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SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

BABYLON STUDENT CENTER, MILDRED GREEN ROOM

AMMERMAN CAMPUS, SELDEN, NEW YORK

April 18, 2013 7:00 p.m.

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PRESENT:

DAFNY IRIZARRY, Chairwoman WALTER HAZLITT, Vice Chairman SAUL FENCHEL, BRYAN LILLY, Trustee Trustee THERESA SANDERS, Trustee PAUL PONTIERI, JR., Trustee BELINDA ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN, ANNE D. SHYBUNKO-MOORE, Trustee Trustee ANTHONY MANGUAL, Student Trustee

DR. SHAUN L. McKAY, SCC President LOUIS PETRIZZO, ESQ., Counsel to Board



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- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Good evening. Please
- 3 rise for the pledge.
- 4 (Whereupon, Trustee Hazlitt led the
- 5 recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance).
- 6 Tonight is a very special night. We
- 7 have a number of guests here joining us.
- 8 We will have Nina Leone Hart to introduce some
- 9 of those guests.
- 10 MS. HART: Thank you, Chairwoman
- 11 Irizarry. This evening we have three students
- 12 who have demonstrated excellence in science
- 13 research. They have had opportunities to
- 14 present their work at the Science and
- 15 Technology Entry Program Science Fair in
- 16 Albany, which is a statewide event, and they
- 17 have also had opportunities to present at the
- 18 Long Island Diversity Summit at Farmingdale
- 19 State College, which is a Long Island-wide
- 20 event, and the three students that we have here
- 21 tonight have won awards at these events, both
- 22 statewide and on Long Island.
- So the first student I'd like to call
- 24 up is Miss Giselle Feliciano. (Applause).
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: (Presenting award)



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- 2 The Board of Trustees of Suffolk Community
- 3 College congratulates Giselle Feliciano for
- 4 excellence in science research. We applaud
- 5 your achievement and wish you continued succes
- 6 in science, technology, engineering and
- 7 mathematics as you advance along your pathway
- 8 to college and career. Congratulations.
- 9 MS. HART: Gisele's sisters are also
- 10 part of STEP. One sister at the end is
- 11 graduating and she is going to Columbia
- 12 University. I just heard that she is the Ross
- 13 class valedictorian.
- 14 Next we would like to invite up John
- 15 Mele. John is a graduating senior from Central
- 16 Islip, and John has done research at Stony
- 17 Brook University, and he too won awards both at
- 18 the state level and at the Long Island level.
- 19 (Applause).
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Your plaque says the
- 21 Board of Trustees of Suffolk Community College
- 22 congratulates John Mele for excellence in
- 23 science research. We applaud your achievement
- 24 and wish you continued success in science,
- 25 technology, engineering and mathematics as you



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- 2 advance along your pathway to college and
- 3 career. Congratulations. (Applause)
- 4 MS. HART: The third student is
- 5 Javier Sanchez, an eighth grader at Brentwood
- 6 East Middle School. Javier is a reluctant
- 7 accepter of this award, as he let us know at
- 8 STEP awards day a few weeks ago. Javier stood
- 9 up in front of a packed room and announced that
- 10 he had some assistance from another student
- 11 working on the project, and we were very proud
- 12 of him as he displayed that level of integrity,
- 13 after there had just been a presentation on
- 14 integrity. So he understands integrity. His
- 15 partner isn't here because Javier did the
- 16 presentation about the project, which had to do
- 17 with rocket power and the shape of wings; a
- 18 budding aeronautical engineer. (Applause).
- 19 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you for your
- 20 honesty. The Board of Trustees in Suffolk
- 21 Community College congratulates Javier Sanchez
- 22 for excellence in science research. We applaud
- 23 your achievements and wish you continued
- 24 success in science technology engineering and
- 25 mathematics as you advance along your pathway



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- 2 to college and career. Congratulations.
- 3 DR. McKAY: I'd be remiss if I did
- 4 not thank Diane Leone Hart for all of her hard
- 5 work in making sure that the future of this
- 6 country looks really, really bright in the area
- 7 of science technology engineering and
- 8 mathematics. Congratulations again for your
- 9 work. (Applause).
- 10 MR. ADAMS: Good evening, Chairwoman
- 11 Irizarry, members of the Board of Trustees, I'd
- 12 like to ask Student Trustee Mangual to join us.
- 13 Student Trustee Mangual, the Board of Trustees
- 14 in Suffolk County Community College extends
- 15 their sincere congratulations to you for being
- 16 selected as the recipient of the Get There From
- 17 Here scholarship, the Chancellor's Award, Phi
- 18 Beta Kappa All New York Academic Award, the New
- 19 Century Scholar for New York State, which you
- 20 will receive in San Francisco this weekend, and
- 21 last but not least, the Jack Kent Cook
- 22 Scholarship Award winner. (Applause).
- We applaud your outstanding
- 24 achievements and celebrate your accomplishments
- 25 that have brought acclaim to Suffolk County



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- 2 Community College. We wish you continued
- 3 success and happiness in the future. Dated
- 4 April 18, 2013.
- 5 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: I wasn't prepared
- 6 for this today, so I'm a little taken aback. I
- 7 appreciate everybody. It's kind of hard to
- 8 revel in the moment. A few of you have
- 9 probably heard it before. You know this is a
- 10 grand moment for me at this time. I, just like
- 11 most of the students that received their award
- 12 today, I came from Brentwood High School and
- 13 came from very humble beginnings and a hard
- 14 time, and it's great to know that this
- institution is here and it's able to help every
- 16 individual to build a nice, strong foundation
- 17 and establish themselves a nice stairway all
- 18 the way up to the top of sky.
- 19 Thank you very much. I appreciate
- 20 everything all the way from Get There
- 21 From Here to wherever I get to. I'll be back
- 22 to let you know where I turn up. Thanks again.
- DR. McKAY: What Anthony doesn't know
- 24 just yet, he will be the keynote speaker at the
- 25 faculty convocation this summer.



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- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you, the
- 3 parents that are here, and thank you, Diane
- 4 Leone Hart, for your wonderful leadership in
- 5 the STEP program. It's a moment full of pride.
- 6 Thank you to the families for your support.
- 7 We, as the Board, continue to emphasize the
- 8 need for more partnerships with high schools
- 9 across our region, and this is a proof of the
- 10 partnerships. We hope we continue to do that
- 11 so we can have more students like Anthony
- 12 Mangual getting all the awards. Thank you.
- 13 At this time I'm going to request a
- 14 motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees and
- 15 call the Board of Directors to order and to go
- 16 into executive session for personnel and
- 17 litigation matters.
- 18 (Whereupon, a motion was made and
- 19 seconded.)
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor.
- 21 Oppose? Abstention? Motion carries. Thank
- 22 you.
- 23 (Whereupon, the Board met in
- 24 executive session from 7:15 p.m. until
- 25 7:50 p.m.)



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- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Welcome back
- 3 everybody. I'd like to request a motion for
- 4 the approval of the minutes of the March 21,
- 5 2013 Board of Directors meeting.
- TRUSTEE HAZLITT: So move.
- 7 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: Second.
- 8 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor? Was
- 9 there a second?
- 10 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: Yes.
- 11 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 12 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. Request
- 13 a motion for the approval of the Association
- 14 resolutions 2013.A7, to 2013.A8.
- 15 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: So move.
- 16 TRUSTEE HAZLITT: Second.
- 17 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 18 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. At this
- 19 time, I'd like to introduce Vice President
- 20 Mazzarelli to present the Association financial
- 21 reports.
- 22 DR. MAZZARELLI: This is the
- 23 financial report for the Association for the
- 24 period December 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013, and
- 25 I'd like to call your attention to actually



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- 2 Column 3 and Column 5. Column 3 is the
- 3 year-to-date actual revenue for the specific
- 4 functional areas, and Column 5, the
- 5 year-to-date actual expenditures. Then Column
- 6 6, you will see where it indicates net profit
- 7 or loss. There are some very large numbers in
- 8 Column 6, for the Ammerman Student Association,
- 9 also for Grant and East.
- 10 This report is as of March 31st, so I
- 11 just want to remind that you the semester has
- 12 just actually started, according to this
- 13 report, so we have a lot of activities that are
- 14 currently taking place in April and May. And
- 15 we expect that those moneys will be spent on
- 16 student activities in the coming months. So
- 17 you will see those numbers significantly
- 18 reduced as we go through the remainder of the
- 19 year.
- The other large number I want to call
- 21 your attention to is college-wide athletics.
- 22 There is many some moneys in that account. We
- 23 are anticipating some of our teams going to
- 24 nationals and attending championships, so that
- 25 money will also be reduced.



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- 2 I'm not sure if you can see the very
- 3 bottom of the chart. Graduation, we have
- 4 graduation coming up. So those expenses, that
- 5 account will be eventually zeroed out, and
- 6 culinary arts catering is still showing a
- 7 slight deficit. They have a number of
- 8 activities in April and early May. They do
- 9 their luncheons and their major fundraiser
- 10 during the spring of the year. So they will be
- 11 actually bringing in some additional revenue,
- 12 and we anticipate that they will be in the plus
- 13 column.
- I'd be happy to answer any questions.
- 15 Thank you.
- 16 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you, Vice
- 17 President Mazzarelli. At this time, I would
- 18 like to request a motion to adjourn the Board
- 19 of Directors meeting and call Board of Trustees
- 20 meeting to order.
- 21 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: Motion.
- 22 (Whereupon, the motion was seconded
- 23 by a Board member.)
- 24 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 25 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries.



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- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Request a motion for
- 3 the approval of the March 21, 2013 Board of
- 4 Trustees meeting.
- 5 TRUSTEE ALVEREZ-GRONEMAN: Motion.
- TRUSTEE MANGUAL: Second.
- 7 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I would like to
- 8 introduce Vice President Gail Vizzini to
- 9 present the college budget and college
- 10 financial reports.
- 11 Trustee Pontieri, you have a motion
- 12 to make.
- TRUSTEE PONTIERI: I'm sorry, yes.
- 14 I'd like to make a motion to direct the college
- 15 to give an RFP for legal services. This is
- 16 with consultation with the Board and Board
- 17 President. This motion is for us to go for an
- 18 RFP for legal services, for attorneys for
- 19 consultation with the Board, the Board chairman
- 20 as needed --
- 21 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Chairwoman.
- 22 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: In areas such as
- 23 employee relations, education law, municipal
- law, commercial contracts and so forth, and
- 25 those other needs so determined by the Board



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- 2 Chair.
- 3 During the retreat that we had this
- 4 past November, I guess it was, it was
- 5 recommended by -- the woman's name.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Dr. Narcea Palonio.
- 7 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: That is the
- 8 motion.
- 9 TRUSTEE FENCHEL: Second.
- 10 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor.
- 11 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries.
- MS. VIZZINI: Madam Chairwoman,
- 13 trustees, first of all, the financial report
- 14 for the current year 2012-2013, our revenue
- 15 continues to trend to the negative
- 16 approximately one point four million dollars,
- 17 but we are abating that by our prudent
- 18 restricting expenditures to the filling of
- 19 positions that are essential to the college's
- 20 goals and mission. And controlling other areas
- 21 of expenditure as necessary. The combination
- 22 of the two, we are still in the black
- 23 approximately five hundred thousand dollars.
- 24 You have the detail in your packet.
- Moving onto the preparation and



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- 2 presentation of the 2013-2014 college operating
- 3 budget, this slide gives you the assumptions
- 4 based upon which the operating budget is
- 5 constructed. First of all, it compares the
- 6 '13-'14 to the current adopted budget. There
- 7 is an increase in expenditures of four million
- 8 dollars. It's a modest of two point one
- 9 percent increase. This is without grants.
- 10 With grants, our total budget for '13-'14 is
- 11 one hundred ninety-eight million. That is a
- 12 two point two four percent increase.
- 13 I'm very pleased to point out that
- 14 the projection for grants has increased by
- 15 three hundred twenty-two thousand dollars, that
- 16 is primarily in the adult literacy education
- 17 program, GED, the Living Partnership and STEP
- 18 program. Assumptions in terms of state aid,
- 19 the budget incorporates the one hundred fifty
- 20 dollar increase in the rate per FTE. That is a
- 21 six point six percent increase in the rate.
- 22 The county contribution is thirty-eight point
- 23 nine million. It remains the same in this
- 24 budget.
- 25 Tuition is proposed to increase by



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- 2 one hundred fifty dollars annually for the
- 3 full-time resident or seventy-five dollars per
- 4 semester. That is a modest increase of three
- 5 point seven six percent. In order to keep that
- 6 tuition increase at the one hundred fifty
- 7 dollar level, the budget also includes a
- 8 transfer from the fund balance reserve of one
- 9 point eight million dollars.
- I have cautioned you in the past that
- 11 the use of the reserve is a one shot. This
- 12 time next year, I will probably be before you
- 13 identifying a budget gap that begins with one
- 14 point eight million dollars.
- This presents the areas of
- 16 expenditure in the traditional categories that
- 17 you are accustomed to, equipment, personnel,
- 18 supplies, utilities, contract, employee
- 19 benefits. As you can see, the four million
- 20 dollars is primarily due to increases in the
- 21 employee benefits area. That is two point four
- 22 million dollars alone for the employer
- 23 contribution to the retirement system. And an
- 24 additional roughly four hundred thousand
- 25 dollars related to health insurance and other



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- 2 employee benefit costs.
- 3 There is also a modest increase in
- 4 personnel services of one point one percent.
- 5 The college has been very fiscally prudent the
- 6 last several years. As you know, contracts
- 7 were reopened. Our employees have partnered
- 8 with us in terms of effectuating give backs and
- 9 savings at the college, where for the past two
- 10 years faculty guild and AME were held to zero
- 11 percent salary increases.
- 12 However, the faculty and exempts do
- 13 kick in at two percent, plus the other
- 14 bargaining units are eligible for steps.
- 15 Despite that, we were able to keep our
- 16 personnel services down to one point one
- 17 percent increase.
- This shows you the revenue. The
- 19 revenue is shown to you net of offset revenue.
- 20 Offset revenue is approximately fourteen
- 21 million dollars and it's comprised of things
- 22 such as fees, commissions, rental, interest
- 23 earnings, everything other than the state aid,
- 24 county share and tuition. When you look at the
- 25 revenue from this perspective, the student



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- 2 share, despite the modest increase in tuition,
- 3 is actually turning slightly downward from
- 4 fifty point six percent to forty-nine point
- 5 five percent.
- The county share, this number is the
- 7 county share, not -- it includes the county
- 8 contribution and a few other revenue items
- 9 including when you use a transfer from the
- 10 reserve, we report it to the state as part of
- 11 the county share, so it is added in that
- 12 number.
- 13 It does not imply that the
- 14 maintenance of effort dollar amount
- 15 automatically goes up. The thirty-eight nine
- 16 remains the same. And the state share is
- 17 modestly trending upward with that additional
- 18 hundred fifty per FTE. Any questions?
- 19 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I have a question.
- 20 This proposed budget, it anticipates that
- 21 enrollment, we will meet our goal when it comes
- 22 to enrollment.
- MS. VIZZINI: We are projecting a
- 24 continuing level off of enrollment of
- 25 approximately two percent. That is implicit in



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- 2 the revenue assumptions.
- 3 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you. Trustee
- 4 Hazlitt.
- 5 TRUSTEE HAZLITT: There is an opinion
- 6 that I've come across that one of the reasons
- 7 for the decline in registration and enrollment
- 8 were the effects of Sandy and other things that
- 9 people who, if they weren't involved in that or
- 10 affected by that, would address their
- 11 educational requirements. Now they have other
- 12 major problems that are taking their attention,
- 13 and it is the priorities and they just don't
- 14 have the ability to take care of both, dealing
- 15 with the effects of the storm and the
- 16 education. That is a factor that you really
- 17 don't think about it. I didn't think about it
- 18 until I read read it.
- DR. McKAY: Madam Chair, also we are
- 20 seeing another trend across the institution,
- 21 seeing more part-time students registering than
- 22 full-time students. That also would be an
- 23 indication of students working more jobs now.
- 24 When you ask students how many are doing one
- 25 part-time, two part-time or three part time



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- 2 jobs, hands go up in the room.
- 3 Certainly there are factors that we
- 4 can't control. Later on there is a
- 5 presentation on enrollment management that Vice
- 6 President Mazzarelli and the College Dean,
- 7 Joanne Braxton will speak about the issue about
- 8 the effects we have on the way currently and
- 9 plans going forward to address and mitigate
- 10 those concerns.
- 11 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: In terms of the
- 12 fund balance one point eight, how much did we
- 13 put in the '12-'13 budget the past year?
- MS. VIZZINI: We haven't used the
- fund balance since the 2009 -- '10 adopted
- 16 budget.
- DR. McKAY: And part of that as well,
- 18 if you remember, we were cited by Middle States
- 19 back then in 2007 saying that we did not have
- 20 the appropriate fund balance for the size of
- 21 the institution, we worked to mitigate that.
- 22 There is also a requirement I believe we have
- 23 the state and,
- MS. VIZZINI: SUNY and Middle States,
- 25 fifteen percent.



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- DR. McKAY: Ten to fifteen percent of
- 3 your operating budget should be in reserves.
- 4 On the one hand, we have to watch that balance
- 5 as we go forward. As the total number
- 6 increases, so does the requirement, the
- 7 reserve, to match that ten to fifteen percent
- 8 increase as well.
- 9 MS. VIZZINI: We have twenty-two
- 10 million dollars, of which approximately six
- 11 million is accounts receivable.
- 12 THE CHAIRWOMAN: What percent of that
- is according to the institution? I know we
- 14 need ten to fifteen. What is twenty-two
- 15 million?
- MS. VIZZINI: It's about twelve.
- 17 Fifteen would be twenty-nine point five based
- 18 on the hundred ninety-four million dollars
- 19 number.
- TRUSTEE PONTIERI: That is a tough
- 21 situation, dealing with the surplus like that,
- then drawing it down. We don't do bonds here.
- 23 Bond rate and all of that stuff is driven by
- 24 the solvency. I guess the other thing
- 25 politically, you keep hearing high in Albany



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- 2 all the reserves that everybody has, you should
- 3 spend the reserves because it's taxed. You
- 4 can't do it.
- 5 THE CHAIRWOMAN: It's a very
- 6 difficult situation. I think that Vice
- 7 President Mazzarelli and the staff of that
- 8 department have done a great job in trying to
- 9 keep our tuition as affordable as possible and
- 10 proposed a budget that it is reasonable and to
- 11 all contributing to the extent that we can. We
- 12 would not like to use the reserve fund, but we
- 13 also understand that our students are facing
- 14 economic situations, and we want to be
- 15 understanding of that.
- I know most colleges are increasing
- 17 between three and five percent. Three point
- 18 seven. It is at this time the best we could
- 19 do. Thank you very much.
- 20 MS. VIZZINI: Just one more comment.
- 21 We did not raise tuition last year. But on
- 22 average, among all but four community colleges
- 23 that did raise their tuition, it was
- 24 approximately four percent. We are not the
- 25 most expensive, nor will we be the most



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- 2 expensive with the new rate.
- While I'm up here, I would just like
- 4 to segue, if I may, into the county executive's
- 5 proposed capital program and share with you
- 6 that we asked for eight projects to be funded
- 7 in the 2014-2016 proposed capital program. We
- 8 are very happy that we have the support of the
- 9 county.
- This shows you all of our projects
- 11 that they have all been included. The shaded
- ones are those that the funding, compared to
- 13 our request, has been delayed by one year. It
- 14 is not atypical for the county to try to push
- 15 some projects to further years in order to
- 16 mitigate their concern in regards to upcoming
- 17 debt service and their own problems in terms of
- 18 they no longer have the tobacco securitization
- 19 revenue to offset the debt service, and 2014 is
- 20 the first year they face that.
- Our staff is reevaluating in terms of
- 22 the implications, not only in terms of state
- 23 aid, but also possible escalation in
- 24 construction costs, which average about two
- 25 point three percent should we have to wait



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- 2 another year for our projects. After we
- 3 conferred, we will get back to you in terms of
- 4 our concerns.
- 5 DR. McKAY: A key point also for the
- 6 Health and Wellness Center. We already secured
- 7 state funding. We do get a call later on close
- 8 to September, we have to go back to the state
- 9 and say that whether or not we have maintained
- 10 our county share of the funding, and then other
- 11 counties then compete for those funds that
- 12 don't have county funding.
- We have a lot to work to do here to
- 14 make sure that we don't lose the funding for
- 15 the Health and Wellness Center. We are pleased
- 16 that the STEM building has been included. We
- 17 have the cost escalators with that type of
- 18 building. We have a lot of work to do to make
- 19 sure they're kept in the time lines that we
- 20 asked for and not pushed out in future years.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: We don't want to
- 22 jeopardize the state funding that we have been
- 23 given. Thank you very much. I heard there was
- 24 a lot of pencil sharpening going on with that
- 25 proposed budget. Great job.



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- 2 At this time I would like to request
- 3 a completion for the approval of college
- 4 resolutions 2013.23, to 2013.31.
- 5 TRUSTEE FENCHEL: So move.
- TRUSTEE MANGUAL: Second.
- 7 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 8 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. I would
- 9 like to introduce Dr. Nathaniel Pugh, Vice
- 10 President for Planning and Institutional
- 11 Effectiveness and Dr. Christopher Shults, Vice
- 12 President for Planning and Institutional
- 13 Effectiveness, to give us an assessment.
- DR. PUGH: Good evening, Madam
- 15 Chairperson, members of the Board,
- 16 Mr. President, colleagues and friends. My
- 17 colleague and I would like to present to you an
- 18 update on the planning and assessment
- 19 activities in progress for the development of
- 20 the monitoring report required for Middle
- 21 States.
- The monitoring report submission
- 23 schedule is before you. The time lines there,
- 24 we made some adjustments in terms of getting
- 25 the final drafts to Dr. Howard. That will be



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- 2 June 7th. The first version sent to the Board
- 3 of Trustees, this body, will be June 28th,
- 4 about a month ahead of the earlier schedule
- 5 that we had adopted. Importantly, the report
- 6 will be a living document until you ladies and
- 7 gentlemen give us the final approval, hopefully
- 8 lie in August.
- 9 The adjusted time line allows for
- 10 greater review, editing and consideration of
- 11 evidence, which is crucial. I'm also pleased
- 12 to report that the working groups continue to
- 13 meet monthly. The members started to
- 14 collaborate with each other on development of
- 15 each standard. There are numerous and formal
- 16 meetings to strengthen our efforts. Meetings
- 17 with individuals have been halted and we are
- 18 going to go to the work groups because we find
- 19 that individuals needs to work across areas
- 20 with each other to make sure they're getting
- 21 what they need with regard to the responses.
- I want to call your attention to the
- 23 last section on this particular slide. I'm
- 24 very pleased that persons have stepped up to
- 25 the plate and have started putting together the



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- 2 outlines of a guide of responses to the
- 3 standards, and there are four of them. And
- 4 Standard 2 that will involve Rebecca Turner
- 5 Wallace and (inaudibile) out of East. On three
- 6 is Dr. Troy Tucker On seven is Dr. Jeff
- 7 Pederson and on fourteen that will be Dr.
- 8 Philip Christensen. I met with the last two
- 9 earlier today and I'm very pleased to report
- 10 that they are doing very well with their
- 11 assignments.
- 12 I'm also very pleased to report to
- 13 you that Dr. McKay said to Chris and I one day
- 14 I need for you guys to document what you have
- 15 been doing over the past two years. What? He
- 16 wasn't kidding.
- 17 THE CHAIRWOMAN: It's called
- 18 accountability.
- DR. PUGH: We got busy and did a nine
- 20 page document, and I was surprised that
- 21 normally we do not get to say to the president
- 22 what else would you like us to do? We had done
- 23 a reasonable job. I looked up on Monday and
- 24 Dr. McKay sent the members of the Board that
- 25 chronology, and I'm pleased with that. We will



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- 2 update the chronology on a monthly basis for
- 3 the Board, and they will be in a red or green
- 4 statement so you know what the changes are.
- 5 At this point, I would like to turn
- 6 to Dr. Shults so he can give the an overview of
- 7 the keys of compliance.
- B DR. SHULTS: Thank you, Dr. Pugh and
- 9 good evening. What I would like to do is talk
- 10 about the keys to compliance. Board members
- 11 should have received this document recently.
- 12 This is what we affectionately call the matrix.
- 13 This is a one page snapshot of all the keys to
- 14 compliance. It takes you through the process,
- 15 when we started, when we anticipate completion,
- 16 what actions have been completed since the last
- 17 time we presented and what the actual
- 18 deliverables are.
- 19 We think of this as an executive
- 20 summary, a pictorial version, and it's a
- 21 document which replaces the time line in your
- 22 binder. This is the new form to look at so you
- 23 can track progress. It's on one page and
- 24 hopefully very easy to look at.
- 25 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Very friendly



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- 2 document.
- 3 DR. SHULTS: Thank you. Column 4
- 4 will reflect the monthly progress key by key.
- 5 It's important to note, as Dr. Pugh was talking
- 6 about, what we will do is in the progress
- 7 report that you get monthly, we are going to
- 8 include all of the changes as one of the
- 9 appendices. We will also be updating the
- 10 activities, and that will be an appendix as
- 11 well. In the front you have this matrix, which
- 12 will be kind of like a pictoral executive
- 13 summary. The dates have been reviewed and
- 14 updated.
- I want to draw the Board's attention,
- 16 that the Comprehensive Plan for Institutional
- 17 Effectiveness will now be delivered to you in
- 18 May for a vote in June. We wanted to give more
- 19 time to develop the document and allow for more
- 20 review. The strategic plan has been placed on
- 21 the My SCC portal and a college brief went out
- 22 earlier this week alerting individuals to take
- 23 a look at it and provide any updates to me, and
- 24 if I understand, the Board had received the
- 25 strategic plan as well, and a CAPIE will be



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- 2 Placed on the portal in early May.
- 3 We wanted to be sure we were able to
- 4 give time for faculty before they leave and
- 5 others to have a chance to review the
- 6 documents. At this time, I will give it back
- 7 to Dr. Pugh to finish it up.
- B DR. PUGH: There are five points I
- 9 want to bring to your attention. One is the
- 10 college review. Ms. Araneo's efforts, she has
- 11 sent out the strategic plan to the college for
- 12 your review. We also sent that plan to the
- 13 Board, and we are hoping that you get your
- 14 revisions, if any, back to us as soon as you
- 15 can. We finished the first version of the
- 16 CAPIE and we will be placing it on the portal.
- 17 We are asking you to review it. It's a little
- 18 more technical. We are ready to assist you
- 19 moving through the technical aspects.
- 20 Last but not least is the completion
- 21 of the draft responses to the Middle States
- 22 standards is topmost for us to look at. I
- 23 might say that we know that we have great
- 24 challenges, but I'm going to say this without
- 25 being apologetic. In our mind, we know this is



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- 2 difficult, but in our hearts we are going to do
- 3 it no matter what. Any questions?
- 4 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Again, we have full
- 5 trust and confidence that this is not
- 6 impossible and you will accomplish what needs
- 7 to be accomplished. We go into the committee
- 8 reports. Personnel. Academic affairs, student
- 9 services? Facilities.
- 10 TRUSTEE LILLY: Jim and I have not
- 11 had a meeting, but I just wanted to comment on
- 12 the presentation Gail made. She is correct if
- 13 you push back on some of project, the costs are
- 14 going to go up. I don't know where you want to
- 15 pick your battles, whether or not you even want
- 16 to pick a battle at this time. These are very
- 17 important projects. They should be looked at
- 18 to see if we can restore them to their time
- 19 line.
- 20 DR. McKAY: I know the entire team is
- 21 currently reviewing what our approach will be
- 22 on that. I know Gail already spoke to Ben. We
- 23 spoke to Paul Cooper and John DeMayo. We will
- 24 be judicious in our approach. The benefits of
- 25 the projects far outway our having a discussion



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- 2 of restoring them because you have on the
- 3 construction side, you have jobs. On the
- 4 economic benefit side, what you are looking at
- 5 here, we are training students to go right in
- 6 the workforce now.
- 7 The STEM building is the first of
- 8 it's kind in the state, as you heard from the
- 9 students tonight in the science, technology
- 10 area. We do know from manufacturers that is a
- 11 building they want to see built here to help us
- 12 prepare students that will then become
- 13 employees and taxpayers here in the county.
- 14 For the first time we have all the buildings in
- 15 the plan and none of them removed, as normally
- 16 done in the past. We have to share with our
- 17 legislators the importance of these buildings,
- 18 especially losing funding for one that already
- 19 received state matching funds. We have to
- 20 share that with all counties in the state do
- 21 receive funding for these buildings; that is
- 22 also significant.
- 23 If we put that building into a later
- 24 year, we could lose funding that is already
- 25 guaranteed by the state. So you are correct.



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- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Last but not least.
- 3 Advocacy.
- 4 TRUSTEE HAZLITT: I hope you bear
- 5 with me this evening. My comments of more of a
- 6 personal nature. I would like to take this
- 7 opportunity to personally, absolutely
- 8 congratulate Anthony for all his
- 9 accomplishments. He's done the Marine Corps.
- 10 We both come from humble beginnings.
- 11 THE CHAIRWOMAN: you're Puerto Rican?
- 12 TRUSTEE HAZLITT: I have some Puerto
- 13 Rican friends. Really, I mean, his academic
- 14 accomplishments remind me so much of myself
- 15 when I was his age. I think back to when I was
- 16 his age, I took my high school physics exam, I
- 17 got sixty-five with a circle.
- 18 Anthony, you are going to go places
- 19 in this life. I won't be around to see them.
- 20 You will make it. You have a resume that is
- 21 gold. You are going to bring credit to this
- 22 organization, because this is really where you
- 23 started. (Applause)
- 24 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: All I really want
- 25 to say is thanks. Don't worry, I'm not going



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- 2 that far. You can't die yet, so don't worry
- 3 about it. I'll see you soon.
- 4 THE CHAIRWOMAN: He can continue now
- 5 with the advocacy committee. At this point,
- 6 I'd like to go in the Chairwoman's report. I
- 7 want to take the time to acknowledge the superb
- 8 job by the Salute to Excellence Members and
- 9 executive member Rick Guarino. It was well
- 10 executed. The attendance was at it's max. The
- 11 venue was a dream. I felt like a princess that
- 12 night in a castle, and we should feel very
- 13 proud that members of the Suffolk County
- 14 Community College Foundation did an excellent
- 15 job, and at that night we had Anthony reminding
- 16 us what is our mission and what is our purpose
- 17 and when we create opportunities for students
- 18 we can definitely transform their lives and
- 19 empower them. It was a success.
- 20 I want to thank all the trustees for
- 21 their support. Many of you attended the event
- 22 and others generously supported the event.
- 23 Thank you very much. We will go now to the
- 24 President's report.
- DR. McKAY: Thank you, Madam Chair.



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- 2 I'll go directly to the executive director
- 3 Richard Guarino to provide a report from the
- 4 foundation and also talk a little bit about the
- 5 work we have undertaken since the gala.
- 6 MR. GUARINO: Madam Chairwoman,
- 7 trustees, President McKay, colleagues, guests.
- 8 On Friday, April 5, 2013 at historic Oheka
- 9 Castle, Suffolk Community College Foundation
- 10 hosted it's 2013 Salute to Excellence gala.
- 11 The Foundation would like to thank the Board of
- 12 Trustees for its support to that event. Thank
- 13 you very much. Along with this year's honorees
- 14 corporate sponsors the journal supporters and
- 15 all the attendees, I'm pleased to support the
- 16 gala was a sellout. We had over three hundred
- 17 forty attendees fill the ballroom at Oheka
- 18 Castle to celebrate the honorees and the great
- 19 accomplishment of the last year at the college.
- 20 When all is said and done, the Foundation will
- 21 have raised over ninety thousand dollars from
- 22 the gala, which will go towards supporting
- 23 student scholarships and emergency loans. It
- 24 was a great night for the college. All this
- 25 could not have been accomplished with out the



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- 2 dedication and activity and engaged gala
- 3 committee and the foundation staff. Inclusive
- 4 of our student intern Briana Ryder. I would
- 5 like to publicly and personally thank each and
- 6 every one of them for making the gala a
- 7 success. Thank you. Next year's gala has been
- 8 announced. It will be on Thursday April 3,
- 9 2014. Mark the date. I'll be looking forward
- 10 to another proud evening for Suffolk County
- 11 Community College.
- 12 I'd also like to mention that on
- 13 August 12th we will have a 30th anniversary of
- 14 our golf classic at the golf course at east
- 15 Setauket. There will be a great day of golf,
- 16 there will be raffles and honoree as well. All
- 17 the proceeds that we raise will go towards
- 18 supporting student scholarships emergency loans
- 19 and program development.
- DR. McKAY: I would like to publicly
- 21 thank Rick Guarino for stepping up to the plate
- 22 he started in the middle planning the event and
- 23 working with the committee and really has done
- 24 a tremendous and remarkable job. No pressure.
- 25 Let's raise some money.



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- THE CHAIRWOMAN: I also want to thank
- 3 Kevin Peterman and faculty members who put
- 4 together the video. I don't know if the Board
- 5 of Trustees has had access to it. It was a
- 6 great job.
- 7 DR. McKAY: At this time, I would
- 8 like to call on the College Dean Joan Braxton
- 9 to give us a report. I believe there are some
- 10 handouts.
- MS. BRAXTON: Good evening, Madam
- 12 Chair, Mr. President, members of the Board.
- 13 What I would like to present before you is the
- 14 college's overall enrollment management plan.
- 15 You will see an overview of the kind of
- 16 activities that we are involved in to make sure
- 17 that the leveling does not go any further.
- It's important that I share with you
- 19 the interaction between the various offices
- 20 that the Enrollment Management Office works
- 21 with, as well as I would like to tell you what
- 22 is in your folder. You have samples of some of
- 23 the wonderful literature that is produced by
- 24 our Office of Institutional Advancement. The
- 25 Office of Enrollment Management will come up



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- 2 with a concept, but the Office of Institutional
- 3 Advancement are the creative people. They make
- 4 it happen.
- In your file you will see information
- 6 which is called Suffolk at a Glance, which
- 7 gives an overview all the aspects of the
- 8 institution. It talks about our faculty, the
- 9 scholarships that we give. You will see
- 10 information about scholarships as well. There
- 11 are two articles that we use as recruitment
- 12 items, both from the Career Focus magazine
- 13 which will be coming out in May. It goes out
- 14 to over four hundred forty thousand households
- 15 in Suffolk County.
- This year, some of the feature
- 17 articles will be the honors program, adult
- 18 learners and scholarships. In previous
- 19 editions we featured what you see in your
- 20 packet. We talked about veterans, because we
- 21 are a veteran friendly campus, as well as we
- 22 tell parents that by coming to our outstanding
- 23 institution, you can save money and then
- 24 transfer onto a four year school.
- One of the final items in the packet



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- 2 is our international brochure. We have a large
- 3 contingent of students who come to Suffolk
- 4 County Community College from all over the
- 5 world. In your white envelope, you will see
- 6 what is called our view book.
- 7 I really wanted to give you a
- 8 sampling of all of the kinds of various
- 9 literature that we use, and it truly is only a
- 10 sampling. That is the admissions application.
- 11 If you will see all of the documents and
- 12 literature that you have, we are branding our
- 13 institution. You will see that we want people
- 14 to see certain things, like when you see the
- 15 red can, you know it's Coke. When you see
- 16 certain kinds of emblems, you know it's Suffolk
- 17 County Community College.
- We will proceed to share with you
- 19 what we are currently doing in the enrollment
- 20 management area. One of the things about
- 21 enrollment management is that it really is what
- 22 we do in terms of ensuring that when an
- 23 individual has an interest at the institution,
- 24 that interest will turn into enrollment. So we
- 25 always have to do things that will keep that



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- 2 individual engaged so they will then want to
- 3 participate and becomes a student here at
- 4 Suffolk County Community College.
- 5 What you have before you is Noel
- 6 Levitt, which is a national consulting firm,
- 7 which talks about enrollment management, and it
- 8 tells you all the characteristics that you
- 9 should have when you are looking at your
- 10 overall enrollment management plan. We, at the
- 11 college, have a management enrollment committee
- 12 and there are certain charges of the committee
- in terms of ensuring that we are doing the
- 14 kinds of activities that will attract people to
- 15 Suffolk County Community College.
- I will share with you the kind of
- 17 things that the committee is charged with. The
- 18 enrollment management committee is a
- 19 subcommittee of our overall strategic planning
- 20 council committee. It coordinates enrollment
- 21 management activities. We also work to
- 22 coordinate surveys, data collection. Any kind
- 23 of work that we do, we always work with the
- 24 Office of Institutional Advancement to make
- 25 sure that we are making decisions that are data



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- 2 driven.
- 3 We also evaluate college-wide
- 4 policies and procedures to ensure that we are
- 5 not putting any barriers in the place of anyone
- 6 who wishes to come to the college. We
- 7 establish priorities in terms of enrollment
- 8 projections. We also review financial aid,
- 9 admissions and other areas. As you can see,
- 10 when you look at Noel Levitt and what they said
- 11 an enrollment management plan should consist
- of, our committee has those charges as part of
- 13 the overall requirement. We also want to
- 14 ensure whatever we are doing it's also in
- 15 connection with our Middle States. The
- 16 enrollment management committee is connected to
- 17 Standard 2, Standard 7, Standard 8 and Standard
- 18 9.
- 19 One of the things that is critical in
- 20 any enrollment management plan is that there
- 21 are certain offices that we must collaborate
- 22 with. We collaborate with our Office of
- 23 Planning and Institutional Effectiveness
- 24 because that helps us with our data analysis,
- 25 benchmarking and so forth. We collaborate with



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- 2 the Office of Institutional Advancement that
- 3 talks about our branding, our marketing
- 4 advertising, social media, and of course we
- 5 collaborate with our campus office of
- 6 admissions in terms of developing policies and
- 7 procedures and working through communication
- 8 plans. Any initiative that we embark upon to
- 9 attract individuals to our college, we do a
- 10 complete communication plan.
- I thought it would be helpful if had
- 12 you a sense of what our full-time student body
- 13 looks like in terms of ethnicity, gender and
- 14 you see that it's interesting, the males are
- 15 moving further than the females. That is
- 16 something that we are unaccustomed to. They
- 17 usually have been neck in neck, but because of
- 18 the economy, we are seeing a difference in
- 19 that.
- We also ask any educational goals.
- 21 If you look at the application that is in your
- 22 your packet, there are ten questions that we
- 23 ask individuals. What are your plans when you
- 24 are coming to the institution. As you can see,
- 25 over fifty-three percent of the students who



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- 2 come in they are looking to transfer.
- 3 Twenty-one percent will transfer without a
- 4 degree, twenty-one percent, they earn a degree
- 5 and have plans for employment. And I thought
- 6 it was important for you to see what they think
- 7 about when we come in the door and what they do
- 8 when they graduate.
- 9 In 2011 and '12, the graduates there
- 10 were more than forty-three percent actually
- 11 transferred. So they're not too far from when
- 12 they initially coming in. The other piece as
- 13 he know that the graduation classes are
- 14 becoming smaller and smaller. So when we talk
- 15 about enrollment management plan we have to
- 16 look at other areas that we must focus on. I
- 17 share this with you so you can see that the
- 18 numbers are dwindling. However, if you look at
- 19 2012-2013, the class of the twenty thousand one
- 20 hundred thirty-three students that graduated
- 21 Suffolk County Community College received
- 22 twenty-two percent of all of the graduates of
- 23 the high schools in the county, so that came to
- 24 four thousand four hundred twenty-two.
- 25 If you realize that Long Island is



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- 2 one of the areas that is a great exporter of
- 3 students who want to go onto college. In fact,
- 4 one of the initiatives that President McKay has
- 5 put forth is stay on Long Island. That is
- 6 helping us keep our brain trust here on Long
- 7 Island.
- 8 When we are developing information
- 9 that we want to go out, whether it's adult
- 10 students, whether it's veterans, we do a
- 11 communication plan, we identify people that we
- 12 want to work with and develop an overall
- 13 marketing strategy. In marketing areas we are
- 14 visible all the time. On Monday, when you get
- 15 Newsday, there will be a Post It that will be
- 16 announcing the college's open house next week,
- 17 next Thursday. We will be having an open
- 18 house, our spring open house. The Post It is
- on the outside of the paper. It tells them
- 20 where to come in terms of our open house.
- Each year, we also, in August, will
- 22 purchase the junior and senior lists of all
- 23 Suffolk County students so we can, continuously
- 24 month by month reach out to them engage them so
- 25 they will actually select Suffolk as their



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- 2 college of choice.
- 3 This is a picture of a large
- 4 announcement in Smithaven Mall. This is about
- 5 Suffolk County Community College. This
- 6 particular one will run until June. I just
- 7 found out today we were able to now have
- 8 something that will running the same kind of
- 9 poster in the Tanger outlet. So we are looking
- 10 to always put our face our visibility there for
- 11 people to know who we are. We are Start Smart.
- 12 The enrollment management --
- 13 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: I just want to ask
- 14 which Tanger. I didn't want to interrupt.
- MS. BRAXTON: You can interrupt. If
- 16 you interrupt, then Lou wouldn't say I'm using
- 17 more time. The Tanger is the Riverhead Tanger.
- 18 One of the things we're looking at is we are
- 19 putting this to the food court. It's not just
- 20 for the people that are shopping, it's also for
- 21 the workers that are there. It's for them to
- 22 say I'm working in the department store, but
- 23 maybe I should go to college. We advertise all
- 24 the time.
- One of the things that is really neat



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- 2 is this we advertise on cable and we have the
- 3 ability that if you are interested in Suffolk,
- 4 you can go into the cable and it says, would
- 5 you like us to send you information, and right
- 6 from the comfort of home you can type in your
- 7 information and we can send you information
- 8 right away. It works very nice. As again we
- 9 do research in terms of making our discussion
- 10 decisions, how do we go out to decide which
- 11 particular populations we look at and you can
- 12 see the various reports that we are able to
- 13 present.
- 14 Also, high school students, our high
- 15 school students are very important to us in the
- 16 sense that that is what we call our bread and
- 17 butter. They're our initial cohort of
- 18 individuals, so we have very good communication
- 19 as well as relationships with the high schools
- 20 to ensure that they know everything about
- 21 Suffolk County Community College. We also make
- 22 sure that we tell them about our scholarships,
- 23 our honors programs.
- 24 What we have noticed is students are
- 25 applying earlier and earlier to the college.



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- 2 Also, we have more parents who are now
- 3 interested in what is happening with their son
- 4 and daughter. We have made other kinds of
- 5 communication plans to related to parents as
- 6 well. The bottom one is to increase the
- 7 overall yield from Suffolk County high schools.
- 8 We spend over nine million dollars in terms of
- 9 out of county. That comes to more than four
- 10 thousand students who are Suffolk students,
- 11 graduates, they go on to other community
- 12 colleges.
- One of the things we are looking into
- 14 possibly being able, so we can track the
- 15 students even better and tell them about our
- 16 wonderful programs, is have them add on that
- form, when they do the out of county, what
- 18 program they're in so we can see exactly and
- 19 tell them that our programs are just as
- 20 wonderful if they were interested in attending.
- 21 We look at transfer students. We do
- 22 a lot of work there. We have the ability to
- 23 evaluate transcripts instantaneously so
- 24 students will know exactly how their credits
- 25 will be used. We want to always remove



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- 2 barriers from anyone who wants to come to the
- 3 college. The adult student population, has
- 4 changed tremendously. They're looking for ways
- 5 to come back for career changes, the economy.
- 6 We do a whole particular program for the adult
- 7 student. Of course veterans we are always
- 8 concerned about working with them. When the
- 9 strategic plan was developed the Board asked
- 10 that diversity be an element in that plan, and
- 11 we are making sure that we have a diverse
- 12 population and we reach out to international
- 13 students as well and we have pre-enrollment.
- We are always constantly doing things
- 15 every day, every month. We are advertising, we
- 16 are marketing, sending all kind of research out
- 17 to individuals, like for international students
- 18 they have the ability, from any country, they
- 19 look at our admissions application, we have
- 20 something called Google translator. It
- 21 translates our application to their language,
- 22 they fill it out, they submit it and it
- 23 translates it back to English. That is
- 24 something that we didn't have previously and we
- 25 now do.



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- We have lots of partnerships. We are
- 3 working directly with high schools, adult,
- 4 veterans, community and civic organizations and
- 5 it's constant. We are always as making sure
- 6 that people understand what we are doing for
- 7 the betterment of Suffolk Community College.
- 8 You will see some of the other kinds of things
- 9 that we are working on going forward. Of
- 10 course, we know that Suffolk County Community
- 11 College will always transform lives, so our
- 12 enrollment management plan focuses on being
- 13 able to transform lives so students can reach
- 14 their particular goals.
- Thank you. Are there any questions?
- 16 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you very much.
- 17 Yes. This committee was established this year.
- MS. BRAXTON: The Enrollment
- 19 Management Committee?
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.
- 21 MS. BRAXTON: No, it's been in
- 22 existence for many years, but because it was a
- 23 subcommittee of the Strategic Planning Council.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: I was just not aware
- 25 of its existence before. I'm glad we have



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- 2 different types of ways of reaching out to our
- 3 students. I think that is promising. Do we
- 4 have a way of assessing those efforts?
- 5 MS. BRAXTON: Yes, we do.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: I know you did say.
- 7 How do we know that's it's giving you the
- 8 result?
- 9 MS. BRAXTON: We had a discussion
- 10 with the associate dean for institutional
- 11 advancement. We have the ability to determine
- 12 what particular, whether it was the radio ad or
- 13 the newspaper or postcard, we have the ability
- 14 that when people come onto our landing site, we
- 15 ask them to fill out a very brief survey. It
- 16 has three questions. One of the questions is
- 17 how did you find out about us.
- 18 What we are now doing is assessing
- 19 that information to see which one of our
- 20 activities gives us the greatest mileage in
- 21 terms of increasing the number of students to
- 22 come into the institution. We need somebody to
- 23 work on it twenty-four hours. People are
- 24 really responding to it. They are telling us,
- 25 the information that we are gathering, they're



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- 2 telling us what is effective to keep them
- 3 coming into the institution. We are very
- 4 pleased with this initiative.
- 5 THE CHAIRWOMAN: It sounds like you
- 6 are working on gathering of data. Please let
- 7 us know what is working and what is not. I
- 8 also wanted to ask about the application. I
- 9 see that the Social Security number is a
- 10 question. I think there is an asterick there.
- 11 Is the Social Security number question
- 12 optional?
- MS. BRAXTON: No. We are required to
- 14 ask for Social Security numbers and the
- 15 asterisk indicates, it explains why it's
- 16 required. The moment we enter the information
- 17 it is redacted from the application and we give
- 18 the student an ID number.
- 19 THE CHAIRWOMAN: When they don't fill
- 20 it out, they get --
- MS. BRAXTON: An ID number. We do
- 22 have students who do not have Social Security
- 23 numbers. We have a complete process in place
- 24 in terms of students that have to give us an
- 25 affidavit that they are working towards a



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- 2 particular goal to reach citizenship, and the
- 3 students are comfortable with how we go about
- 4 ascertaining that information.
- 5 So the plan is in your folder. I
- 6 just gave you the overview. It is a plan that
- 7 we work on each and every day. We are always
- 8 looking to enhance it to change. We are always
- 9 looking at other ways that we can attract
- 10 people to our institution,
- 11 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I assume that just
- 12 like there is a plan for enrollment, I don't
- 13 know if there is a committee for it, but also
- 14 for retention.
- MS. BRAXTON: Part of my job
- 16 description has enrollment and retention. This
- 17 evening I focused on the enrollment side of it,
- 18 but we also have a committee that is working on
- 19 retention as well.
- 20 TRUSTEE SANDERS: That was great. In
- 21 our student succeed committee meeting we had a
- 22 discussion about the true story behind the
- 23 data. It sounds like we are getting closer to
- 24 telling the story. If a student comes in and
- 25 it's their attention never to stay two years.



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- 2 That is story that needs to be captured. If we
- 3 look at graduation rates, I don't think we are
- 4 capturing it to look at the success. Was it
- 5 the student's intention to stay two years or
- 6 was it the student's intention to stay only one
- 7 year. I think that is an important story to
- 8 tell.
- 9 MS. BRAXTON: That is why we added
- 10 the questions onto the application, because we
- 11 were looking at defining what we call success.
- 12 If you came in and said I was here because I
- 13 wanted to take courses for advancement in my
- 14 job, then that was a success. The problem is,
- 15 not the problem, but the issue is that for all
- 16 federal and state, it's based on full-time
- 17 first time students, and they equate success
- 18 with graduation rates.
- 19 There is there is a move within the
- 20 community college arena to begin to define
- 21 success, just as you are indicating. If they
- 22 came in, they accomplished what they wanted to,
- 23 then that should be considered success. Also
- 24 they are looking at, if a student transfers to
- 25 another school, we should get credit when they



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- 2 graduate. There are lots of discussions within
- 3 higher ed and community college to redefine
- 4 success in the sense of not just success is
- 5 only graduation but the other elements that are
- 6 there.
- 7 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
- B DR. McKAY: Finally, Madam Chair, and
- 9 members of the Board I'm proud to announce that
- 10 our own John Lombardo is being recognized
- 11 nationally. He was selected by a select group
- 12 of corporate and some manufacturing
- 13 organizations to travel to Colorado tomorrow to
- 14 speak at a panel that is a closed door session.
- 15 You can't apply to attend that; you have to be
- 16 selected. Also, our very own Anne
- 17 Shybunko-Moore was also selected to speak. So
- 18 I want to congratulate you.
- 19 Madam Chair and members, that
- 20 concludes our report.
- 21 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Round table.
- 22 Trustee Shybunko.
- TRUSTEE SHYBUNKO-MOORE: Thank you
- 24 very much. I wanted to comment, March 29th, we
- 25 had an event, my company GSE Composites, the



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- 2 new building. We had Congressmen Tim Bishop
- 3 and Congresman Steve Israel there. Peter King
- 4 was supposed to be there, but unfortunately, he
- 5 had to cancel out. We had district changes, ao
- 6 Suffolk Coommunity College is now in the
- 7 Congressional district of Peter King and Tim
- 8 Bishop and Steve Israel, all moved around.
- 9 So the concept was have a
- 10 cross-congressional meeting where they all come
- 11 together and talk as one. Cross-party district
- 12 was the concept. Peter King actually goes to
- 13 the Brentwood campus. Mr. Steve Israel was the
- 14 Congressman for the Brentwood campus; he's now
- 15 here.
- It was very well attended. It was on
- 17 Good Friday. We still had over a hundred fifty
- 18 people there, as well as Chairwoman, and thank
- 19 you Anthony Mangual, thank you for attending.
- 20 My purpose in bringing it up at this
- 21 roundtable, there was a few questions actually
- 22 about how Long Island was going to recover
- 23 from the economic condition and how we were
- 24 going to fill the skill gap and how we were
- 25 going to train our workforce. I can say, and I



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- 2 hope you guys agree, Suffolk Community College
- 3 came up throughout the entire meeting as the
- 4 solution, I think was the quote that both
- 5 Congressmen said. Suffolk Community College is
- 6 going to is be the solution as to how we were
- 7 going to get out of this economic condition.
- 8 So a testament to what you said with
- 9 the branding Suffolk is doing, and to President
- 10 McKay and the Board and everyone that is here.
- 11 The message is quite clear on the federal level
- 12 from Obama down, that community colleges are
- 13 the answer. I think Suffolk was incredibly --
- 14 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I completely agree
- 15 that Suffolk was at the heart of the
- 16 conversation all the time. As Trustee
- 17 Shybunco-Moore said, it was quoted as the cause
- 18 for solution, not a cause for concern, but
- 19 definitely for solution. Which is good.
- 20 TRUSTEE SHYBUNKO-MOORE: The
- 21 follow-up to that, I will also have to announce
- 22 that with Governor Cuomo's Long Island Regional
- 23 Council, I'm not sure if it's announced that
- 24 Dr. McKay has been chosen to fill, I believe
- 25 it's twenty-two members that we are. Don't



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- 2 quote me on that number. I believe it's
- 3 roughly twenty-two. Dr. McKay has been asked
- 4 to join that very important group.
- In addition, he's been chosen to be
- 6 the co-chair for the work group, workforce and
- 7 education. I mentioned briefly in the past
- 8 that the community college, in my opinion, was
- 9 overlooked in the past with regional council.
- 10 We focused a lot, I think, on the higher end,
- 11 high tech and that whole focus and the
- 12 continuum of workforce and education and
- 13 training was sort of, I won't say forgotten;
- 14 the balance was off. So the focus in the
- 15 upcoming months with the awards and grants will
- 16 be focused, that was why you were brought on,
- 17 to bring the community college to the forefront
- 18 and make sure that the community college is
- 19 looked in the next round of awards.
- Dr. McKay, congratulations to you for
- 21 being chosen to sit on regional council.
- 22 (Applause).
- Then I will say a little comment,
- 24 that we are going to Colorado. Both John
- 25 Lombardo and I have been invited to speak.



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- 2 It's actually United States Summit for Next
- 3 Generation of Manufacturing. We are the
- 4 keynote panel for this national conference, so
- 5 we better get our stuff together. I have to
- 6 say, John Lombardo and I have established quite
- 7 the road show that works very well, and I think
- 8 the partnership between industry and education
- 9 again is the hot topic right now.
- 10 So, for Suffolk to be recognized
- 11 again, at a national meeting, I can't say
- 12 enough and the fact that we are the keynote
- 13 panel discussion at breakfast, it's quite an
- 14 honor for them to invite two guests from Long
- 15 Island. We will continue the road show.
- DR. McKAY: The other part of it, and
- 17 Trustee Shybunko-Moore has been very modest.
- 18 John Lombardo, myself and also Chris Adams have
- 19 been invited to also keynote for Latin America
- 20 and the entire Caribbean on May 1st, in exactly
- 21 the same workforce area, so not just the
- 22 country, but Latin America down to the
- 23 Caribbean. So we are just not going statewide,
- 24 Suffolk has been asked to speak internationally
- 25 on what we are doing as well.



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 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Anything else?
- 3 DR. McKAY: No, Madam Chair. I would
- 4 just like to thank the Board of Trustees again
- 5 for your diligence and working with us on the
- 6 budget. I know for the strategic plan there is
- 7 a lot of hard work going into it. We work very
- 8 hard because we are proud of this institution
- 9 and I know you do the same as well, so I want
- 10 to thank you for your deliberation on, at
- 11 times, difficult items certainly our students
- 12 are the benefactors and the workforce as well.
- 13 So thank you as well.
- MS. O'CONNOR: I want to be
- 15 recognized to make a comment. I hadn't planned
- 16 to do so but I was rather surprised to hear the
- 17 resolution to have an RFP for counsel to the
- 18 Board of Trustees. I guess I'm alarmed by it
- 19 because I think it sets up a tension kind of
- 20 dueling attorneys, if you will, in terms of the
- 21 way that these institutions have operated.
- There has been college counsel since
- 23 1975 in various titles. My understanding is
- 24 college counsel does most of the research on
- 25 education law, usually handles issues such as



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- 2 building contracts. The only times that we
- 3 actually brought in outside counsel has been in
- 4 terms of collective bargaining on occasion,
- 5 bring in someone who specializes in labor
- 6 relations.
- 7 Maybe it was the way that I heard it
- 8 being described here, but it just seems as if
- 9 the current college counsel client is not the
- 10 board, which is what my understanding has also
- 11 been, but that the college counsel client is
- 12 the institution except the Board. I just, I
- don't know of any other community college that
- 14 has that kind of setup. I know that there was
- 15 a consultant was mentioned who recommended it.
- 16 In my experience it's unusual. While there are
- times when even in the past where in very
- 18 discreet areas where a specialty, or I quess
- 19 niche law had to be called in, that counsel was
- 20 brought in on an ad hoc basis as opposed to a
- 21 retainer basis.
- 22 I find it somewhat worrisome and I
- 23 would certainly hate to think that the board is
- 24 setting up a situation where it separates
- 25 itself from the overall operation of the



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- 2 institution.
- 3 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Let me clarify. It
- 4 is not the intention of the Board. The legal
- 5 counsel that we have at the college level will
- 6 continue happening. This is not an unusual
- 7 practice. As a matter of fact, Niagara Falls
- 8 Community College is also one of the colleges
- 9 that has outside legal counsel. It was
- 10 recommended by the American Community Colleges
- 11 Association, which is a national organization.
- 12 And we researched it and that was one of our
- 13 questions, is this a practice also exercised by
- 14 other community colleges and indeed, that is
- 15 what we found out.
- In the best interests of the
- 17 institution, which were what we are here to
- 18 protect, it is best that only in certain times
- 19 that we look for that outside counsel to have a
- 20 better understanding of the issue. We see
- 21 merits in the recommendation. That is why we
- 22 proceeded with that. Does that mean this
- 23 we will have counsel here at every meeting on
- 24 every issue? No. Only on certain issue, such
- 25 as the one we mentioned, personnel, relations



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    and stuff like that.
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               It's not the intention to create any
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    kind of friction. We definitely don't want our
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    faculty and employees to worry about it. We
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    are not looking to separate ourselves from the
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    institution in any way. So it's just to make
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    sure we protect the institution and we do our
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    fiduciary duty in doing that. Any comments?
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    All right.
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               TRUSTEE HAZLITT: Notion to adjourn.
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               TRUSTEE PONTIERI: Second.
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               THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
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    Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries.
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