MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Gary Oertli, President

DATE: February 9, 2012

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT’S REPORT – INFORMATION ONLY

Administrative Changes, effective February 12, 2012:

- Kurt Buttleman, South’s executive vice president for Instruction and Administration, is returning to the Siegel Service Center, where he will become vice chancellor for Finance and Information Technology.

- Donna Miller-Parker will serve as our interim vice president for Instruction. Donna is currently South’s dean for Basic & Transitional Studies, a position she has held since 2007. Her thirty years’ experience in adult basic skills education encompasses instruction, curriculum and professional development, program creation and implementation, and policy setting at the regional, state, and local levels. We will conduct a national search for a permanent VPI.

- Frank Ashby will join South’s team on a permanent basis as vice president for Administrative Services. Frank has been with the Seattle Community Colleges since November of 2008, most recently as interim executive director for District Financial Services.

Celebrating Dr. King: I was honored to introduce South college transfer student Luther Mitchell-Walker at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration January 13, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Luther is the 2012 recipient of the McKinney Scholar Award, named in honor of the Rev. Samuel Berry McKinney. Luther plans to pursue a career in social work.

Gifts from the Earth: Our Gifts from the Earth gala celebrated its eighth consecutive year of sold-out success, with more than 300 diners attending the January 28 event held on campus at the Brockey Center. This singular event provides food and wine aficionados, donors, and sponsors a unique opportunity to interact with 15 celebrity chefs and South’s Culinary, Wine, and Hospitality Management students, while enjoying innovative cuisine and the finest Washington wines. This year, we welcomed KING-TV personality Margaret Larson as event emcee. Food Services of America was again the generous title sponsor, with additional support provided by Union Bank, Boeing, Charlie’s Produce, Interbay Food Company, Tony’s Coffee, Rebar & Associates PLLC, Odom Distribution, and Ferguson Construction.
South Welcomes Staff:

- Danette Randolph, program administrator, Puget Sound Industrial Excellence Center/Georgetown Campus – Danette holds a master’s degree in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University and served as the associate dean of Workforce Education, Basic Education and Economic Development at Clark College.

- Jesse Knappenberger, Running Start manager – Jesse is a former admission specialist at the University of Washington, where he earned an M.Ed. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies.

- Rebekah Hunter, program assistant, International Programs – Rebekah is a recent graduate of South’s Business Information Technology program.

WorkSource a Winner: In a recent customer satisfaction survey, South took top honors among the seven local WorkSource sites (Auburn, Downtown, North Seattle, Rainier, Redmond, Renton, and South). South’s team earned a 96.33% customer satisfaction rating on staff and services.

“Mom” Honored: Veterans Affairs coordinator Dolores Taylor was surprised with an official Office of the Mayor Recognition at the January 26 meeting of South’s veterans club. Club members requested the recognition, which honors Dolores “for her dedication to touching the lives of our city’s veterans.” It also reads, “She provides support, guidance and assistance to veterans from across the country whose journeys have brought them to Seattle in search of opportunity, and who rely on her as their ‘Seattle mom.’ ”

Aerospace Meeting: Executive Dean Malcolm Grothe represented South at the January 20 meeting of the Washington Council on Aerospace, held at SeaTac Airport. Dr. Grothe presented an overview of our DOL composite grant.

Cheers: Northwest Wine Academy alumni-owned wineries were well-represented at the prestigious Tri-Cities Wine Festival held in October. Cloudlift Cellars earned two Silvers and a Bronze; Convergence Zone won Silver and Bronze; and Twin Cedars took home two Bronzes.

Lt. Governor Brad Owen’s recent trade and cultural mission to Spain included visits to Northwest Wine Academy partners. In Valladolid, he took part in the signing of an agreement between NWWA and Escuela Internacional de Cocina Fernando Perez de Valladolid, where South student Joel Meyer is currently completing a six-month internship. The agreement establishes a half-year course for wine stewardship at the school, including 250 hours of instruction, 100 hours of outside classwork, and a final project.

Former Wine student Jennifer Swank was a judge at the Cellar Masters’ 38th Annual Amateur Winemaking Competition at Camarillo Custom Crush in Camarillo, CA.

Foundation Gives: The South Seattle Community College Foundation awarded $90,000 to 42 students during the fall scholarship round. Scholarship recipients and donors will be honored at our Friends of the College Dinner in May. The Foundation also awarded nearly $30,000 in development grants to our faculty during 2011.
Celebrating Diversity: In January, the Women’s Center sponsored *Worlds Apart*, a four-part documentary series about cross-cultural health care. The Black Student Union sponsored a number of events to honor Black History Month, including a screening of the film *Night Catches Us*, and an all-day series of activities February 7. The Office of Diversity and Retention hosted two Lunch and Learn sessions to discuss the book *Beyond Inclusion, Beyond Empowerment: A Developmental Strategy to Liberate Everyone*, by L. Nieto and M. Boyer.

Representing South: On January 26, I attended a luncheon hosted by Bellevue College Interim President Laura Saunders for colleagues from Western Washington University. We shared ideas with Bruce Shepard, WWU president, and Earl Gibbons, vice provost-Extended Education, who are meeting with community college leaders to discuss opportunities for collaboration.

Georgetown Grant: The Georgetown Campus was awarded a 14-month, $200,000 grant to implement a Pathway Through Apprenticeship initiative. The project is one of just three funded statewide, and focuses on entry-level employees with low math skills and no GED. The training will prepare them to enter or complete the Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee (AJAC) apprentice program. A second component focuses on current first- and second-year apprentices interested in pursuing a college degree. This project is a partnership between the Georgetown Campus, AJAC, Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD), the Council on Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL), and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM&AW).

Students Advocate: Student Life Program Manager Monica Lundberg and a contingent of South students joined fellow students from across the state at the Community College Student Legislative Rally in Olympia on February 1.

Bienvenidos! South welcomed four Chilean professors of education to campus on February 2. All are involved in curricular innovation and teacher training, and were on a State Department-sponsored visit to US higher education institutions. Because Chile has no community college system, their day at South was focused on showing them the breadth of our offerings, and giving them a sense of what distinguishes a community college from other sectors of higher education.

Everybody out! Our 11th day emergency preparedness drill took place January 17, and featured an emergency evacuation scenario based on a fictional chemical spill in Olympic Hall. Evacuation procedures, class rescheduling and cleanup were among the factors included in the drill. The “spill” occurred twice, at 10:45 am and 6:45 pm.

Lights! Camera! Action! South has launched a branded, easy-to-access YouTube channel. Recent additions include film of instructor Heidi Lyman’s Blue Angels flight, AANAPISI student videos, and Northwest Wine Academy alumni event testimonials.