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Cybersecurity, long-range strategic goals at forefront *Light agenda includes naming of Jo Ann Sharp Drive*

At the regular meeting Oct. 2, the Seward County Community College Board of Trustees handled a light agenda, with reports regarding long-term goals and projects.

Chief Information Officer J.J. Widener presented a detailed report about Information Security Risk Management, focusing on the need for new cybersecurity technology.

“This is something I have brought to the board and talked briefly about, but my goal is to come every six months with an update for you about cybersecurity,” said Widener. He noted that it’s important to assess the risks the college must navigate, because “we can’t just buy insurance to fix the issue.”

Widener said a brief but stressful ransomware event on campus in 2016 brought the need for a pro-active approach to the forefront.

“At this point, we have the opportunity to get a one-time risk assessment, and that will let us know where we stand,” he said. “I see this as being a positive thing, and I will bring more information back to you as we go through the process.” College president Dr. Ken Trzaska introduced the college’s 2017-18 Mover projects, as well as presenting a new business item outlining SCCC’s newly-refined strategic priority goals as follows

Through mid-August all employee team survey and follow up analysis and discussion by the College Executive Team, three-year strategic goals and aspirations were identified and presented as those priorities most important in Moving Seward Forward over the next three academic years. Each goal is specific, measurable and links to a key direction.

Key Direction 1: We Will Promote a Safe and Healthy Campus

- Goal 1: By 2020 external entry doors with keyless entry and security cameras covers at least half of campus buildings.
- Goal 2: On an annual timeline, we develop and continue enhancing a comprehensive cybersecurity plan to reduce cybersecurity threats on campus.
- Goal 3: On an annual timeline, expand and increase healthy food and beverage choices through vending and food service experiences.
- Goal 4: By 2020, our employee team members and students rate their safety and health experience as meeting or exceeding their expectations.

Key Direction 2: We Will Invest in Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum Development

- Goal 1: By 2020, at least ten additional courses are developed and delivered via our Blendflex curriculum model.
- Goal 2: By 2020, three programs are delivered in a competency based education format.
- Goal 3: By 2020, the number of full-time students participating in undergraduate research and interdisciplinary

learning experiences increases 20%. Baseline: as of 2017, on average 12 students per year engage in undergraduate research.

- Goal 4: On an annual timeline, we continue to identify and implement additional job training and development opportunities for all employee team members. Baseline: as of 2017, we typically offer two formal all staff development weeks at the start of each semester.

Key Direction 3: We Will Enhance Financial and Organizational Vitality

- Goal 1: By 2020, increase investment in facility and equipment by 20%. Baseline: our average cost the last three years for facility and equipment repair and replacement.
- Goal 2: By 2020, update our full network and improve the digital transformation initiative on campus.
- Goal 3: On an annual timeline, external funding increases 10% each year based on previous year totals. This goal includes stronger coordinated fundraising, grant, academic program-generated revenue, and business and industry center growth. Baseline: Between fiscal year 2015 and 2017, SCCC averaged 2,075,339 in grant revenue.
- Goal 4: By 2018, an ERP system will be selected to improve team member work experiences, efficiency, and decision making.
- Goal 5: On an annual timeline, growth in Alumni outreach through alumni events and activities increase 10% based on previous year production. Baseline: SCCC hosted four alumni events nationally between 2016 and 2017.

Key Direction 4: We Will Expect High Outcomes in Recruitment, Retention, and Graduation

- Goal 1: By 2020, every student is admitted and advised using a guided pathways model.
- Goal 2: By 2020, retention rates improve 20% based on 2017 academic year retention rate totals, and completion rates (150% time) increase to 40%.
- Goal 3: By 2019-20 academic year, total academic year credit hour generation is 43,000. Baseline: Academic year 2016-17 credit hour generation is 37,847.

Key Direction 5: We Will Broaden Community, Education, and Business and Industry Collaboration

- Goal 1: By 2020, complete up to 6 miles of walkways and trails on campus to ultimately connect to key pathways adjacent to campus.
 - Goal 2: On an annual timeline, SCCC presence and engagement in our outreach school districts increases from previous academic year totals.
 - Goal 3: By 2020, all CTE programs have at least 5 Champion Level partnerships through the KBOR Workforce Education Employer Engagement Initiative.
 - Goal 4: On an annual timeline, increase Service Based Learning (or Community Service) by 10% for every academic (students and faculty) and administrative function (all other employees).
- Following a motion by Vice-Chair Marvin Chance Jr., and seconded by John Engel, the board voted unanimously to approve the strategic goals as presented.

In other business, the board:

- Accepted the personnel report, which included the resignation of Dean of Students Mariah Cline, who accepted a job with Walmart Corporation. “We will miss her and we wish her well,” noted Trzaska.
- Approved the naming of the circle drive “Jo Ann Sharp Drive,” following Sharp’s purchase of naming rights as part of the SCCC Foundation Auction held in September.