



## SEWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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### **Board approves sidewalk expansion for safer pedestrian path**

#### *Project will eventually provide access to new Allied Health building*

The November meeting for the Seward County Community College Board of Trustees could well be described as the “Mover meeting.” The evening included updates from two of the college’s five ongoing “Mover” teams, discussion of the athletic department’s bus status, and approval of a sidewalk extension that will — literally — keep students and the SCCC team moving safely around campus.

Director of Athletics Mike Davidson brought a report to the board that included many positive items, including the news that the women’s volleyball team had advanced to the national tournament. Both basketball teams had participated in the Second Annual Tipoff Dinner and were ready to kick off the season at the Pizza Hut Classic. Booster Club activities have begun to gain momentum for the year, along with community service projects.

“The other news is that we’ve had all three buses in the shop in the last month. It’s been a juggling match to keep our teams moving down the road,” Davidson said. “Last week, we were stranded after a baseball game, and Clarendon graciously made sure we got home with their bus. The athletic world does that, we all take care of each other. He got home at 1 in the morning after dropping us off.”

The board discussed the overall cost of the repairs, balanced against the outlay of funds needed to purchase a different vehicle. Davidson said that while good-quality, used buses often appear on the market, they are usually purchased quickly, “so it’s a matter of having funds on hand to be able to make that decision before someone else gets it.”

In their updates on the Mover projects of Academic and Digital Transformation, vice president of academic affairs Dr. Todd Carter and Joshua Revord provided quick reviews of the semester’s projects.

Carter reported that development of online classes in the Industrial Technology division continues, with the goal of expanding corrosion and process technology course offerings to a wider geographic region. The grant application to the National Science Foundation to help fund the expansion in corrosion was submitted on time. The resident firefighter program continues to flourish, and is the robotic teams sponsored by SCCC at Liberal High School.

Revord reported several upgrades in the IT world, despite the extra work load generated by the departure of former CIO J.J. Widener and the search for a new head. Though Mover projects were placed on hold for that time, the IT department completed several ADA compliance projects and worked with cafeteria director Jerry Odle to create a dynamic menu display. Another ongoing project, the archiving and accessibility of syllabi, has made great strides.

As presented at the October board meeting, administration explored options for a new pathway to utilize the south parking lot, and to connect that pathway to the future Kansas Avenue cross walk. Upon completion, the project will create a safer pedestrian walkway to the main buildings on campus, add access to the Allied Health building, gym and the student union. Administration proposed starting with the location south of the Shank Humanities building consisting of a pathway six feet wide, and four handicap ramps. The next phase would be located on the west side of the Hobble Academic building which would be 740’ of pathway. The last phase of this portion of the pathway would be located on

the northern part of the circle drive. This would consist of 630' of pathway.

As directed from the Board, Administration developed specifications for the location south of the Shank Humanities building, and put that phase of the pathway out to bid. The board voted unanimously to accept the lower bid of \$12,768.00 from French Construction of Liberal.

Action taken at the meeting included:

- Acceptance of the personnel report, which included employment of Tano Tovilla as Chief Development Officer, Joel Figgs as the SSS/TRiO Director, and Elida Escarcega as Adult Basic Education instructor at the Colvin Adult Learning Center.
- Approval of the 2019-20 Academic Calendar, which follows the pattern set for the current academic year, with an additional week built into the beginning of the year to encourage student meetings with advisors. The calendar can be viewed on the college website, [sccc.edu](http://sccc.edu), under the "Academics" tab.
- Updates to board policies that address student complaint, academic probation, dismissal and reinstatement procedures.