, Carla Pena, Jordan Hileman, Brad Simpkins, Andrea Ruark, Jordan Hughes, Brandon Underwood and Josie Wolfe.

**eSports:** Call of Duty - 1 of 12 nationwide to be selected for TESPAs Varsity League; eSports unit currently playing Call of Duty, CS: GO (Counter Strike: Global Offensive), Hearthstone, League of Legends, Overwatch, and Magic: The Gathering.

### **Pre-Collegiate Programs and Initiatives**

Children's Learning Center Director, Amanda Hedrick and Classroom Teachers, Cile Partlow and Elisabeth Mapes, participated in a **Preschool Autism Series Institute** led by representatives from OCALI and ODE State Support Team Region 15. Preschool Teams participated in a three-day institute on Comprehensive Program Planning, which involved a process-planning framework for designing comprehensive positive behavioral interventions. The framework provided participants with the tools to assess a student's specific needs by examining the student's underlying characteristics, strengths and special interests as well as environmental factors in order to design individualized interventions that are evidence-based and systematically implemented throughout the day. The process encouraged parents and professionals to work collaboratively to develop positive behavioral supports to meet the needs of students across all settings.

On Friday, January 24, students and staff from the Children's Learning Center met with Ohio's First Lady, Fran DeWine to kick-off the **Governor's Imagination Library** in Scioto County. Mrs. DeWine read The Very Hungry Caterpillar to our students. The Ohio Governor's Imagination Library is working to put more books in the hands of Ohio's children to ensure that every student enters kindergarten ready to succeed. Of the 5,000 children between the ages of birth and age five in Scioto County, only 16% were registered as of the end of February. By registering, each child will receive one book each month until they turn five years old and the program is free. CLC staff enrolled all CLC students with consent from parents to participate in the program. The children just received their first book, The Little Engine That Could last week. Each child could receive up to sixty books depending on the age at enrollment. To enroll, go to <https://ohioimaginationlibrary.org/enroll>.

On February 11 and 12, Director, Amanda Hedrick and Project BEAR Coordinator, Hayley Venturino completed the **LETRS: Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling Facilitator Course** in Dallas, Texas. Many schools throughout the state of Ohio have chosen to adopt this professional development course to better understand how to teach children to read and write. Shawnee State University will be hosting over forty local teachers this spring to conduct LETRS face-to-face trainings. This course aligns to Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement.

On February 19 and 20, Director, Amanda Hedrick, Project BEAR Coordinator, Hayley Venturino, and Classroom Teacher, Elisabeth Mapes attended **ODE's Literacy Conference** in Columbus, Ohio to gather information to continue improving our local literacy plan.

On March 9, the **BEAR Literacy Camp** began. This free after-school camp is offered for students enrolled in grades K-3. We will be using a variety of evidenced-based intervention



strategies to improve each child's reading confidence including HD Word, Equipped for Reading Success, and Heggerty's Phonemic Awareness Curriculum. This program is funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Registration for **Cub Camp** is now open. Cub Camp is a summer academic enrichment camp for children completing grades PK-8. Early Bird Registration runs through April 1. Courses include Football for All, It's All Fun and Games, Ooey Gooey Science, Space Camp, Heart for Art, Code a Story, Karate, Yoga, Frozen Musical Class, Basketball, Soccer, Let's Get Inky, Fun with Physics, eSports: e is for Everyone, LEGO in to Summer, Volleyball: Can you dig it?, Video Productions, Art Adventure, Green Screen, Paint like a Pro, Jr Naturalist, Speak Up, Move Up!, Conversational Spanish, Letter of the Law, Robotics, and Southern Ohio History. More information is available at [shawnee.edu/cubcamp/](http://shawnee.edu/cubcamp/). Cub Camp is June 22-25.

The **Summer Honors Institute** is scheduled for June 8-18. This program for talented and gifted students in grades 9-11 will provide students the opportunity to explore college majors and future careers. Topics include Art/Biology/Geology, Game Programming and Coding, Entrepreneurship, Performing Arts, Math, Health Sciences, and Political Science. Special thanks to faculty members Erik Larson, Logan Minter, Sarah Minter, Jason Witherell, Jason Lovins, Stanley Workman, John Huston, Summer Logan, Michael Barnhart, Linda Hunt, Amy France, Jean McGlone, Roberta Zaph, and Thomas Bunting for designing high quality programs for area students. More information is available at [shawnee.edu/summer-honors](http://shawnee.edu/summer-honors).

**Rural King** in New Boston, OH provided new boots for our nature preschool program at \$2 per pair. The children's feet now stay warm and dry on our hikes in the woods. We would also like to recognize Matt Taylor at Camp Oyo for giving us a tour of the camp, allowing us to hike, and demonstrating how maple syrup is made. The children observed the sap being collected from the maple trees, learned about the boiling process, and tasted the sweet syrup on pancakes to conclude our visit. We appreciate our community providing rich experiences to build our knowledge.

### **Vern Riffe Center for the Arts**

Since January 1st we've welcomed over 3,000 people in our theater. The audience has enjoyed a full range of events from Romeo & Juliet presented by the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company to the SSU Theatre Department's performance of Camelot. On February 13th, our customers had a wonderful evening with the very funny and thoroughly entertaining 3 Redneck Tenors. This group was featured on the national television show America's Got Talent, as well as Jimmy Fallon's Tonight Show. Scioto County Honors Music Festival and the Ohio Music Educators Association Band & Choir Competition was held over spring break. Both of these events are annual and having been using the Vern Riffe Center for their performances for many years. They are wonderful opportunities for local high school students, as well as their family/friends to visit Shawnee State's campus.

## **Development Foundation**

The SSU Development Foundation has released more than \$400,000 in endowed and annual scholarship dollars to SSU Department of Financial Aid for award to students in academic year 2020-2021.

The Jordan Williams Memorial Scholarship has been established to support full-time baseball student-athletes that demonstrate excellence in both academic and athletic pursuit at Shawnee State University. Preference given to those enrolled and pursuing a degree in Natural Science.

The Foundation received payments to fulfill two bequest pledges, made in the mid-1990s during the **Reach for the Stars** campaign, totaling \$151,105.01.

As **Make Tomorrow's Stars** reaches the \$100,000 mark, the SSU Development Foundation and the students in the Musical Theatre program have launched **Curtain Call**, a \$7,000 crowdfunding initiative for the campaign. Leading up to the final production of the 2019-2020 season, follow along with the Musical Theatre program as it prepares for their production of *Altar Boyz*. The campaign will bring supporters of the program behind-the-scenes to learn more about the details put into each production. The campaign will feature interviews and features on multiple students currently enrolled within the program.

The **20Twenties President's Gala** will be Saturday, April 25, 2020. Celebrating all that is Shawnee State with a nod to the roaring twenties, the Gala will bring together faculty, staff, students, partners, and friends of the university for an annual fundraiser hosted by the SSU Development Foundation. In support of the SSUDF Grants Program, the proceeds of the event benefit the bi-annual grants program administered on campus. Tickets are available at [givetossu.com/gala](http://givetossu.com/gala).

## **Kricker Innovation Hub & Entrepreneurship**

The Kricker Innovation Hub hosted a kickoff call for the **Rural Innovation Initiative** technical assistance program on March 4th, with representatives from the City of Portsmouth, SSU, and the Chamber of Commerce in attendance. This program will assist with the development of highly refined programming, planning for sustainability, and shaping the operational systems for the Innovation Hub. This engagement process will take place over the next 6 months.

Shawnee State University **submitted our first quarterly report** for the LIGHTS-INC POWER grant. This grant is from the Appalachian Regional Commission to provide entrepreneurial support services to entrepreneurs in our region, and to make regional services and programs accessible to the recovery community. The partners in this grant so far have collectively **worked with entrepreneurs to create 18 jobs, and worked with 25 small businesses to retain 77 jobs.**

The Kricker Innovation Hub has completed all interviews for the Entrepreneurship Coordinator being hired through the ARC POWER grant and is in the process of completing phone interviews for the recovery coordinator.

SSU received 18 applicants for the architect role in the Kricker Innovation Hub renovation. After narrowing it down to a short list, **SSU staff are preparing to interview selected finalists.**

The Kricker Innovation Hub hosted the **2020 Glockner Dare to Dream Ohio semifinals** and finals again this year. With 14 finalists, each team did a great job. Shawnee State University and the Hub were sponsors for the event. The winning team was Children's Paradise, a team from the Tri-State STEM+M Early College High School in South Point, with an idea to revolutionize childcare.

The Hub hosted a community stakeholder focus group for strategic planning for the University, and also participated in the City of Portsmouth steering committee for the City master planning process.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
*Eric Andrew Braun, JD*  
*VP for Advancement & Institutional Relations*

# ***Academic and Student Affairs Executive Report***

***March 13, 2020***

## ***Events***

**Ohio Valley Model Arab League** - On February 20-22, Shawnee State University hosted the Ohio Valley Model Arab League where students and faculty from five Ohio Universities competed as representatives from Member States of the Arab League. Participants were encouraged to use the experience to hone their skills in public speaking and diplomacy, in addition to the primary goal of learning about the politics and history of the Arab world. I would like to thank Dr. Amr Al-Azm for coordinating this event.

**Camelot** – The SSU Theatre Department performed Camelot for three nights in the Smith Theatre of the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. It was very well attended and praise for the performances was wide spread.

**Honors Program** – The Honors Program held its second enrichment trip two weeks ago. Under the direction of Dr. Jennifer Scott, the Honor Members went to view The Color Purple in Ashland, KY.

## ***Membership***

**IIRC** - The Insurance Industry Resource Council invited SSU to be 12<sup>th</sup> university in its membership. The majority of the membership is comprised of insurance industry giants. This membership will be a pipeline for job placements as well as future internships. I would like to thank Dr. John Whitaker for attaining this membership. His relentless pursuit will pay off in so many student opportunities.

## ***Accreditation***

**Dental Hygiene** – SSU's Dental Hygiene program successfully completed their accreditation review and visit. With full accreditation status for another 7 years, the commission wrote, "The program has demonstrated positive programmatic student achievement outcomes through dental hygiene program completion rates, patient treatment summaries, patient satisfaction surveys, clinical trial board evaluation sheets, national board sub scores summaries, clinical performances on regional board summaries, Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) examination results, community service summaries, Shawnee State University (SSU) alumni activities, exit surveys of dental hygiene graduates, minutes of dental hygiene curriculum committee meetings, dental hygiene alumni surveys, dental hygiene employer surveys, and ongoing documentation of change implementation." We would like to congratulate Ms. Nancy Bentley, Program Director, as well as Georgeann Kamer, Mariah Woodward, and Dr. Jim Kadel for the hours of preparation for this visit.

**Emergency Medical Technology and Paramedic programs** - The Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) and Paramedic programs had their accreditation approved by the Ohio Department of Public Safety. ODPS also approved the program to begin offering an advanced EMT program. The faculty who teach in this program are professors Bill Turner and A.J. Foit. We thank them for their work in achieving this.

**Occupational Therapy Doctorate** – On March 16 & 17, the Institutions Action Council of the Higher Learning Commission will meet. Our OTD program approval is on the agenda. Our Liaison was not sure

which day our proposal would come through, so I am waiting until Wednesday, March 18, when I will call our Liaison for the results of the vote. The Liaison sees no reason why it should not receive full approval. We will be able to begin advertising immediately. This is good timing because the national conference for Occupational Therapy runs March 23 through 25 and our program director, Dr. Mikel Stone, can set up a table for recruitment.

**Physical Therapy Assistant Program** – Dr. Ryan Walker is working on the PTA Program’s Self-Study to submit to their accrediting agency. They expect a site visit in Fall 2020 for reaffirmation of their accreditation.

**Dr. Chris Kacir** – Dr. Chris Kacir has completed the HLC Site Reviewer training in Chicago. Dr. Kacir becomes SSU’s third HLC Reviewer. He adds another resource to our Assessment and Accreditation team as we are planning for our next submission in September 2022.

### ***Publication***

**A Door on Every Tear** - Mr. Neil Carpathios has just published a book of poetry entitled, *A Door on Every Tear*. We are quite proud of his recent accomplishment.

### **Clark Memorial Library**

**CML** – The Clark Memorial Library is participating in a community literacy program called Books Build Bridges. This year’s reading initiative involves as many as 1,000 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Scioto County schools. This year’s book is “The One and Only Ivan” based on the true story of a gorilla who spent 27 years in a cage in a shopping mall after being captured as a baby. Each 5<sup>th</sup> grade student in participating schools received a copy of the book. For many students, it is the first book they have ever owned. Ivan’s caretaker from the Atlanta Zoo will be here on March 19<sup>th</sup> to talk to students and the public about Ivan’s story.

### ***Student Affairs***

**First Generation Program** – Dean of Students, Marcie Simms, has added 20 new students to the First Generation Program for a total of 82. As part of this program, she has implemented Alumni Panel Discussions that center around certain degree programs and job opportunities. The first one was with Health Professionals. The second one was with area Educators, and now the third one is March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with Charlie Haskins, a local artist, and Josiah Bentley, a local entrepreneur, speaking about different ways to use your Shawnee State degrees - How to market yourself.

**Student Food Pantry** – The numbers using the food pantry continue to increase. To date, there have been 799 visits since Spring Semester started in January. If the volume continues, it could have well over 1,000 visits for Spring Semester.

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Alumni & Community Engagement

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# Alumni Association Council

Jill Arnzen	Class of 2011	Sherman-Kricker Insurance
Jonathon Davis	Class of 2004	Circleville City Schools
Rachel Jordan	Class of 2012	Red Hat
Tony Moore	Class of 2004	Marathon Petroleum
Bill Neese	Class of 2002	Paycor
Brett Simpson	Class of 2002	GLG

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# Alumni Association Council

D. Keith Adams	Class of 1994	Columbus City Schools
Drew Carter	Class of 2007	Co-Founder Watch Me Grow Ohio
Scott Estep	Class of 2000	OhioHealth
Tyler Ferguson	Class of 2000	OCLC
Troy Gregory	Class of 1996	JPMorgan Chase & Co.
Anna Johnson	Class of 2010	Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP
Amy Kinnamon	Class of 1997	Dentsply Sirona
Philip Pollitt	Class of 2014	Nationwide
Dave Richey	Class of 2002	First State Bank
Avery Booth	Class of 2021	Student Alumni Ambassador
Dennis Doaks	Class of 2020	Student Alumni Ambassador

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# Alumni Association Council

- Reinstated - Fall 2018
- Reinstated Alumni Association Awards
- Served on Platform Party at Commencements
- President's Gala
- Homecoming, Alumni & Family Weekend
- SSU Night at Columbus Blue Jackets
- 11 members – 100% engaged, events & annual giving

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# SSU Alumni Ambassador Program

- Launched in Fall 2019
- Joint effort between the Office of Admissions and the Office of Alumni & Community Engagement
- Alumni Volunteer Opportunities
  - Assist in the recruitment of SSU students



# SSU Alumni Ambassador Program

- College Fairs
- High School visits
- School Scholarship Ceremonies
- Campus Events
  - “Ask a Bear” station
- Orientations
  - Check-In, Alumni Panels, Welcoming Students
- Speaking at Alma Mater High Schools



# SSU Alumni Ambassador Program

Shawnee State University  
**ALUMNI AMBASSADORS**



## AKRON, OH

Nick Ball (2013)

## ATHENS, OH

Alyssa Lambert (2018)

## CHILLICOTHE, OH

Todd May (2018)

## CINCINNATI, OH

David Maina (2012)

Melissa Worbis (2001)

## COLUMBUS, OH

Keith Adams (1994)

Ryan Callihan (2004)

Lenier Crawford (2013)

## DAYTON, OH

Nick Fryman (2017)

Ron Trainer (1994)

## PORTSMOUTH, OH

Zack Fryman (2017)

## PIKETON, OH

Hayley Venturino (2018)

## TOLEDO, OH

Mike Fought (1996)

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# SSU Student Alumni Ambassadors



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# Student Alumni Ambassadors

Abigail Blankenship	Class of 2023	Occupational Therapy
Avery Booth	Class of 2021	Nursing
Brianna Buchholz	Class of 2020	Photography
Eli Cole	Class of 2022	Health Care Administration
Mike Dibble	Class of 2022	Digital Simulation & Gaming
Dennis Doaks	Class of 2020	Social Sciences
Amber Hacker	Class of 2023	Undecided
Marnae Holland	Class of 2022	Business Management
Lindsey Howard	Class of 2021	Nursing
Gabby Ingram	Class of 2019 & 2021	Master of Occupational Therapy
Syndie Jenkins	Class of 2022	Biomedical Sciences
Ali Lacy	Class of 2022	Pre-Med
Drew Lowe	Class of 2021	Sport Management
Sofia Mikhailchenko	Class of 2023	Mathematical Sciences
Hagen Schaeffer	Class of 2022	Teacher Education
Hanna Tackett	Class of 2023	Biomedical Sciences
Josie Tackett	Class of 2022	Health Sciences
Taylor Jo Young	Class of 2022	Business Management

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# SSU Student Alumni Ambassadors



The Shawnee State Student Alumni Ambassadors (SAA) is a diverse group that is a service-focused, student leadership organization, and the student face of the

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 Shawnee State Alumni Association.

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# SSU Student Alumni Ambassadors

- Mission: To connect SSU donors, alumni, volunteers, and community with students in meaningful ways, grow the student body's awareness of alumni and philanthropy programs, and develop future Bear leaders.
- SAA members take an active role in major events.
  - Homecoming, Alumni, Family & Community Weekend
  - Day of Giving
  - President's Gala
  - Commencement
- Various Alumni Association and SSUDF events

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# SSU Advisory Boards

- College of Professional Studies (Dr. Paul Madden)
  - 24 members; professional development and networking, expansion of OTA in Franklin County, articulation agreements.
- College of Arts & Sciences (Dr. Roberta Milliken)
  - 14 members
- Kricker Innovation Hub (David Kilroy)
  - 8 members; choosing architect, strategic planning Rural Innovation Initiative, Startup Weekend April 3-5.
- Athletics (Jeff Hamilton)
  - 13 members; Hall of Fame committee, memorial scholarships
- Alumni Council (Kara Stump)
  - 17 members; alumni ambassadors, engagement
- Sport Management and Exercise Sciences (Dr. Steven Rader)
  - 13 members; 25th anniversary upcoming of Sport Management program

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# SSU Advisory Boards

## Upcoming Advisory Boards:

- Diversity & Inclusion (Justin McMillan)
  - Recruiting, engagement, scholars program
- Clark Memorial Library (Janet Stewart)
  - Renovation
- Center for International Programs & Activities (Ryan Warner)
  - Experiential programming, recruiting



# Increasing Alumni Engagement

Events

Magazine

Social Media

Alumni Newsletter

Monthly Emails

Website

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# SSU Alumni & Community Engagement Events

## Event Recap | Fall 2019 & Spring 2020

- Fall Bear Run
- Homecoming, Alumni & Family Weekend
- Science Alliance
- Veterans Recognition Week
- SGC Alumni Social
- Business After Hours
- Senior Night
- Fall Commencement
- Hall of Fame Weekend

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# SSU Alumni & Community Engagement Events

## Upcoming Events | Spring & Summer 2020

- SSU Night at the Columbus Blue Jackets - Canceled  
*87 tickets sold 2020, 45 tickets sold 2019*
- Countdown to Homecoming Week - Canceled
- Spring Bear Run - Postponed
- President's Gala
- Senior Night
- Spring Commencement
- SSU Night at the Chillicothe Paints

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# SSUDF 2020 President's Gala

PRESIDENT'S

*Gala*

Shawnee State University



**Saturday, April 25**

[givetossu.com/gala](http://givetossu.com/gala)

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# Senior Night



## Senior Night

Thursday, April 30

7 p.m. at Port City Pub

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# SSU Night at the Chillicothe Paints

SHAWNEE STATE NIGHT **at the**  
**CHILlicothe PAINTS!**

**FRIDAY: JUNE 12, 2020**



## SSU Night at Chillicothe Paints

Friday, June 12

6 p.m. at VA Memorial Stadium

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# SSU Alumni & Community Engagement Events

## 2020-2021 Events

- SSU Day at the Cincinnati Reds – September 20, 2020
- SSU Day at the Cleveland Indians – September 27, 2020
- Bear Run – September 16, 2020 & April 17, 2021
- Homecoming Weekend – October 23 & 24, 2020
- Shawnee Game Conference – October 30 & 31, 2020
- Senior Nights – December 10, 2020 & April 29, 2021

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# Shawnee Magazine



- 2019: Rebranded the Shawnee Magazine
- 12,000 copies distributed in 2019
- Next issue will release August 2020

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# Social Media

**Facebook**

@ShawneeStateAlumni

**Twitter**

@SSUAlumni

**Instagram**

@ShawneeStateAlumni

**LinkedIn**

Shawnee State University Alumni

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# Social Media



## Sarah Biehl Qualifies for USA Olympic Trials

- 2,200 views in one week

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# Alumni News – Quarterly Newsletter



## ALUMNI NEWS

SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY | WINTER 2020

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# Alumni Highlights – Monthly Emails



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# Alumni Association Website



- Summer 2019: Rebranded the Alumni Association Website
- [www.shawneestatealumni.com](http://www.shawneestatealumni.com)
- 7,500 page views

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 Spirit Shop

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Student Programming Board Report  
Eli Cole  
14 March 2020

The Student Programming Board is a student ran organization that is responsible for programming events for students to enjoy on and off campus. Our board consists of 7 programming chairs, 3 assistant chairs, and 2 marketing chairs. Of those 7 programming chairs we have 2 weekend chairs, 2 Thursday night chairs, a gaming chair, a cultural and educational chair, and a chair of special events.

Over this past academic year, we have programmed and held 43 events and have had about 1,000 unique attendees to those events. Our largest events were our Homecoming Dance and Fallfest featuring Marlon Wayans. At Homecoming we recorded 500 students in attendance and each student was allowed one guest. At Fallfest we were unable to track the number of students in attendance. The Smith Theatre was sold out to community members and students.

We have also programmed more education events such as Topsy Turvy, which allowed students the opportunity to simulate a drunk driver scenario in a golf cart course. This event was in partnership with our Department of Public Safety on campus. Another event that we have held for student was our Blurred Lines laser tag. This event was in partnership with Title XI on campus and helped education students on what resources Title XI has to offer while competing against fellow students in a game of laser tag.

We have also re-evaluated some of our staple events to make them more inclusive to all students on campus. Our largest and most popular monthly event by far is Bingo. We have added a new event this past year called 'Silent Bingo' which allows students a more laid-back atmosphere in a slower and more quiet setting. This new addition was well received, and we have seen a growth in our overall attendance. Another addition to a staple event is the addition of bussing to and from our Fourth Friday Movies at Portsmouth Cinema. By offering free transportation to and from the movies, this allows all students that might not feel comfortable driving in an unfamiliar location or might not have a vehicle on campus the opportunity to join their peer in a night of new releases.



## President's Report to BOT, March 2020

Thank you Chairman Watson.

Coronavirus. Pandemic. Our world has been changed over the last two months. Starting in January with a few innocent reports of a new virus born in a busy market place in Wuhan China until now when most of the world is preparing for the worst as this virus spreads. There have been attempts to dismiss the importance and impact of this pandemic claiming that we are over reacting. I hope this is true but I think not.

The potential of spread of coronavirus disease on this campus and in our community truly hit home when we had several of our students, who had recently returned home from international travel (non-university sponsored), developed symptoms consistent with the virus. We were relieved that the test result for one student who was tested was negative but it certainly raised our level of concern and has driven us to take more immediate actions.

The most recent mandates from the Governor's Office are alarming – cancellation of all large group events, closure of all pre-K through 12 schools, restrictions on travel. Governor DeWine is to be commended for prompt and decisive actions that will help to reduce the growth and transmission of the disease and give us more time to find effective therapies. And, of course, lessen the strain on our health providers who will most certainly be taxed to beyond limits if the virus impacts us the way it has impacted Italy, China, and South Korea.

Our mission at SSU is to prepare today's students for success in tomorrow's world. To support that mission, we will continue providing education but in a manner that provides the safest, healthiest environment possible for our students and employees. I caution everyone that all of our current procedures are subject to change as we learn more about the spread of the disease.

The University has implemented the following:

- **Activation of our Emergency Response Team** – this includes our coordinator, Mr. David Thoroughman along with all key personnel who supervise operations on campus. This Team has met with increasing frequency over the last two weeks. (Special thanks to DT)
- **Multi-channel communications** to students and employees. We have been providing updates on coronavirus and campus response/preparation via e-mail and website. In addition, we have utilized our RAVE alert system to keep everyone updated on any members of the campus community who are suspected to have been infected. Our institution remains in constant contact with the Governor's Office, the Chancellor, IUC, and local/state/federal health agencies. I have met F2F with SGA to explain our plan and will continue to keep an open channel to student government and organizations, even if remotely. I want to thank Liz Blevins, Director of M&C, and her communications team for their tireless work to keep everyone on campus informed.

- **Cancellation of all non-essential, university-sponsored travel** through the end of the fiscal year. We are also requesting that students and employees on personal travel register time and place with the university.
- **Enhanced cleaning services.** We initiated new protocols for custodial services that include frequent cleaning and sanitation of high touch areas. Our custodial staff has provided excellent service. They are often underappreciated but not by me.
- **Moving in-person classes to online** with some exceptions (which may be declining as I speak). In order to provide faculty with an opportunity to train and prep for moving their classes online we are canceling in-person classes from March 16 – 20. We are purchasing additional equipment needed to support faculty development of online courses.
- **Extended hours for Health Clinic**
- **Cancellation of all large group events** and most other events on campus through this month and evaluating, case-by-case, medium to large group events scheduled later in April and May. Most have been cancelled but we've held off on addressing a few major events, like commencement, until we have additional information and consider alternatives.
- **All housing events have been canceled or modified to fit a virtual format.** Our residence halls will remain open until further notice. Resident Assistants will be conducting Health and safety checks in the coming weeks to ensure student living spaces are clean. We have asked that our Resident Assistants take a higher level of precaution when interacting with residents who may be sick, even with common illnesses like the cold. On-call keys and the duty phone are being sanitized regularly. We have enacted daily meetings with all Housing and Residence Life staff to keep the information flow current and to implement action plans as necessary. In the event of a suspected case of COVID-19, we have several fully unoccupied apartments where students can be quarantined.
- Human Resources is reviewing options to minimize the impact of the changing work environment on our employees. This is one of the most challenging parts of our planning because of changing mandates from the state. We are reviewing work-from-home options where possible, leave guidelines, and employee health and wellness resources (remote). We are looking at creative ideas coming from both public and private sectors in addressing our employees' needs.

Other notes:

- VP of Academic and Student Affairs search is on hold. Candidate interviews scheduled for next week have been cancelled and will be rescheduled.
- Strategic Planning committee work is also on hold and this will delay completion of plan.
- Master Planning is being coordinated with the City of Portsmouth.
- Resignation of Board Member Jeff Albrecht.

The state has indicated that they will allow remote meetings of the Board of Trustees during the state of emergency so we may be calling meetings, especially with the Board Finance Committee over the next month.

Clearly, we must anticipate the spread of coronavirus to our community in the very near future. This will have a significant impact on our recruitment and showcase activities as well as, at a minimum, the first set of fall 2020 orientations. This will hurt us but all institutions will be in the same boat. We will have to continue to modify our preparation as we learn more about the spread of the disease and will keep the health and safety of our students along with high quality instruction as our top priorities. I appreciate the Board's willingness to give me the authority to take additional emergency actions as needed and until the threat of coronavirus has passed.

I maintain a level of optimism throughout this ordeal. We are a small institution with a dedicated faculty and staff. We will find our strengths during this process and be a much stronger institution once these difficult times have passed.

And that concludes my report.

President Jeffrey Bauer

UFS Report

Friday, March 13, 2020

Thank you for allowing me a few moments to address the Board.

I just want to say that the UFS is committed to making the end of this semester as smooth as possible for our students as well as all operations of the university. Not only are the faculty working to transition our own classes for the online/hybrid format in a timely manner, but also the UFS is working to ensure a smooth transition of business as it pertains to the academic setting of the university as a whole. The executive committee met and agreed yesterday that we would conduct our normal business in the virtual environment as best we can. The distance learning committee has already arranged to conduct their meeting for Monday, March 16 via zoom. I will be conducting the March 30<sup>th</sup> UFS meeting via Blackboard Collaborate. The agenda, may be altered but at the very least, we can have action on all curricular proposals before our committees. In the event, we are still in a “social distancing” posture for the rest of the spring semester all committees of the UFS will be conducting business via one of these formats to ensure the smooth flow of academic business for the university.

I do want to say, as someone who teaches a course online, not all courses and instructors are ideal for the online or distance format. Normally, to offer a course online that course would need to go through the shared governance procedure to ensure a minimum level of academic rigor is maintained. While these are unprecedented circumstances, we should not expect all courses at SSU would be moving to online delivery in the near future.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted.

Tony Ward