

This monthly report is intended to provide the Vernon College Board of Trustees, Vernon College Foundation Board members, as well as college faculty and staff, with updated information regarding significant college activities, issues, and accomplishments.

**College Governance – Dr. Dusty R. Johnston**

- The Vernon College Board of Trustees approved tuition and fee increases at the March 30 board meeting. The chart below details the increases and the new total cost for a student taking 15 semester credit hours:

<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Current \$/SCH</b>	<b>Approve for 2011-2012</b>
In- district	44	46
Out of district	75	85
Out of state	130	150

<b>ISF</b>	<b>Current \$/SCH</b>	<b>Approved for 2011-2012</b>
Vernon	33	35
CCC/WF	57	60
STC/WF	47	60
SAFB	42	50
Seymour	42	50
Internet	42	50

**Tuition** cost is based on the student’s residency, not the location of classes. The **institutional service fees (ISF)** are based on the campus or location of the class.

<b>Total T&amp;F</b>	<b>Current \$/SCH</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>\$ increase</b>
Vernon	77	81	4
CCC/WF	132	145	13
STC/WF	122	145	23
SAFB	117	135	18
Seymour	117	135	18
Internet	117	135	18

**Cost difference in total tuition and fees per SCH between in-district at Vernon campus and out-of-district at CCC/WF**

Current difference	\$55 per SCH
Proposed difference	\$64 per SCH

**Example of increased cost:**

There exists a variety of enrollment combinations when combining different residencies and different campus locations. Excluding out of state students, the two extremes relative to cost are a Wilbarger County resident taking all classes on the Vernon campus and an out of district student taking all classes at the Century City Center. The chart below indicates the additional **per semester cost** incurred by a full-time student taking **15 semester credit hours** based upon the approved costs for 2011-2012.

<b>Student</b>	<b>Current T/F costs</b>	<b>2011-2012 T/F costs</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>\$ / %</b>
Wilbarger Co. @ Vernon Campus	\$1155	\$1215	\$ 60	5.2%
Out of district @ CCC	\$1980	\$2175	\$ 195	9.8%

The estimated cost of tuition and fees at surrounding regional state public universities for 2010-2011 is \$3781 per semester according to several public university websites. The VC cost would be 32% and 57.5% of the current four year average depending on residency and campus. The public university cost for next year is sure to increase resulting in a decrease in the percentage cost of VC. The proposed VC out of district @ CCC cost of \$2175 is 58% of the estimated 2011-2012 MSU cost of \$3750.

- The House and the Senate appropriations bills continue to work through committees. The loss to Vernon College from the bills is now estimated between \$850,000 and \$1.3 million per year in the next biennium. The increases estimate is due to the House bill adding back the four colleges that were originally not funded in the bill. To accomplish this, the House took additional funds from each of the colleges which increased the loss estimate for Vernon College in the House Bill.

One positive is that the House has accepted an amendment to move \$140 million from community college formula funds to the community college employee health insurance benefits fund. This is just a money swap in one way because it is not additional money, but it is important because it doesn't totally change the principal of health insurance funding in the near future.

- The Board of Trustees also passes a Student Success Resolution which confirms the board's and the College's commitment to policies, practices, priorities, and processes which accelerate and improve student success identified as retention, certificate and/or degree completion, and successful student transfer to universities.
- The Board of Trustees also approved the Long Range Strategic Plan Objectives for 2011-2015 as recommended by the College Effectiveness committee.

### Instruction – Dr. Gary Don Harkey

- The Fall schedule is currently at the printer and will be ready soon. Campus Connect online registration for both the summer and fall terms will open on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Meetings between architects, administrators and program faculty/staff relative to the CCC expansion/renovation project continue to be held in order that detailed input be provided to the architectural firm regarding student and faculty needs relative to enhancing student learning and institutional effectiveness.
- Early College Start Coordinator **Jessica Sutherland** presented the *VC Spring Forward* program to 741 potential dual credit students from 13 service area high schools during the past month.
- The **VC Surgical Technology Program** was recognized in the Spring 2011 Newsletter of the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting with other ST programs for using Web Based Testing on campus for students to take the Certified Surgical Technologists Exam.
- VC Adjunct Instructor **Betty Carroll** (English) recently had her editorial commentary printed on the back cover of the newly released novel by Boyd G. Miller— *If Ever Two Were One, Then Surely We: A Love Story*. The credit lists Betty as being employed by both MSU and Vernon College.
- The **VC Cosmetology Department** reports that the men's 50 cent haircut special during the month of March was a huge success with many new clients attracted.
- **Shana Munson**, Assoc. Dean-CTE, recently travelled to Austin and participated in Wilbarger County/Vernon Texas days at the Capitol. Approximately 40-50 Wilbarger County residents, including the 2011 Vernon Leadership class, made the trek to participate in the March 23-24 event.
- **Tech Prep** recently helped plan and support the Wichita Falls ISD "Senior Send Off" with Partners In Education on March 9, 2011 at the Wichita Falls Multi-Purpose Events Center. This mini-conference was held for seniors at Rider, Hirschi, and Wichita Falls high schools, and the Harrold Accelerated Learning Center with approximately 950 students attending.
- VC Surgical Technology Instructor **Jeff Feix** recently attended the Texas State Assembly of AST Annual Business Meeting and Educational Workshop in Fort Worth where he received a President's Award from the Texas State Assembly for his dedicated service to Surgical Technology and AST. Jeff was also elected as a delegate to the AST National Conference in San Francisco in June 2011 to represent Texas in the AST House of Delegates Business Meeting and where he will be running for the office of AST President.
- Vernon College recently hosted the Wichita Falls Youth Leadership group in the newly renovated Multi-Purpose room at the Skills Training Center. **Dr. Dusty Johnston** and **Dr. Gary Don Harkey** addressed the group and instructors were on hand to provide tours of the facility and information regarding VC programs.
- VC Cosmetology Instructor **Diana Shipley** and about 20 Vernon Cosmetology students performed approximately 100 mini-manicures for students at the Vernon Boys & Girls Club on March 25.
- The Wichita Falls ISD "QuickStep" group recently toured the Skills Training Center. This group of approximately 20 students is enrolled in an accelerated program where they complete the 6, 7, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades in

two years to catch up with where they should be in school. VC instructors **Mark Holcomb, Chris Smith, Steven Underhill, Scott McClure, and Gene Nessel** at STC did a great job of presenting and providing hands on activities for the students.

- VC Cosmetology Director **Darlene Kajs** and 7 VC Cosmetology students attended the Family Night at the Vernon High School on March 10, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The students did mini-manicures on anyone in attendance that requested one.

### Student Services/Athletics – John Hardin, III

- Baseball and Softball - in full swing of season with healthy teams
- Volleyball – off season work outs and recruiting
- Rodeo – finishing the season strong with men’s team currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place and women’s team currently in 5<sup>th</sup>
- Housing – students returned from spring break – preparing for checkout during 1<sup>st</sup> week of May
- Testing – administering new nursing exams working with instruction on final exam proctoring schedules
- Student Relations- finished visits to service area high schools soon to begin presenting NSGA’s
- Counseling – advising for summer & attending HS NSGA’s for dual credit students with Jessica Sutherland
- Student Activities – attending state convention April 7-10 in Austin
- Student Services preparing for Honors Program April 15 and Athletic Banquet May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- VC Police -- upgrading camera monitors with video cards

### Admissions, Records & Financial Aid/Registrar – Joe Hite

- Submission of Pell, Direct Loan and Title IV program disbursements
- Currently issued over 2,500 student financial aid award letters for 10-11
- Continued packaging of 10-11 financial aid applications
- Processing 11-12 FAFSA applications – have 305 ready to award
- Preparing for Second Scheduled Pell for Summer
- Working on QEP projects
- Financial Aid webpages have been updated
- Consumer information pages being updated in preparation for consumer information letters
- Appealing our FY 2009 draft cohort default rate
- Preparing student financial aid budgets for 11-12 year
- Financial aid code of conduct added to the financial aid webpage
- Established deadlines for 11-12 year
- Completed the IPEDS financial aid report
- Completed 2011-12 VC Catalog changes and updates
- Working on Spring IPEDS Reports
- Continuation of application processing and mailing Admission Status letters
- Scanning admissions documents into Docubase for advisors and CSAs
- Set up Summer term for online Registration
- Inputted Summer Schedule into POISE
- Spring II Registration and late registration
- Moved Spring I Grades into transcripts
- Finished CBM001, 004, 00C, 00A and 008 and certified
- Inputted unsatisfactory grades for Spring semester and mailed out mid-term letters
- Started inputting Fall Schedule into POISE

### Finance/Administrative Services/Physical Plant – Garry David

- Business Offices –  
Working on budgets  
Stacy, Mindi and Margaret heading to Little Rock next week for POISE User Group conference  
Ann, Sandy and I met with Rick Sims to provide input on design of Business Office area of remodel project
- Bookstores –  
Working on text book adoptions for Fall  
Kim, Kathy and I met with Rick Sims to provide input on design of Bookstore area of remodel project

- Julie traveled to Austin for Legislative session with Leadership Vernon group
- Facilities – Vernon  
Still working on Baseball Fieldhouse renovations  
Facilities committee met to plan projects for remainder of this year and next year  
Planting flower beds, mowing – Spring stuff
- Facilities – WF  
Installing wall and roll up door in new room at Skills  
Mark Holcomb and I met with folks from Cryovac to discuss possible donation of a forklift to replace our antique at Skills  
New painter busy patching cracks/holes, texturing, painting – working out very well  
Facilities committee met to plan projects for remainder of this year and next year  
Planting flower beds, mowing – Spring stuff  
Met with Rick Sims to provide input on design of maintenance area in remodel project  
All of the WF Facilities crew doing a great job keeping things going and looking good while Gary recuperates

### **College Effectiveness – Betsy Harkey**

- The College Effectiveness Committee met on March 29, 2011. Betsy Harkey provided a 2011-2012 planning process update. Dr. Johnston presented the recommendations from the Personnel Committee regarding the Personnel Plan. He stressed the value of the planning process as establishing reasoning for prioritizing positions for hiring. Dr. Johnston also reminded the IE Committee members that the personnel plan priority list will be a helpful resource when making budgeting decisions. Jim Binion reported that the Technology Committee is scheduled to meet on April 6 to review the Technology Plan.
- Student Learning Measures Updates provided by Dr. Gary Don Harkey at each College Effectiveness Committee, included information for the Faculty Development meeting in May and planned participation in scheduled workshops given by NTCCC and SACS.
- Some of the other agenda items included a review of the Key Performance Indicators for Accountability which have been posted in Blackboard, the Strategic Plan document update, working timeline report, and Assessment and Report Calendar presentations.

### **Institutional Advancement – Michelle Alexander**

- The 2011-2012 *Vernon College General Catalog* is in preparation and should go to the printer in April
- The Vernon College Foundation Annual Scholarship Banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 26 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Sub
- The 2011 Vernon College Foundation Online Auction raised a total of \$5,622 which will be matched on a 1:1 basis by the Foundation and used as grants to our College in the Fall of this year

### **Quality Enhancement – Criquett Lehman**

- The Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) is currently being administered to students (March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>). Please encourage your students to participate as it is important to ensure accurate data.
- As a reminder, all new students to Vernon College must meet with a Course Schedule Advisor (CSA) for assistance in planning their course of study prior to being cleared for registration. Those students who are “college readiness clear” must meet with a CSA in the CSA Center or in individual faculty offices during posted hours. Students who are “not college readiness clear” must have their schedules approved by a CSA in the Vernon College Counseling office prior to each registration.
- [CSA Center hours](#) for Summer and Fall registration have been published in both class schedules. Course Schedule Advisors will begin meeting with students in the CSA Centers on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Human Resources – Haven David**

- Personnel Actions -  
-Joe Foley, Larry Lancaster & Larry Holmes have all turned in Retirement notices for May 2011  
-Dennis Peterson & Marla Divine have turned in Resignations for May 2011
- Reappointments of Administrative, Faculty & Classified Staff for the Board of Trustees at the March 30, 2011 meeting
- Met with new Valic representative, Paul Mariconda
- Accepting applications for LVN Instructor – Wichita Falls & Custodial Technician – CCC/STC

**DRJ Comments** –

- The spring 2011 semester is winding down fast. April and May are filled with activities and events. I encourage you to attend as many as possible.
- I hope you are jumping on the wagon and waving the flag for the emphasis on student success. I encourage you to ask how you and your department can enhance your operations and functions to increase student success at Vernon College.
- As we continue with the budgeting process for 2011-2012, the increased revenue generated by the approved tuition and fees for 2011-2012 combined with the specific reductions and cost efficiencies already identified in the budget will not only allow Vernon College to weather this legislative funding storm, but will also position the College to move forward with renovation and programmatic projects in the future to meet the needs of students, communities, and employees.
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