On July 16, 2013, the District Board of Trustees elected Mr. Tim Morris as Board Chairman and Mr. Dick Bowersox as Vice Chairman for the 2013-2014 year. The third Tuesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. was chosen as the regular meeting date of the Board, with the exceptions of August and December when the Board will not meet.

Dr. Susan Moxley, Superintendent of Lake County Schools, was a guest at the Board meeting. She was there to witness the passing of a new Dual Enrollment Agreement between Lake County Schools and Lake-Sumter State College. Legislation during the 2013 session of the Florida House and Senate prescribed new rules for the conduct of the Dual Enrollment program, and the State is requiring the submission of all Dual Enrollment Agreements statewide by August 1, 2013. As Dr. Mojock noted, the new rules made all participants think differently about the DE program and not just continue with business as usual. Quite a stir was created when the new rules were required to be put in place in such a hurry. The staffs of the College and the School Board worked diligently to meet the deadline. Both Dr. Moxley and Dr. Mojock congratulated them for their success.

The Board approved the appointments of Geni Wright as Instructor in Speech (effective 8/13/13), Lashanda Grady as Administrative Specialist in Student Development, Valerie Nails as Specialist in Admissions/Records, and Shaun Word as Maintenance Service Worker I at Leesburg; the promotions of Elaine Hardy to Financial Aid Advisor, Donna MacDonald to Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Tammy Castello to Data & Process Improvement Analyst, and Katie Evans to Manager of eLearning Design-QA; and accepted the resignations of Dr. Michelle Balon and Carol Vaughan.

In evaluating last year’s Annual Plan, Dr. Mojock asked the Vice Presidents to highlight some of their departments’ accomplishments in 2012-2013:

- Dr. Howard (Academic and Student Affairs) mentioned the positive impact brought about by the implementation of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), the increase in the availability of online courses, the additional level of support available for students in the Learning Centers, the establishment of Workforce Education in Sumter County, the new bachelor’s degree program and the Libraries’ support of the program, the events held for students such as College Night, and Kids’ College in its 25th year of operation.

- Dr. Howard further reported on the new process for the approval of offering a baccalaureate degree in Florida. This involves several steps that typically take a year or more to complete.

- Mr. Scott (Business Affairs) was proud to report the revision of all job descriptions to include Service Excellence, the creation of a new college-wide Technology Plan, increased participation and satisfaction with employee training programs, improvements in the planning and budgeting processes, the budget and IT support of the new Baccalaureate Program, and improvements made to reflect the new name of the College.

- Dr. Mojock cited some important activities under the aegis of the President’s Office: provision of new marketing materials for all sectors of the College and the
implementation of LSSC’s new branding; Foundation Directors heavily involved with its work in a variety of supporting ways; nearly 30% of all 2012-13 graduates receiving at least one scholarship from the Foundation; Planning and Institutional Effectiveness (PIE) office providing daily reports on enrollment, informing students about new sections of courses opening up when they have encountered a full section, providing Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) training, applying for and obtaining many grants to help all areas of the College; celebrating successfully the 50th Anniversary of the College with such events as the “Carnival, Cruise-In & Concert,” “Opening of the Time Capsule,” and “Hall of Fame Awards Program and Dinner.”

Lodged with the Board for review were the revisions of two Board Rules:

- # 2.24 – Identity Theft Prevention Program
- # 1.02 - Meetings of the District Board of Trustees

The Board approved or acknowledged the following:

- Curriculum revisions recommended by the Curriculum Committee and the President
- Dual Enrollment Agreements with Lake County Schools, Sumter County Schools, Home Education Programs, Non-Public Schools in Lake and Sumter Counties; and a Memorandum of Understanding for Early College with The Villages High School
- Re-Certification of Lake-Sumter State College Foundation, Inc. for the period August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014
- 2013-2014 Blanket and Annual Purchase Orders
- Monthly Fiscal Report for June 2013
- Facilities Update
- Purchases Over $25,000 for the period June 1-30. 2013
- Revision of Board Rule 6.03 – Checks and Electronic Funds Transfers
- Deferred Maintenance List
- Terms and Key Performance Indicators for the President’s 2013-2014 Contract

The next meeting of the Board will be on September 17, 2013 at 5:00 in the Board Room, Leesburg.