



October 8, 2015

Chancellor John Carey
The Ohio Department of Higher Education
25 S. Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chancellor Carey,

At the October 7, 2015 meeting of the Southern State Community College Board of Trustees, Trustee Mike Pell moved and Trustee Donald Moore seconded, that pursuant to Amended House Bill 64, Section 369.600, the Board adopt the presented plan in order to provide our students the opportunity to reduce the cost of earning a degree by at least 5%. Roll Call was as follows:

Yes, acceptance of at least 5% cost reduction:

Trustee Kyle Rudduck
Trustee Paul Hall
Trustee Donald Moore
Trustee Mike Pell
Trustee Brian Prickett
Trustee Doug Boedeker

Absent:

Trustee Michelle Cimis
Trustee Brian De Bruin
Trustee Bob McEwen

The presented plan is attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Boys".

Kevin Boys, Ed.D.
President

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351 Brooks-Malott Road
Mt. Orab, OH 45154

CENTRAL CAMPUS
100 Hobart Drive
Hillsboro, OH 45133

FAYETTE CAMPUS
1270 U.S. Route 62
Washington C.H., OH 43160

NORTH CAMPUS
1850 Davids Drive
Wilmington, OH 45177

Our 5% Challenge report has been updated. It is attached. The following calculations were used in the weighting:

A	Tuition & Fees	\$4,232.00	72%							
B	Books & Supplies	\$1,660.00	28%							
		\$5,892.00	100%							
		Dollar	Percent	Factor	Fdesc	No.	Headcount	Weight	\$ Impact	%Impact
1	Program hours	\$ 219.00	5.2%	A	Tuition & Fees	2859	2859	100.0%	\$ 219.00	3.7%
3	Summer	\$ 965.00	100%	A	Tuition & Fees	76	2859	2.7%	\$ 25.65	0.4%
5	Books	\$ 830.00	100%	B	Books & Supplies	1429	2859	50.0%	\$ 414.85	7.0%
10	CCP	\$5,892.00	100%	A&B	Both	440	23593	1.9%	\$ 109.88	1.9%
11	Remediation	\$ 649.00	11%	A&B	Both	27	2859	0.9%	\$ 6.13	0.1%
									\$ 775.52	13.2%

Name of Institution: Southern State Community College

Legislative Requirements

House Bill 64 Section 369.600 requires the board of trustees of each state institution of higher education to develop and implement a plan to provide all in-state, undergraduate students the opportunity to reduce the student cost of earning a degree by five per cent.

Plans are due to the Chancellor by **October 15, 2015**.

This template is intended to provide guidance for institutions' reports to the chancellor, based on the legislation – please modify and add additional detail as necessary.

Total Cost of Attendance at Institution

Please provide a breakdown of average tuition, fees, room, board, textbooks, etc, for a full-time student, living on campus. (Add explanation as necessary)

Type of Cost	Average Cost (Dollar Amount)
Tuition & Fees	\$4,232
Books & Supplies	\$1,660
Total:	\$5,892

Outline Options for reducing student costs:

(1) Reducing the credit hours required to complete an associate or baccalaureate degree offered by the institution

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Reduced required credit hours 5% across 28 programs with previous average instructional cost of \$9,643 to \$9,205.	\$219	3.7%

(2) Offering a tuition discount or rebate to any student that completes a full load of coursework, as determined by the board of trustees. ("Tuition" means the instructional and general fees charged by a state institution of higher education.)

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
No <u>new</u> discount programs have been initiated. Our tuition rate is already 5% below the average for non-levy 2 year institutions representing a \$402 or 5% savings for an Associates Degree		

(3) Offering a tuition discount or rebate or reduced tuition option to students enrolling in a summer semester or quarter ("Tuition" means the instructional and general fees charged by a state institution of higher education.)

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
6 free sem. hrs awarded to seniors with a GPA average of 2.75 or above. 76 participated	\$965 Weighted to \$26	.4%

(4) Offering online courses or degrees

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance

(5) Reducing the cost of textbooks using cost-saving measures identified and implemented by the board of trustees

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
New rental textbook rental program (rental cost are one-half of the new book cost – calculated at 50% utilization of this option)	\$415	7.0%

(6) Incorporation of remediation in the coursework and curriculum of credit-bearing courses

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance

(7) Offering a fixed rate of instructional and general fees for any additional credits taken by students above a full course load, as determined by the board of trustees

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance

(8) Offering fast-track degree completion programs

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance

(9) Eliminating, reducing or freezing auxiliary fees ("Auxiliary fees" mean charges assessed by a state institution of higher education to a student for various educational expenses including, but not limited to, course-related fees, laboratory fees, books and supplies, room and board, transportation, enrollment application fees, and other miscellaneous charges. "Auxiliary fees" do not include instructional or general fees uniformly assessed to all students.)

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance

(10) Increased participation in the college credit plus program

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Credit hour participation in college credit plus has increased over post-secondary enrollment option by 8%	\$5,892 Weighted to \$110	1.9%

(11) Offering programs to reduce or eliminate the need for remediation coursework

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
Free refresher course offered post initial placement resulting in advancement in one level (course) after 2nd placement testing. 36 participated	\$649 Weighted to \$6	.1%

(12) Other options offered by the institution (any other option that does not fall into the categories above can be captured here or on additional pages)

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance

Options offered in previous academic years:

Please be sure to quantify savings as they roll forward into the current academic year. *(For instance, a tuition freeze last year would result in \$X and Y% cost avoidance to students in this academic year).* Add additional fields and details as necessary.

(13) Academic Year 2013-2014

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance

(14) Academic Year 2014-2015

Option offered by the institution	Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance

Total Possible Cost Savings for Students – Please add the previous columns and capture total possible student cost savings here.

Cost savings to student (Dollar Amount)	Percentage of total cost of attendance
\$776	13.1%