

Student Affairs Leadership Team Minutes
July 7, 2026 | 10 am.
The Beach

Chair: Jeff McGoy, Vice President of Student Affairs

Roll Call:

☒	Mindy Ashby (Zoom)	☒	Jeff McGoy	☐
☒	Danielle Boyd	☒	Jacqueline Smith	☐
☒	Tyler Dixon	☒	John Sparks	☐
☒	Anita Gentry	☒	Amber Suggs	☐
☒	Tina Griffiths-Mocaby	☐		☐

✓ Indicates attendance; leaving blank indicates an absence.

- I. The VPSA called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.
- II. John Sparks moved to approve the June 1, 2026, meeting minutes. Tyler Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- III. Kudos
 - Anita recognized the Student Affairs team for everyone's participation in the Start Strong programs.
 - Jeff reiterated that there has been a lot of positive feedback, including from a board member.

IV. Roundtable Updates

Athletic Director – John Sparks

- Coaching positions have been filled: Madison Hammond-volleyball, Chris Shelton-softball, Logan Bledsoe-women's basketball.
- NJCAA eligibility is coming up. Currently working on the spreadsheet for volleyball to ensure that transcripts and other necessary items are in. Submission will be before the first game. A compliance binder is being prepared for each sport.
- Athletic Orientation is scheduled for August 18.
- Saints Golf Challenge will be September 11 at the Union County Country Club.
- The athletic department has 98 scholarships, with approximately 90 dispensed for the start of the semester.
- Per NJCAA, baseball scholarships increased from 24 to 30, and softball increased from 20 to 24.
- Athletics had 11 Academic All-Americans, several of whom had a 4.0 GPA.

Director of Educational Talent Search – Tyler Dixon

- Events and Meetings
 - College Trips Attended: Eastern Illinois University (4 students), Austin Peay State University (2 students), Murray State University (4 students), University of Missouri - St. Louis (2 students)
 - College Trips to attend: McKendree University (11 students registered), Tennessee State University (11 students registered)
 - The program participated in a visit to Discovery Park in Union City, Tennessee.
 - We've hosted two STEM Camps. One at Alexander County and one at Main Campus. Massac County is scheduled for later this month.



- Upcoming, we have a photography camp with Julia Rendleman of SIU, a hiking trip with Sydney Waters of the Cache Wetlands Center, and then a trip to the Evansville Zoo and Evansville Museum on July 30.
- Training and Development:
 - Council for Opportunity in Education webinars - Zoom
- School District Engagement:
 - Schools are starting to host registration events, and we've got those on our calendar.
- Program Update
 - Ongoing recruitment for fiscal year 25-26
 - We hired an Academic Specialist. They will start July 16.
 - Our program specialist in DC told me early August is the target for grant notification.

Registrar – Danielle Boyd

- Processing graduation applications
- Picking up the Records Clerk duties, and Nikki Basler is assisting.
- Working with Becky Steinmetz on the fall wait list, making sure we get sections open.

Director of Student Support Services – Amber Suggs

- Student Support Services has reached its participation goal and is recruiting a few additional students to provide a cushion against attrition.
- Spring 26: 26 students made VP/P List, 85% made semester Academic Good Standing, and 94% made cumulative Academic Good Standing
- We have a few workshops this month, 1 cultural trip
- Registration calls to encourage students to return for the Fall

Director of Recruitment and Enrollment – Anita Gentry

- Short-staffed; however, working to ensure that staffing shortages do not affect service to students or the community.
- Staff covering the extension centers.
- Assisting the extension center to prepare and organize volunteers for parade season and community events.
- Planning a staff summer retreat to discuss the high school recruitment calendar, high school counselor event, communication plan, advisor assignments, etc.
- Start Strong event is July 17. Currently have 61 students and 42 parents registered.
- Union County Start Strong is this Thursday.

Director of Financial Aid & Veterans Services – Tina Griffiths-Mocaby

- Continued awarding and processing financial aid for the 2026–2027 award year while maintaining daily student services.
- Made significant progress revising the Operating Standards to improve compliance, consistency, and cross-campus collaboration.
- Updated Financial Aid webpages and student communications to improve clarity and provide current information.
- Organizing office procedures, compliance calendars, and operational workflows to improve efficiency and consistency.
- Exploring technology improvements, including an electronic SAP appeal process, and possibly using Navigate360.



- We're balancing day-to-day student service while building stronger processes for long-term compliance and student success.
- Training for myself and Stephanie is still ongoing.

Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Student Affairs – Jacqueline Smith

- The 2026-2027 Student Handbook has been finalized for printing. Planning has begun for a comprehensive revision during the 2026-2027 academic year in preparation for the 2027-2028 edition.

Director of Student Success – Mindy Ashby

- The campus Blood Drive was held on July 7, 2026, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, with all appointment slots filled.
- Blake attended the IDES/Man-Tra-Con Job Fair on July 7, 2026, representing Student Success and Career Services.
- Erin attended a professional development conference in Chicago on July 7, 2026.
- Erin developed the FY27 Student Engagement Calendar of Events to support campus programming and student involvement throughout the academic year.
- Mindy and Donna participated in the Arrowleaf Dignity Fair at Vienna City Park on June 10, 2026, providing outreach and student resource information.
- Mindy attended the OMD Conference in Springfield, Illinois, on June 11, 2026.
- Mindy continues to collaborate with departments across campus to support the implementation and training of Navigate 360.
- Mindy has been presenting MySCC, Moodle, and Navigate 360 during all Start Strong orientation sessions to familiarize new students with key campus resources.
- Mindy will present at the Allied Health ADN Student Orientation on July 16, 2026.
- Mindy will submit Quarterly Report 3 for the Strengthening Mental Health Grant in July.

V. VPSA Updates

- The FY27 budgets have been released, and every department experienced a decrease. The VPSA advised everyone to contact him if they needed assistance.
- Institutional Work Study funds have been allocated to a single institution budget line item.
- The Records Assistant and the Union County Extension Center Coordinator positions are the two positions within Student Affairs that will remain "open on hold." The VPSA stated that there may be a shift in duties to ensure that students are not affected by the vacancies.
- The VPSA distributed a Student Success Contact list submitted to ICCB and asked everyone to share it with their teams. (See attached)
- The VPSA attended the Illinois Community College Chief Student Affairs Officers Conference (ICCCSSO) at McHenry County College. He shared photos that highlighted their Student Affairs campus structure and New Student Orientation.
- The VPSA directed teams to begin discussing fall semester goals and schedule planning so that it can be communicated across the campus and encourage individuals to participate. Examples of schedules mentioned



were Success Saturday, recruitment, career services, and student engagement.

- The emergency contraception vending machines have been ordered and installed at all extension centers and our wellness space on main campus, except Johnson County. This is a state mandate that will be provided at no charge.
- Summer enrollment is down largely because there aren't many summer offerings. However, Fall enrollment is currently trending upward. The VPSA encouraged everyone to reach out to the stop-out students and to other students who have taken classes before but are not registered.
- The VPSA will review the S.W.O.T. Analysis during his one-on-ones with department heads.

VI. ICCCSSO Legal Updates

- Stop Campus Hazing Act: The 2026 Annual Security Report must include hazing-related data for calendar year 2025. Institutions should confirm tracking, maintain a Campus Hazing Transparency Report webpage, and ensure policies apply to athletic teams, clubs, informal groups, and recognized student organizations.
- Web Accessibility: The ADA Title II web accessibility deadline was extended to April 26, 2028. Therefore, we must ensure our website is ADA-compliant. Teams need to work with IT to ensure that their areas are ADA accessible on the website.
- Immigration Enforcement Procedures: All campuses must have an immigration enforcement procedure in place. SCC's is Immigration Enforcement Activity and Law Enforcement (A7400.60). The VPSA will ensure that Jackie has it. It has to be posted online and be on every campus. There will be upcoming trainings. Danielle Boyd and Chris Clark completed and submitted the report last week.
- Workforce Pell and Accreditation: Institutions shall continue to monitor state and federal guidance, identify possible Workforce Pell-eligible programs, and watch for accreditation rulemaking related to student outcomes, transfer, civil rights compliance, academic freedom, and intellectual diversity. Therefore, academic affairs and financial aid will be working closely together.
- DEI Terminology and Function: Members discussed renamed or restructured DEI-related functions. The presenter cautioned that mere terminology changes are insufficient; institutions should also review program functions, scholarships, initiatives, and services. The VPSA reassured the team that the college's attorney has reviewed all our scholarships and confirmed we comply.
- Student Fraud, Third-Party Requests, and FOIA: Institutions should verify third-party Department of Education-related requests, document the basis for releasing student information, and work with FOIA officers and legal counsel on fraud-related FOIA requests and exemptions. The VPSA encouraged the team to pay close attention to common apps, direct admissions, and fake loan applications.



Other ICCSSO Updates

- Fraud Advisory Committee Report-Out: Committee is responding to concerns about fraudulent applications, ghost students, and financial aid fraud. The current focus includes the possibility of a statewide database or mechanism to identify names or identities associated with fraudulent activity across institutions.
- Common App Report-Out: Key issues included fraud prevention, affordability, local district service areas, international application volume, application length, and the importance of preserving a local institutional application alongside the Common App. Community Colleges need to collect required information for state reporting, placement, residency, financial aid, and enrollment processes while keeping admission pathways simple and accessible.
- Dual Credit-One Million Degrees: SCC has been selected to participate with a nonprofit partner to provide wraparound services to dual credit students in Cairo, Egyptian, and Meridian high schools. Mindy, Jeff, Teale, and Reagan attended a workshop in Springfield regarding this initiative. Reagan Goins will be the contact person who will help provide support and track student outcomes over three years.
- ICCB Updates
 - Recognition, Reporting, and Compliance: ICCB described an expanded reporting and compliance component within the recognition process. Recognition review will include student success and student services reports such as developmental education, mental health campus safety plans, sexual misconduct survey requirements, housing-related reporting, child care-related reporting, student debt reporting, equity plans, and direct admissions implementation. A presenter discussed that they are working on the sexual assault survey to make it less invasive.
- State Budget Updates
 - Institutions received a 1% increase from base, in addition to the previously released 2%, creating an approximate 3% increase.
 - Most student success-related programs were flat funded, including housing grants, developmental education reform, mental health, and direct admissions.
 - The PATH grant was eliminated, and funding for electric vehicles was reduced.
 - Funding was included for veterans, post-secondary education, and correctional facilities. A rural health care grant may help address some gaps, though it will not meet all needs because of its rural focus.
- Legislative Updates
 - Jeff will give Jackie updates to provide to the team.
- Mental Health Funding
 - Mindy has been working on a competitive grant for Mental Health Early Action on Campus funding.
 - ICCB is providing a direct allocation through an intergovernmental agreement similar to the Common App agreement of \$80,000 to every college.



VII. Cabinet Updates

- Kids camps were successful. Amazing S.A.I.N.T.S Cooking with Connie was awesome.
- ACOTE findings are now compliant.
- Compensation framework is almost complete.
- There will be a collaborative event on July 15 (Facilities Team, Saints Strong, Kids Camp) that will provide lunch for all employees/students.
- The Board accepted Dr. Taylor's resignation and discussed the process for the next presidential search during a special board meeting on June 16.
- ADA Title II Digital Accessibility Requirements
 - Dr. Taylor encouraged all members to read the upcoming requirements and their potential effects, to have a plan to address any issues, and to demonstrate progress towards compliance. Make sure that anything on the websites and downloadable things complies.
- DON and OTA positions will be a separation of duties (Dean), provisional assignment (guardrails) concept. Dr. Taylor expressed general concerns about positions being on the books, frozen or unfunded, and the need to plan for long-range financial sustainability.
- The Strategic Plan is still moving forward.

VIII. Executive Council Updates

- Student Affairs Council
 - No meeting; however, A3300.15 was submitted and approved for second read.
- Recruitment & Enrollment
 - No quorum; but discussed involvement over the summer months.
- Student Experience Team
 - Met on June 11 to discuss ideas to encourage student engagement at extension centers and to introduce campus traditions online, with potential to bring back the academic award celebration event.
 - Tanya Hill created a Google Sheet for the group to coordinate support as student needs arise.
- Shared Governance Manual
 - Leadership still has time to evaluate any updates to their composition, meeting times/dates/frequency, and related details. The Shared Governance Manual updates were not submitted to the Board for approval until September last year. Updates to the manual also include the addition of Strategic Plan tiered initiative alignment to the Teams/Councils.

IX. Other

- Dr. Taylor's last day is August 14, and a come-and-go reception is being planned.

X. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am following a motion by John, seconded by Tyler.

The next meeting is on August 4, 2026, at 10 am in room H2090 (The Beach).