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SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

ALUMNI ROOM, BROOKHAVEN GYMNASIUM

AMMERMAN CAMPUS, SELDEN, NEW YORK

January 17, 2013 4:00 p.m.

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PRESENT:

LOUIS PETRIZZO, ESQ.,

DAFNY IRIZARRY, Chairwoman Vice Chairman WALTER HAZLITT, SAUL FENCHEL, BRYAN LILLY, Trustee Trustee JAMES MORGO, Trustee THERESA SANDERS, Trustee PAUL PONTIERI, JR., BELINDA ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN, Trustee Trustee ANNE D. SHYBUNKO-MOORE, Trustee ANTHONY MANGUAL, Student Trustee DR. SHAUN L. McKAY, SCC President

Counsel to Board

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- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Good afternoon.
- 3 Happy new year. We will have the pledge.
- 4 (Whereupon, Trustee Hazlitt led the
- 5 recitation of the Pledge of
- 6 Allegiance).
- 7 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you, Trustee
- 8 Hazlitt. At this time, I would like to
- 9 request a motion to adjourn the Board of
- 10 Trustees to discuss personnel and litigation
- 11 matters.
- 12 TRUSTEE MORGO: Motion.
- 13 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: Second.
- 14 (Whereupon, the Board met in
- executive session from 4:10 p.m. until
- 16 5:35 p.m.)
- 17 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Welcome back,
- 18 everybody. At this point, I would like to
- 19 request a motion to come out of executive
- 20 session and call the Board of Directors
- 21 meeting to order.
- TRUSTEE HAZLITT: Motion.
- TRUSTEE LILLY: Second.
- 24 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 25 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. For



- 1 1/17/13 SCC Board of Trustees meeting
- 2 the approval of the minutes for December 6,
- 3 2012 Board of Directors meeting.
- 4 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: Motion.
- 5 TRUSTEE MORGO: Second.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor? I
- 7 would like to request a motion for the
- 8 approval of resolutions 2013.A1, 2013.A2, and
- 9 the original resolution that was there was
- 10 being withdrawn, so the new 2013.A2 resolution
- 11 approving the appointment of an interim
- 12 director of student affairs.
- 13 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: I make a motion.
- 14 TRUSTEE FENCHEL: Second.
- 15 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 16 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries.
- 17 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: I'd like to make
- 18 a motion that we ask for the college
- 19 administration -- recommend for the college
- 20 administration to codify a policy on the
- 21 hiring for association employees. And to have
- 22 at least a draft in place within the month.
- TRUSTEE MORGO. Second.
- DR. McKAY: On the motion, Madam
- 25 Chair, we are currently, as the Board had



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- 2 requested to conduct a full review of the
- 3 Association regarding benefits and everything
- 4 else, there is an RFP that is in the works.
- 5 I'll recommend to the Board, if the Board so
- 6 wishes, that we would then expand the RFP to
- 7 include certainly to take a look at the hiring
- 8 policies in place.
- 9 We have hiring policies for the
- 10 institution. We can make that recommendation
- 11 directly to the Board, or we can include that
- 12 in the RFP, depending on what the Board so
- 13 wishes.
- 14 TRUSTEE MORGO: There's a motion and
- 15 second, right? Just for procedure.
- 16 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Yes.
- 17 MR. PETRIZZO: The RFP is not back
- 18 yet. The proposals are not back yet. They're
- 19 due on the 24th of the month. We had to
- 20 extend the responding time because there did
- 21 not appear to be a great deal of interest in
- 22 the proposers that it was sent to. So we
- 23 tried to extend the time and get some more
- 24 interest.
- So far, the only thing we received



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- 2 back is an indication from one of the
- 3 proposers that they will not participate. We
- 4 are hopeful that we will get a couple of
- 5 proposals. We will report to the Board after
- 6 the 24th.
- 7 TRUSTEE MORGO: Just so I understand
- 8 Trustee Pontieri's motion, the responses
- 9 to the RFP, the actual work will include the
- 10 codification of the --
- MR. PETRIZZO: No. The RFP, which
- 12 has been out for some time, is in response to
- 13 a request that the Chairwoman made to study
- 14 the possibility of converting Association
- 15 employees to college employees. The President
- 16 indicated that might be an extension of that.
- 17 But, that remains to be seen. The proposer,
- 18 if we can get the proposer to agree to that.
- 19 TRUSTEE MORGO: His motion is still
- 20 on the table.
- MR. PETRIZZO: Absolutely.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: As a point of
- 23 clarification, the request is specifically
- 24 when we spoke to the benefits of the
- 25 Association employees, to explore the



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- 2 possibility of these employees having similar
- 3 benefits as the college employees. The motion
- 4 is to provide the personnel committee with a
- 5 codification of the hiring process for the
- 6 employees of the Association. I have a motion
- 7 by?
- 8 TRUSTEE MORGO: Paul. Second by me.
- 9 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 10 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries.
- 11 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: It's my
- 12 understanding that we don't need a motion
- 13 because we talked about the benefits, because
- 14 that process has been ongoing.
- 15 TRUSTEE SANDERS: I would also like
- 16 to make a motion for the college to provide
- 17 the Board of Directors with a procurement
- 18 policy for our review. I'm making a request a
- 19 motion to provide the Board of Directors with
- 20 a procurement policy for review as it relates
- 21 to the Association.
- TRUSTEE LILLY: Second that.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 24 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: I have a
- 25 question. Lou? The policies that are in



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- 2 place for the college itself, such as
- 3 procurement policies and such, do they then
- 4 relate the follow-through with the
- 5 Association?
- MR. PETRIZZO: Not necessarily.
- 7 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: What we need to
- 8 do is look at those policies as they relate
- 9 to the Association to make sure they're in
- 10 conformity, if we so desire, with the
- 11 college's policies.
- 12 THE CHAIRWOMAN: We cannot assume
- 13 that just because we adopted a code, as Board
- 14 of Trustees, that we have done the same thing
- 15 as Board of Directors.
- 16 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: My question was
- 17 if there was a Board committee that would
- 18 specialize in the general area, that would
- 19 kind of oversee the process of the
- 20 procurement.
- 21 DR. McKAY: The audit and finance
- 22 committee can look at that. Madam Chair, if
- 23 you want to have a few members specifically
- 24 look at that, because we have an RFP out right
- 25 now. We will look at hiring of personnel. Ar



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- 2 overview of the relationship between the Board
- 3 of Directors and Association might also be
- 4 germane.
- 5 So I defer to the Board. If you
- 6 want to place that under the audit and finance
- 7 committee, certainly I can have Dr. Mazzerelli
- 8 and a few members of my team to work directly
- 9 with members of this body to review the entire
- 10 Association process.
- 11 THE CHAIRWOMAN: When the college
- 12 gathers the information and provides the
- 13 policy, I believe that the finance and budget
- 14 committee might be the best venue to begin a
- 15 conversation with us. From there, we will get
- 16 a recommendation. As soon as the college has
- 17 readied these documents or have some kind of
- 18 drafts, we can move forward with the finance
- 19 and budget committee.
- 20 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: Do we have a time
- 21 line?
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: When is your last
- 23 day? (Laughter from the Board) Twenty-four
- 24 hours after. Next Board meeting, I'm sure
- 25 we will have some kind of update.



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- 2 MR. PETRIZZO: We have a preliminary
- 3 draft procurement policy. We can have that
- 4 for the next Board meeting.
- 5 TRUSTEE MORGO: Procurement policy
- 6 for the next meeting. It was hard to hear
- 7 you.
- 8 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I know that the
- 9 procurement committee already has a date prior
- 10 to the next meeting, so it might be good to
- 11 coordinate that with the preliminary draft.
- 12 All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion
- 13 carries.
- 14 I'd like to introduce Vice President
- 15 Mazzerelli to present the Association
- 16 financial reports.
- 17 DR. MAZZERELLI: Thank you. This
- 18 is the financial report for the period
- 19 September 1, 2012 to October 31, 2012. As you
- 20 recall at the last meeting, I presented you
- 21 with an unreconciled report. This has been
- 22 reconciled, thanks to the interim director.
- 23 And you can see from the report, if you
- 24 compared it with the last report, it's not too
- 25 far off. We are in the black in most areas,



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- 2 looking at Column 6, except for the culinary
- 3 arts and catering, and that area, as we
- 4 explained the last time, had more expenses
- 5 because it was the early part of the semester
- 6 and they did not have revenue coming in at
- 7 that time. So you will see a slight
- 8 improvement in the November report.
- 9 I'm happy to answer any questions
- 10 relative to the October report. And if there
- 11 are none, I will move onto the November
- 12 report. Again, we are in a positive position.
- 13 Here's the November report. Again, you can
- 14 see that we are in a positive position as of
- 15 November 30, 2012. There has been more
- 16 expenses because of the activity that has now
- 17 taken place through this time in the semester
- 18 when there are a lot of student activities.
- So you can see that the expenditures
- 20 have gone on up. The college-wide athletics,
- 21 their expenditures have been increased over
- 22 October. That is because we had a lot of
- 23 teams that did go to the nationals and to
- 24 playoffs, so we did spend more money in that
- 25 area. The student accident insurance, just a



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- 2 reminder, that is a pass-through. The funds
- 3 come in and then they are actually disbursed
- 4 to the vendor. Graduation expenses, we are
- 5 already purchasing the folders for graduation,
- 6 so that is why we already have graduation
- 7 expenses. They're supplies. And the culinary
- 8 arts and catering, you can see is now in a
- 9 slightly better cash position.
- 10 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: What is the total
- 11 budget for the Association, just dollar value?
- DR. MAZZERELLI: If we added that?
- 13 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: I was hoping you
- 14 did. Is it three million?
- DR. MAZZERELLI: It's actually more
- 16 than that because of the actual Association
- 17 expenses, but I can get that for you.
- 18 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Any other
- 19 questions?
- DR. MAZZERELLI: Thank you.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you, Vice
- 22 President Mazzerelli. At this time, I would
- 23 like a motion to adjourn the Board of
- 24 Directors meeting and call the Board of
- 25 Trustees meeting to order.



- 1 1/17/13 SCC Board of Trustees meeting 2 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: So move. 3 TRUSTEE FENCHEL: Second. 4 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor? 5 Oppose? Abstention? Motion carries. 6 (Whereupon, at 5:43 p.m., the Board 7 of Trustees meeting was closed and the 8 Board of Trustees meeting opened.) 9 THE CHAIRWOMAN: At this time, I 10 would like to introduce Dr. Chris Adams. 11 DR. ADAMS: Thank you, Chairwoman. 12 There is a couple of people that I would like 13 to introduce. They're special guests -- not 14 guests, empoyees. 15 You received this in your your 16 weekly report, but I would like to introduce 17 them for the public record. First, I would 18 like to introduce our new executive director of our Foundation, Richard Guarino. In this 19 20 position, he will develop fundraising, 21 scholarship, major gift, planned giving, 22 annual giving and alumni affairs activities. 23 He will also provide institutional leadership
- 25 activities for the Foundation, including

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for all fundraising campaigns, programs and

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- 2 soliciting contributions and other support
- 3 from businesses, organizations and individuals
- 4 and to ensure the implementation of a
- 5 comprehensive development program.
- 6 Mr. Guarino spent the last eleven
- 7 years as the director of annual giving for
- 8 Stony Brook University. Mr. Guarino earned
- 9 his Bachelor's degree in Business
- 10 Administration from Hofstra University and an
- 11 MBA from Dowling College. Would you like to
- 12 introduce yourself, please.
- MR. GUARINO: Good evening to the
- 14 Board and everybody here. It's wonderful to
- 15 be here. I spent the last eleven years
- 16 building development programs at Stony Book
- 17 University and looking to very much forward to
- 18 working with everybody here directly and
- 19 building relationships to advance the mission
- 20 of the college, to grow the Foundation and
- 21 enhance all the activities that we do here on
- 22 campus for our students. Thank you for your
- 23 time.
- 24 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you,
- 25 Mr. Guarino, and on behalf of the Board,



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- 2 welcome aboard. I'm sure you will love
- 3 working with us. We look forward to an update
- 4 as to what is going on in the Foundation.
- 5 DR. ADAMS: Chairwoman and members
- 6 of the Board of Trustees, I would also like to
- 7 introduce Gail Vizzini, our new vice president
- 8 for business and financial affairs. In this
- 9 position, Ms. Vizzini will serve as the
- 10 college's chief financial officer with a
- 11 responsibility for developing and managing the
- 12 college's operating and capital budgets in
- 13 order to support implementation of the
- 14 institutions strategic initiatives and
- 15 priorities. Her appointment began December
- 16 10, 2012.
- 17 Ms. Vizzini holds a Master's of
- 18 Public Administration degree from Long Island
- 19 University CW Post campus and B.A. in
- 20 Psychology from Hofstra.
- 21 Ms. Vizzini possesses over thirty
- 22 years of progressively responsible experience
- 23 in public finance and in operating and capital
- 24 budgeting. As director of legislative budget
- 25 review for the Suffolk County Legislature, she



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- 2 directed a professional staff with
- 3 responsibility for review of the two point
- 4 seven billion dollar annual county operating
- 5 budget. In that position, Ms. Vizzini was
- 6 also responsibile for the review of the
- 7 county's four hundred seventeen million dollar
- 8 capital budget and program, which includes the
- 9 colleges capital projects. Ms. Vizzini.
- 10 MS. VIZZINI: Madam Chairwoman and
- 11 trustees, it's my pleasure to be here as part
- 12 of the Suffolk Community College team, and
- 13 it's an honor to serve the Board.
- 14 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you, Vice
- 15 President Vizzini. We already had the
- 16 opportunity to meet, and we look forward to
- 17 more collaboration. I'm sure you also will
- 18 love working with us.
- DR. McKAY: We love having her too.
- 20 I also want to say quite impressively, I told
- 21 Rick said we have already raised one point
- 22 four million dollars for the foundation. We
- 23 have a goal of seven million dollars. He has
- 24 two years to raise the rest.
- 25 Certainly with Gail, we are at a



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- 2 point where we have to look at all
- 3 efficiencies across the system, budgeting,
- 4 capital and otherwise. She is coming at a
- 5 timely moment for us here at the college. On
- 6 behalf of my colleagues, I welcome both of you
- 7 as well. (Applause)
- 8 THE CHAIRWOMAN: At this point, I
- 9 would like to request a motion for approval of
- 10 the minutes of December 6, 2012 Board of
- 11 Trustees meeting.
- 12 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: Motion.
- 13 TRUSTEE FENCHEL: Second.
- 14 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 15 Opposed? Abstention? Motion passed.
- Next I would like a motion to
- 17 approve college resolutions 2013.01 to
- 18 2013.04.
- 19 TRUSTEE HAZLITT: So move.
- DR. McKAY: Five.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: I have some
- 22 questions on five.
- TRUSTEE SANDERS: Second.
- 24 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 25 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. Now I



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- 2 have a motion for approval of the college
- 3 resolution 2013.05.
- 4 TRUSTEE MORGO: Move just to get it
- 5 on the floor.
- 6 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Discussion?
- 7 Trustee Mangual.
- 8 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: My question was
- 9 pertaining more --
- 10 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Hold on a second.
- 11 Let me just approve five. Request for the
- 12 motion for the approval of Resolution 2013.05.
- 13 TRUSTEE MORGO: Move.
- 14 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: Second.
- 15 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 16 Opposed? Abstention? Before we move to the
- 17 next resolutions --
- 18 TRUSTEE MORGO: Motion to reconsider
- 19 two.
- TRUSTEE PONTIERI: Second.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 22 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. Go
- 23 ahead, Trustee Mangual.
- TRUSTEE MANGUAL: My question was
- 25 also for the general counsel to clarify.



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- 2 Section D, exceptions to public bidding
- 3 requirements. I wanted to make sure that I
- 4 understood.
- 5 MR. PETRIZZO: The General Municipal
- 6 Law allows the municipality, college included,
- 7 to dispense with public bidding under certain
- 8 circumstances. One of the circumstances
- 9 defined in the law is a preferred source,
- 10 which is usually something like Industries for
- 11 the Disabled, Industries for the Blind. Not
- 12 for profit organizations such as that.
- When we purchase off of New York
- 14 State contracts, we don't have to bid. We are
- 15 allowed to purchase off a state contract,
- 16 we're allowed to purchase off a county
- 17 contract, providing, of course, the bidding
- 18 and procurement process like we would normally
- 19 do. There are certain exceptions where we are
- 20 allowed to dispense with bidding, but it's
- 21 only where the statute allows us to do it in
- 22 certain particular functions.
- There is an amendment to the General
- 24 Municipal Law recently, which I believe now
- 25 allows us to use, not only our own county's



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- 2 contracts, but any contract with the State of
- 3 New York and any municipal bid contract in the
- 4 country. If we can find a good contract
- 5 someplace, a good price, and we can get the
- 6 bidder to honor, we can purchase off those
- 7 contracts as well, provided they went through
- 8 a procurement process.
- 9 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: Thank you.
- 10 TRUSTEE MORGO: Move it.
- 11 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 12 Opposed?
- 13 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: Motion to pass
- 14 Resolution Number 2013.02.
- 15 TRUSTEE MORGO: Second.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 17 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. Now to
- 18 table Resolution Number 2013.06.
- 19 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: So moved.
- TRUSTEE FENCHEL: Second.
- 21 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Table it to
- 22 February meeting; February 21st.
- TRUSTEE MANGUAL: So move.
- 24 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 25 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. I



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- 2 believe that before considering Resolutions 7
- 3 and 8 we will have some presentations.
- DR. McKAY: Yes, Madam Chair, Dr.
- 5 Shults and Dr. Pugh. If the Board can
- 6 recollect, we approached the Board earlier
- 7 last year on the Eastern Campus looking at
- 8 planning and assessment, and we provided the
- 9 Board with updates along the way. We also
- 10 provided updates on the Middle States process.
- 11 Dr. Shults and Dr. Pugh will also provide
- 12 tonight an overview of what we have done,
- 13 where we are.
- We have for you a notebook that will
- 15 be handed out to you that will codify all that
- 16 we have done. I've been in contact with
- 17 presidents around the state that have also
- 18 gone through review Standards 7 and 14, and
- 19 certainly tonight you will see how much work
- 20 has been done, where we are, and what our
- 21 plans are and the time line moving forward.
- 22 Dr. Pugh.
- DR. PUGH: Thank you, Mr.
- 24 President, Madam Chairperson and members of
- 25 the Board, colleagues and friends of the



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- 2 college. In a few minutes, Dr. Shults will
- 3 put up a visual on the MRTF, what we are
- 4 doing.
- 5 The strategy is analyzing the
- 6 resources and the campus to respond to Middle
- 7 States Standards 7 and 14. In a few minutes,
- 8 Dr. Shults will show you how that is
- 9 structured. It is a stragegy based on our
- 10 capabilities and resources to put forth what
- 11 we call a very significant strategy.
- 12 The organization of the monitoring
- 13 report task force, I'm happy to report that
- 14 Dr. McKay is the chairperson of that.
- 15 We have subsetted the task force
- 16 into four working groups. Each working group
- 17 has a standard, 2, 3, 7 and 14. In addition
- 18 to that, Vice President Araneo is chairing a
- 19 communication strategy group that has a real
- 20 strong effort that makes sure that the word
- 21 gets out, not only within the college, but
- 22 also to consistencies and to this board.
- Each working group has one to two
- 24 people. One is either the chairperson of
- 25 someone like I am, or my colleague, Dr.



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- 2 Mazzerelli, who is the chairperson of Standard
- 3 14. The chief financial officer of the campus
- 4 and I will both chair working groups two and
- 5 three.
- 6 You will also notice that these
- 7 working groups have accepted and are reviewing
- 8 currently a charge that will dictate about
- 9 what they will do on a monthly basis as they
- 10 begin to share with this body and the
- 11 governor's bodies and other internal
- 12 constituencies the kind of progress we are
- 13 making for each of the standards.
- 14 Also, I want to share with you that
- 15 the way we have structured the reporting
- 16 requirements for the working groups as well as
- 17 monitoring task force is that we will have
- 18 screened all of the narratives which we have
- 19 templated to make sure all of the standards
- 20 are making reference to the same kind of
- 21 energy, so we can review those before we bring
- 22 it to this body or to the monitoring report
- 23 task force that the President chairs.
- 24 Dr. Shults will share with you where
- 25 we are getting our resources from in terms



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- 2 where the baseline is moving forward.
- 3 DR. SHULTS: Good evening. The
- 4 binder that has just been distributed to you
- 5 contains all the documentation that we will be
- 6 using as a tool to ensure that we submit a
- 7 successful monitoring report ahead of
- 8 September 1st. I have a couple of pictures.
- 9 I'm not going to go through the entire binder
- 10 with you. You will have time to look through
- 11 it.
- Some of the things that I really
- 13 wanted to call your attention to is the
- 14 planned development document. I've been
- 15 telling the individuals on the monitoring
- 16 report task force that we really need to look
- 17 at that document almost as the Bible. What
- 18 it's got, it has the format of the monitoring
- 19 report. It's got month by month work
- 20 expectations for each work group. It has the
- 21 quidelines on how the narratives needs to be
- 22 written. It has the master calendar all in
- 23 one document that is about twenty pages. It
- 24 also got the entire membership of each working
- 25 group. We have the actual standards that



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- 2 comes from the book up there, the standards of
- 3 excellence.
- 4 We have the guidelines report, and
- 5 the last document which you see on this slide
- 6 is something we created to make sure we have
- 7 standardized approaches to each of the groups.
- 8 It's a progress report; you will find them at
- 9 the end of the binder. We have the template
- 10 as well as the first progress report for the
- 11 month of December into June.
- So you guys already have the first
- 13 progress report. You will get them on a
- 14 monthly basis along as an executive summary to
- 15 go with them. Finally, progress on
- 16 compllance. In those progress reports you
- 17 will see how much progress we made since June
- 18 1, 2012. I can say with Standards 7 and 14,
- 19 the planning and assessment standards, the
- 20 progress has been substantial.
- These are just some of the
- 22 highlights, really. The strategic plan is
- 23 currently being drafted. Once the MIO's are
- 24 approved, we will have the full plan drafted
- 25 and Dr. McKay will bring that to the Board in



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- 2 the spring for approval.
- 3 We have revised budgeting material
- 4 that is going out that connects budgeting and
- 5 planning more consisely. Our comprehensive
- 6 assessment plan for institutional
- 7 effectiveness, the overall plan for planning
- 8 and assessment, it's our master plan, if you
- 9 will, is being revised. We have been
- 10 developing mission statements, goals and
- 11 outcomes for every area of the college so they
- 12 can be assessed yearly. Inventory of learning
- 13 outcomes for all areas of the college, and
- 14 additionally, we are in the process of
- developing operational workshops and we will
- 16 be begin rolling out operational planning at
- 17 the end of the spring.
- DR. PUGH: What are we going to do
- 19 next? After the working groups are organized
- 20 and given their marching orders and the
- 21 monitoring report task force has kind of
- 22 settled into its requirements in reporting, we
- 23 are going to welcome with pride Dr. Debra
- 24 Klinman from the Middle States Commission on
- 25 Higher Education, to let her know not only



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- 2 what we have done, but are looking forward to
- 3 what she might want to review with regard to
- 4 what kind of progress are we making.
- 5 Let me start with the beginning. We
- 6 are going to develop a framework of quality
- 7 control which the monitoring review task force
- 8 will use to judge or make statements on what
- 9 kind of progress are we making for each of the
- 10 standards as we go along month by month. I
- 11 have been working with the comprehensive plan
- 12 for evaluation, CAPIE. I'm going through that
- 13 document now. We will have that document
- 14 completed prior to Dr. Klinman's arrival.
- We also have been working on the
- 16 past year and a half on the strategic plan,
- 17 and that's really a gem because back in May 6,
- 18 2011, Dr. McKay said to the strategic planning
- 19 council, I want you to review the mission and
- 20 the venue, and we did that. We put that to
- 21 bed September, 2011. Then we looked at the
- 22 institutional goals which this body approved
- 23 initially on March 15, 2012.
- Now we want to bring to this body
- 25 what we call the 16 measurable institutional



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- 2 objectives, which is the last major component
- 3 of the strategic plan. We are also going to
- 4 implement all aspects of the strategic plan in
- 5 what we call the operational plan for 2013.
- 6 That will allow us to move eventually to what
- 7 we call the annual strategic plan and
- 8 assessment activities by the assessment
- 9 advisory council that was put together by Dr.
- 10 McKay.
- 11 The we have something called the
- 12 progress on key compliance. Are we using the
- 13 resources and reports that we got from the
- 14 studies of this college to make sure that we
- were addressing not only 7 and 14, but also
- 16 Standards 2 and 3. It's been a pleasure
- 17 working on this, and I'm looking forward of
- 18 working with my colleagues to do the same.
- DR. McKAY: Madam Chairman and
- 20 members of the Board, I must say there are
- 21 fourteen standards. While the letter that we
- 22 received referenced 7 and 14, there are
- 23 campuses in the SUNY system that had to
- 24 address. We must also maintain the
- 25 expectations of all the other standards in



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- 2 this document. That is 1 all the way through
- 3 14. I must say, in the letter, as a matter of
- 4 record, 7 through 14 is where the emphasis is
- 5 placed. We are placing the same emphasis on
- 6 2, 3, 7 and 14 while maintaining what is
- 7 expected of all the other standards.
- I must commend the institution
- 9 because we could have been cited on all
- 10 fourteen, which we are not. We were cited on
- 11 7 and 14, which all the other institutions
- 12 were cited on. Some of my other colleague
- 13 president who were cited on 7 and 14 indicated
- 14 that it took them two times or three tries,
- one college took seven tries, to address that
- 16 same standard. That's on assessment and
- 17 planning and outcomes and linking budget and
- 18 planning.
- I'm pleased to say that we are
- 20 moving aggressively in that direction. I sent
- 21 a letter out to eighteen faculty members to
- 22 ask them to join us, because the faculty must
- 23 be included in this. Seventeen out of the
- 24 eighteen accepted. The eighteenth individual
- 25 could not, unfortunately, be a part of it.



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- 2 But we have a wide cross-spectrum across this
- 3 institution of involvement in this process.
- 4 Every month we will give you a report as to
- 5 where we are. Every Friday you will get an
- 6 update of what we have done that week. Dr.
- 7 Klinman will be here on the 27th, and I'm
- 8 hopeful the academic and student affairs
- 9 committee will be able to join us at that
- 10 meeting. I defer to Madam Chair at this
- 11 point.
- 12 THE CHAIRWOMAN: On behalf of the
- 13 Board, we thank Dr. McKay as well as the whole
- 14 college and everyone involved in the four
- 15 teams, and everyone directly or indirectly
- 16 involved in the process in addressing the
- 17 standards. We are confident that you have the
- 18 knowledge and expertise to take this to the
- 19 level it ought to be and to the level our
- 20 students deserve. Our gratitude, and please
- 21 know that you have you are our support and
- 22 confidence in this process.
- DR. McKAY: Madam Chair, I ask for
- 24 the Board's consideration of approval of the
- 25 measurable objectives before you and the



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- 2 resolutions 2013.07 -- no, 2000 -- yes, 13.07
- 3 and 2013.08.
- 4 TRUSTEE HAZLITT: So move.
- 5 TRUSTEE MORGO: Second. Discussion?
- 6 First of all, I think this work that is being
- 7 done is terrific, regardless of the Middle
- 8 States. If they had an issue, I think it's
- 9 still good this work is being done.
- 10 On the question of the warning,
- 11 however, you said, I don't know if I heard you
- 12 correctly, every college is cited on 7 and 14,
- when you were just speaking; is that right?
- DR. McKAY: Not every college. Some
- 15 colleges do get through 7 and 14. 7 and 14,
- 16 it depends on the history of the institution
- 17 and how well you have documented and used the
- 18 evidence to guide you appropriately. What we
- 19 have done, we looked at this. I just got a
- 20 note here. We have most recently four
- 21 institutions that got off of 7 and 14. We
- 22 have another five that are cited. That
- 23 doesn't include us.
- 24 Across the country, if you remember,
- 25 in Washington there was an entire discussion



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- 2 about outcomes, accreditation, the evaluation
- 3 process. That's a national discussion, not
- 4 just New York State. If you look at
- 5 graduation rates, transfer rates, those things
- 6 are on the outcome side. Trustee Morgo asked
- 7 the question if other institutions are most
- 8 often to be cited on 7 and 14. I'll say yes.
- 9 That is where you measure the effectiveness of
- 10 the institution and how you link budget and
- 11 planning, which is 2 and 3 in the resource
- 12 allocation, and Standard 4, which is the
- 13 governance. Those are the elements that you
- 14 look for in an institution that really is
- 15 guided by its accrediting bodies.
- Now we have several also external
- 17 accreditation bodies in nursing, automotive
- 18 and other programs that are linked back to
- 19 Middle States as well. While we are meeting
- 20 or reaching the goals of Middle States, we are
- 21 also working on simultaneously independent
- 22 accrediting bodies that are linked to us as
- 23 well. 7 and 14, by far, are the ones you look
- 24 at, but 2 and 3 are certainly instrumental as
- 25 well.



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- 2 TRUSTEE MORGO: On the listing and
- 3 the warning, sometimes it takes as many seven
- 4 attempts. It could it be lifted after Dr.
- 5 Klinman comes here in February?
- DR. McKAY: No. Dr. Klinman's visit
- 7 is to answer any questions we may have to tell
- 8 us what the Commission considered, their
- 9 recommendation, what they stated. But we have
- 10 gone beyond that. We have made outreach to
- 11 other campuses that were on that list as well.
- 12 They're in the SUNY system. We will invite
- 13 them in to talk to us.
- We have put together the working
- 15 teams. Certainly, our goal, after we submit
- 16 that report, that it would be accepted and we
- 17 would be off warning at that point. I believe
- 18 we have a very strong team. We have a
- 19 commitment of the faculty and the staff here
- 20 at this institution. But it's up to the
- 21 Commission to make its recommendation.
- 22 TRUSTEE MORGO: You think maybe by
- 23 mid-summer, or you can't estimate?
- DR. McKAY: No, by mid-summer we
- 25 will come to you with what we will submit to



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- 2 Middle States. So you can see what we've
- 3 done. The work is -- every month we will
- 4 report and we're going to chronicle this into
- 5 one document in the end. That will be
- 6 provided to you for your review and we will
- 7 submit that to Middle States.
- 8 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I think worth
- 9 noting that Item 7, as you see, it's been
- 10 amended, approving Suffolk County Community
- 11 College's institutional goals. Goal 6 was
- 12 amended. More language was added to the
- 13 resolution. All in favor? Opposed?
- 14 Abstention? Motion passed.
- 15 At this time, I would like to
- 16 introduce Vice President Gail Vizzini to
- 17 present the college's financial reports.
- MS. VIZZINI: In the package you
- 19 have the detailed line item on the revenue and
- 20 expenditures. Starting with revenue first, as
- 21 you know, our revenue in the form of tuition
- 22 and state aid is driven by enrollment.
- 23 Enrollment, if you consider both what we
- 24 attained in the fall, including where we are
- 25 at now in the spring, taken together with our



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- 2 winter session enrollment is about, on or
- 3 about ninety-seven point five percent where we
- 4 were this time last year.
- 5 Based on what we assumed when we
- 6 prepared the current 2012-2013 operating
- 7 budget, we are right now at this moment
- 8 projecting a potential shortfall in revenue.
- 9 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: Ninety-seven or
- 10 ninety-six point?
- MS. VIZZINI: Ninety-seven point
- 12 five. In terms of expenditures, we are on
- 13 track primarily because of our due diligence.
- 14 In order to mitigate an imbalance at the end
- 15 of the year, we have advised the President to
- 16 continue to exercise restraint in terms of the
- 17 filling of vacancies, because we would
- 18 otherwise be projecting a potential imbalance
- 19 if the revenue is not coming in. We need to
- 20 control expenditures so at the end of the year
- 21 there isn't a problem.
- We are in the process of beginning
- 23 our budget hearings which lead to the
- 24 preparation of the 2013-2014 operating budget.
- 25 It started this week. The departments come to



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- 2 Budget and Finance. They are using the
- 3 modified budget request forms that reflect our
- 4 institutional goals, tying in their fiscal
- 5 request to the attainment of those goals. We
- 6 are scheduled for budget hearings through the
- 7 remainder of January.
- In addition to the operating budget,
- 9 we also have preparation for the capital
- 10 program. Our capital budget committee will be
- 11 meeting next week, I believe it is. We will
- 12 be reviewing the existing capital projects.
- 13 The availability of state and county funding,
- 14 to continue those, as well as assessing the
- 15 capital needs of the college vis-a-vis the
- 16 upcoming county capital program covering the
- 17 2014-2016 years.
- 18 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Questions?
- 19 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: You indicated
- 20 that you had requested from Dr. McKay to
- 21 control expenses. Is that through class
- 22 sizes, have we increased the number of
- 23 courses?
- 24 MS. VIZZINI: Personnel is really
- 25 our largest expenditure. I think it's prudent



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- 2 to exercise restraint as retirement and
- 3 vacancies, attrition occurs, that we review,
- 4 programmatically, our needs, and exercise some
- 5 restraint in that manner.
- DR. McKAY: That is done
- 7 college-wide. We look at admissions, time of
- 8 entry to the courses that are increased, to
- 9 what has been the general education area. We
- 10 work with the provost's office and the campus
- 11 executive deans and we make decisions based on
- 12 what we believe are prudent in that moment in
- 13 time.
- We are hoping that this year would
- 15 be a good year for us and that we have a light
- 16 winter, that LIPA, water, fuel and heat won't
- 17 exceed what we budgeted for, and we anticipate
- 18 a good winter so far, knock on wood.
- 19 Certainly what Vice President Vizzini has been
- 20 stating, we looked at every cost center. When
- 21 you look at health care, when you look at the
- 22 hiring of an individual at the college, the
- 23 retirement of an individual. When an
- 24 individual retires, we still pay the health
- 25 care costs and everything else, and then the



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- 2 SCAT payouts and you still have to rehire
- 3 someone on the same line.
- 4 So, these are costs that we have to
- 5 factor in and look at going forward. So we
- 6 are looking very closely together on that. I
- 7 believe by the end of the year you will see us
- 8 coming out on the good on that, at the end of
- 9 the year.
- 10 TRUSTEE MORGO: As you said last
- 11 Thursday, Gail, enrollment is -- the
- 12 percentage that we were down from last year
- 13 for FTE's is actually down a little bit more
- 14 from what it was last Thursday.
- MS. VIZZINI: I told you.
- DR. McKAY: The other side of that,
- 17 I must say that we have spent quite a bit of
- 18 time on the enrollment management process,
- 19 from advertising, outreach to the school
- 20 systems, to try to boost that number. We have
- 21 seen some movement in the positive side over
- 22 the past few weeks. We are continuing with
- 23 that. You will see advertisements and
- 24 outreach across the system. We will work very
- 25 closely with Joanne and Dr. Mazzerelli and



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- 2 others, Vice President Araneo in regard to
- 3 getting the word out.
- I believe we will see if we come
- 5 back flat. That is the goal, but we are
- 6 taking measures to get us back to that point.
- 7 TRUSTEE SHYBUNKO-MOORE: I have a
- 8 quick question. Looking at this, I apologize
- 9 if it's right there in front of me, adjunct
- 10 faculty; is there a line item for adjunct?
- 11 MS. VIZZINI: Yes, there is. The
- 12 way we do the budget in the personnel area, we
- 13 budgeted for full-time and we budget for
- 14 adjunct and overload together. There is --
- 15 that in a sense, when we put the budget
- 16 together, we didn't anticipate the demand in
- 17 the growth for part-time students, so that is
- 18 directly correlated to the fact that within
- 19 the personnel area, the salaries for adjuncts,
- 20 part-time faculty, correlated to that.
- 21 We anticipate a shortfall. But all
- 22 the more reason there is the potential surplus
- 23 in the full-time line. That's why we want to
- 24 control the filling of those vacancies.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Any other



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- 2 questions? Thank you very much, Vice
- 3 President Vizzini. At this time, I would like
- 4 to have the committee reports. Academic
- 5 affairs and student services.
- 6 TRUSTEE SANDERS: Thank you. We had
- 7 a very productive meeting last night and spent
- 8 a lot of our time going over the Middle States
- 9 reports in the process. The committee is
- 10 really very impressed with the details that is
- 11 going into the process and how that is all
- 12 folding into the institutional learning goals.
- 13 We are really impressed with the process.
- 14 It's very aggressive. We keep saying that,
- 15 but as we meet, you can see how that is
- 16 moving.
- 17 Dr. McKay, you and the entire team
- 18 needs to be commended on moving forward with
- 19 that. One of the things we talked about as we
- 20 took a look at the amount of students and
- 21 developmental courses, which is close to seven
- 22 percent, one of our concerns of the Board
- 23 should be are enough resources out there to
- 24 support faculty and staff that are charged
- 25 with that many students in our institution



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- 2 being able to move forward.
- 3 When we talk about resources, we are
- 4 not just talking about monetary resources, we
- 5 believe that the faculty is able to move this
- 6 forward, but in our role as the Board, are we
- 7 really supporting them with such a large
- 8 percentage of your students having to move
- 9 through these developmental courses and move
- 10 through graduation.
- 11 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: We were speaking
- 12 a lot more towards the, if needed, any
- 13 reallocation of resources and how effective it
- 14 was. So far, it's not.
- DR. McKAY: The important part of
- 16 that, we have been looking at that for a
- 17 while. Reading, writing, math, those areas.
- 18 What we have done, the Title III grant was to
- 19 look at the areas that students are getting
- 20 D's, W's, F's and I say, when students take
- 21 developmental courses, thirty-nine percent of
- 22 them persist and graduate. When a student
- 23 takes four, five or six of those courses, when
- 24 they get to six, only five percent presist and
- 25 graduate.



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- 2 So we are looking at those areas,
- 3 and I must say that I looked at other
- 4 institutions as well. Maricopa Community
- 5 College is at ninety percent in regards to
- 6 the students that require remediation. The
- 7 community college in Washington, D.C. is at
- 8 ninety-three percent. We're not celebrating
- 9 fifty-eight percent, but we are saying we can
- 10 do more.
- If you look at the other side, we
- 12 have students that are doing very well in
- 13 science, technology, engineering and math and
- 14 liberal arts students, and our transfer rates
- 15 are right around thirty-nine, forty percent.
- So there are several things that we
- 17 are looking at here. One of the goals that we
- 18 have in the objectives that we just passed is
- 19 to look at the seamless opportunities of
- 20 students from high school to college and to
- 21 graduate. So it's a very timely discussion,
- 22 Trustee Sanders. Monthly you will see these
- 23 reports. Every week I will challenge my
- 24 colleagues, Dr. Pugh and Dr. Shults, to get a
- 25 reports to you as well. I thank you for



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- 2 raising that point.
- 3 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: When you have a
- 4 student that has failed two or three, when you
- 5 get to that number, the third or the fourth
- 6 remedial course, do we do any job counseling?
- 7 There are certain kids that belong in college.
- 8 And there are certain kids, you can spend your
- 9 life and they will never get out of the place.
- 10 Some kids got a hundred twenty-five IQ hands
- 11 but they can't spell Sheetrock. They can take
- 12 a piece of Sheetrock and build something.
- 13 Let's take a look at who you are.
- 14 Do we do any kind of career counseling where
- 15 we look to redirect them? Even back into a
- 16 BOCES program, for that matter.
- 17 DR. McKAY: We do have career
- 18 counseling centers at each of the campuses and
- 19 we offer technical programs, three months, six
- 20 months, a year, all the way down. We have
- 21 seen students in the technical programs that
- 22 came here. We asked them why are you
- 23 attending a college. They said for a year to
- 24 get a certificate and leave. Those students
- 25 are staying or transferring to other



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- 2 institutions.
- 3 Within the technical programs we
- 4 also have students that we place into the
- 5 field, in our manufacturing, technology
- 6 program. John Lombardo is here. He
- 7 frequently takes students from the high school
- 8 into our programs into the field. We have
- 9 automotive. We are training students in
- 10 Toyota, Honda, Lexus, you name it. We're
- 11 moving them through the system.
- 12 We have twenty-six thousand
- 13 students. Our students, if they don't persist
- 14 and get into an academic probation situation,
- 15 they must meet with a counselor. They must
- 16 meet with an advisor and we work through that.
- 17 We have financial aid problems too. We have
- 18 students that cannot get financial aid beyond
- 19 a certain number of years.
- It's a complex situation. We do
- 21 advise them how to write resumes, how to
- 22 interview, and those things do happen in the
- 23 career counseling centers. They will meet
- 24 with a faculty advisor as well. The faculty
- 25 will advise them. We will see in the system



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- 2 where they're not performing well and we can
- 3 advise them accordingly.
- 4 TRUSTEE SANDERS: We discussed a
- 5 model yesterday. The Hostos Community College
- 6 model that also has a lot of students that
- 7 come in the community that are going through a
- 8 lot of remedial courses. They have a
- 9 mentoring model where they are assigned a
- 10 council mentor that moves them through. It's
- 11 almost like a high school guidance counselor.
- 12 The goal is to move them through, whether they
- 13 transfer or move into another program.
- 14 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: It seems that
- 15 kids that are into that cycle, of failing
- 16 remedial courses, are we doing a great service
- 17 by moving them to another remedial course or
- 18 are we doing a better service by talking to
- 19 them about career opportunities that are other
- 20 than.
- 21 TRUSTEE SANDERS: Or a combination
- 22 of both.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you, Trustee
- 24 Sanders. (Inaudible)
- 25 TRUSTEE LILLY: We have not met



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- 2 since the last meeting, but I was talking to
- 3 Mr. Gatta, and we were discussing the weather.
- 4 People don't realize when you have some major
- 5 capital projects going on that normally would
- 6 be slowing down at this time because of the
- 7 weather conditions. That hopefully will help
- 8 us come in on time or actually before our
- 9 projected completion dates. Trustee Morgo and
- 10 myself will probably have a meeting in the
- 11 next week or two.
- 12 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Advocacy
- 13 committee.
- 14 TRUSTEE HAZLITT: The advocacy
- 15 committee over the last several weeks has had
- 16 a very, very busy schedule. What have we
- 17 done? We had the opportunity. The
- 18 relationship as far as the community college
- 19 is concerned is kind of like a triangle. You
- 20 have the county on one side, you have the
- 21 state on the other, and of course the college
- 22 itself, and it's important that all three are
- 23 in sync.
- We met with Ben Zwirn to bring us up
- 25 to date on the relationship with the county,



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- 2 which is, of course a very important part of
- 3 our activity. And in addition to that, today,
- 4 Trustee Mangual, Madam Chair and myself had
- 5 the distinct opportunity of meeting with
- 6 Legislator Sarah Anker, who is the chairperson
- 7 of the education committee.
- 8 Surprisingly, the interest that she
- 9 showed exceeded what you would normally expect
- 10 of a relationship between a legislator and the
- 11 college. She was concerned, definitely,
- 12 primarily about jobs. What is the college
- doing with regard to making and creating
- 14 individuals who would be eliqible for
- 15 different types of activities when they finish
- 16 here. She wants a complete list of all the
- 17 relationships we had with the private
- 18 companies throughout the county. She is
- 19 concerned, as you discussed before, the
- 20 reduction in enrollment. She pledged her
- 21 total support.
- I think it's important maintaining
- 23 that relationship with this young lady so we
- 24 have a voice in the county in the legislator
- 25 that will argue on our behalf. It was well



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- 2 worth the effort, the fifty-six point five
- 3 cents a mile for me to get there. She also
- 4 would like the advocacy committee to meet with
- 5 the full education committee at some date in
- 6 the not too distant future, which the Chairman
- 7 agreed, and whenever it's convenient for both
- 8 parties, we will meet with the entire
- 9 committee and discuss our mutual interest and
- 10 problems.
- I think that is the best approach
- 12 that we can have. How critical is that
- 13 relationship with the county. We have had
- 14 some rough times. If it wasn't for the
- 15 education committee in the past, we would have
- 16 had some serious problems with regard to our
- 17 relationship with the county executive, et
- 18 cetera.
- We will continue to pursue those
- 20 activities and I would like to mention at this
- 21 time that Advocacy Day in Albany will be held
- 22 on February 11th. Any member of the Board who
- 23 is interested in going, I would say it would
- 24 be beneficial to get up there and meet with
- 25 your assemblymen and senators on a one to one



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- 2 basis. You have relationships with some of
- 3 them, I may know others. If you can, I
- 4 suggest that you make arrangements with the
- 5 President's office to attend that.
- 6 The other activity that I feel is
- 7 important is the ACAT is holding an Advocacy
- 8 Day in Washington from February 11th to
- 9 February 14th. I had the opportunity of
- 10 attending it last year and meeting with the
- 11 congressmen and United States senator's
- 12 office. Very beneficial. If you can afford
- 13 the time, I am sure that you have the
- 14 interest, I would suggest you try and attend.
- 15 Anything else, Madam Chairperson?
- TRUSTEE MORGO: Can I add one thing?
- 17 I think Walter --
- 18 THE CHAIRWOMAN: The best part of
- 19 being on this is the best committee.
- 20 TRUSTEE HAZLITT: Very fortunately
- 21 on behalf of the committee I received my
- 22 Social Security check yesterday. After the
- 23 meeting, I took the entire committee for lunch
- 24 and they felt relieved that they're getting
- 25 their money back because they're paying my



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- 2 Social Security.
- 3 TRUSTEE MORGO: I think the advocacy
- 4 committee and all of us really benefit from
- 5 the work of Ben Zwirn. I know Ben's
- 6 relationship with the Suffolk County
- 7 legislature and as well as the state
- 8 legislature is very good. While it was not
- 9 quite as good as county executive Levy's
- 10 relationship -- I'm kidding.
- 11 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: You have been on
- 12 the advocacy committee. You went February
- 13 last year. The population dropped. The
- 14 number of students dropped.
- DR. McKAY: Madam Chair, I must also
- 16 commend Ben. He will be very active with us.
- 17 He's attending our budget hearings. He just
- 18 came back from the SUNY Day, I believe, also
- 19 with the governor state of the state, and is
- 20 attending all of the meetings in the county.
- 21 And we have an entire strategy in regard to
- 22 working to advance the institution and our
- 23 mission and goals.
- 24 Certainly he will be available to
- 25 the advocacy committee on advisement. He has



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- 2 done outreach on the Pine Barrens Commission
- 3 work. A lot of work has been done, and I
- 4 think we are moving in the right direction, so
- 5 I want to thank Ben for his success, his work.
- 6 TRUSTEE HAZLITT: May I add
- 7 something with regard to last year's trip to
- 8 Washington?
- 9 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Two years ago.
- 10 TRUSTEE MORGO: Time flies.
- 11 TRUSTEE HAZLITT: Time doesn't mean
- 12 anything to me at this point. Ordinarily, a
- 13 trip to Washington is five hours at the most.
- 14 We got there in nine hours. Every time the --
- 15 in fact, the student trustee at the time was
- 16 the navigator. She would say turn right, we
- 17 should have gone left. Nine hours to get to
- 18 Washington, D.C. If I am riding with someone,
- 19 I hope we have a GPS.
- DR. McKAY: I'll loan you mine.
- 21 Don't worry.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: At this point,
- 23 we will proceed with the personnel committee.
- 24 TRUSTEE PONTIERI: I think we kind
- 25 of talked ourselves out.



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- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Budget and finance
- 3 committee.
- 4 TRUSTEE MORGO: Thank you, Madam
- 5 Chairwoman. The finance and budget committee
- 6 met for the first time on January 10th, since
- 7 the Chairwoman advised me I was volunteering
- 8 to be chair of that committee. We had a full
- 9 committee was in attendance. Sol, Anthony,
- 10 Dafny and I, as well the new VP for Business
- 11 and Financial Affairs, Gail Vizzini, Lou
- 12 Petrizzo, Chris Adams.
- 13 Chris previously distributed the
- 14 Power Point that Gail printed at the committee
- 15 and I urge if you haven't already, to take a
- 16 look at that. I also want to say something
- 17 about Gail Vizzini. She was just on the job.
- 18 I was not surprised, because I have known Gail
- 19 for more than twenty-five years, but she
- 20 already hit the ground running.
- 21 Gail is just at the start, as we all
- 22 are, for the 2013-2014 budget. Our fiscal
- 23 year is September 1st to August 31st. You
- 24 probably all knew that. I didn't know that.
- 25 The college -- some of this will be redundant



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- 2 because Gail talked about some of these
- 3 things, but I want to get through them. The
- 4 college budget hearings began on January 14th.
- 5 There will be briefings to us. We have to
- 6 vote on the budget that the administration
- 7 commits to us on or before April 18th.
- The college, must submit to the
- 9 county executives by April 19th. Dafny
- 10 already alluded to this the committee decided
- 11 to meet monthly because of the Board's
- 12 fiduciary responsibilities. We will be
- 13 meeting monthly from now until at least we
- 14 approve the budget that goes to the county
- 15 exec. I am going through the highlights of
- 16 the meeting as quickly as I can. Anybody who
- 17 was there or any member of the administration
- 18 who wants to interrupt me, correct me. If I
- 19 get anything wrong, feel free.
- 20 We began with an overview of the
- 21 current budget. The college's operating
- 22 budget is nearly a hundred ninety-four million
- 23 dollars. Our first quarter projections,
- 24 September through December, because of what
- 25 our fiscal year is. The projections were



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- 2 pretty much right on target.
- I was going back and forth with Gail
- 4 previously. We have to be cautious because
- 5 enrollment is so indefinite and volatile.
- 6 There are a few exceptions. I think Gail
- 7 mentioned this. There may be a shortfall in
- 8 tuition received depending on enrollment
- 9 trends. As of January 9th, as Gail already
- 10 said, it was about ninety-seven point five
- 11 percent of what it was a year previously.
- 12 Actually, it was higher. In one week it's
- 13 come down a little bit. As of the full-time
- 14 equivalent compared to 2012, we are down
- 15 slightly.
- We spent a lot of time talking about
- 17 full-time equivalents compared to part-time
- 18 equivalents and what that that really means.
- 19 The one figure that stood out to me for
- 20 everyone, percent that enrollment is below
- 21 what is projected, the revenue is down by four
- 22 hundred fifty thousand dollars, almost a half
- 23 million dollars.
- We broke down where the expenditures
- 25 are. Previous, it's not surprising that



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- 2 eighty-seven percent going to salary and
- 3 benefits. That is what you would expect. We
- 4 looked at where the money comes from. That is
- 5 one of the slides that was included. It's a
- 6 quick pie chart where you can see where the
- 7 money comes from. This is again for our
- 8 current budget.
- 9 The largest share of our revenue,
- 10 forty-seven percent, is from tuition. The
- 11 tuition for FTE's now, is three thousand nine
- 12 hundred ninety dollars. That is what it was
- in 2011 and 2012. It stayed the same. For
- 14 part-time students, it's a hundred sixty-seven
- 15 dollars a credit. It's the same as Nassau
- 16 County. As I said, we had a long discussion
- 17 what FTE's, PTE's, how you put them together.
- 18 If you look at the state aid share,
- 19 it's twenty-four percent. State aid increased
- 20 for this year for this current budget year a
- 21 hundred fifty dollars per FTE, which resulted
- 22 in about three million dollars of additional
- 23 revenue. The SUNY plan calls for another
- 24 increase of two hundred five dollars for FTE
- 25 for the coming budget year '13-'14.



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- 2 We don't know what the governor is
- 3 going to do. The governor's budget has to be
- 4 in at the end of this month. Whatever it is,
- 5 the legislature can change it. I imagine
- 6 we will then be working with Albany on that
- 7 with the rest of community colleges. The
- 8 county share is twenty-one percent. Again,
- 9 one of the things we have to be clear about,
- 10 this doesn't include capital projects. The
- 11 capital projects are bonded half by the state,
- 12 half by the county, so we are just talking our
- 13 operating budget.
- 14 The local sponsor share did not
- changes over 2011-2012. It can't go down
- 16 because of the maintenance and effort
- 17 requirement. The county has to at least stay
- 18 the same. That is what we did as far as the
- 19 college operating budget.
- The rest of the meeting was spent on
- 21 discussing two items that are not directly the
- 22 involved with the college's budget, but really
- 23 do affect the college, but one of them
- 24 particularly, before I forget, I'm going to
- 25 make two recommendations to the full Board at



- 1 1/17/13 SCC Board of Trustees meeting
- 2 the end of my presentation. I'll tell you the
- 3 two things we talked about. One is the charge
- 4 backs for students who attend that live in
- 5 Suffolk County but attend out of county
- 6 community colleges. We looked at that.
- 7 As you know the student's home
- 8 county is billed by the college for the
- 9 non-resident's portion of the tuition. In
- 10 21011, four thousand one hundred sixty-three
- 11 students attended community colleges outside
- 12 of Suffolk county. Two thousand five hundred
- thirty-one attended Nassau County Community
- 14 college. Seven hundred twenty-two attended
- 15 the Fashion Institute of Technology, which is
- 16 considered, although it's a four year school,
- is considered a community college.
- 18 It cost the county thirteen point
- 19 eight million dollars. The county got this.
- 20 Now it's charge, the different towns on a
- 21 proportional basis, but that thirteen point
- 22 eight million dollars is not part of our
- 23 budget, but it's being spent.
- There is considerable discussion on
- 25 this college's lost revenue, that these kids



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- 2 could be going here and paying tuition here,
- 3 and it was also mentioned that we may be
- 4 losing some good students. I know it
- 5 continues to be analyzed. That is considered
- 6 a big number, Anthony.
- 7 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: Just a note,
- 8 today at the advocacy committee meeting with
- 9 Legislator Anker, we touched on these topics.
- 10 TRUSTEE MORGO: The real force of it
- 11 has been diffused a little bit because now
- 12 it's the towns paying, not just the county.
- 13 But it's still lost revenue and lost students.
- 14 The other thing we spent a considerable amount
- of time on is the reporting of assets and
- 16 liabilities on capital projects. As we know,
- 17 capital projects are funded through bonding,
- 18 half by the state through the Dormitory
- 19 Authority of State of New York, and the other
- 20 half by the county's bonding capabilities. It
- 21 really is not part of our budget.
- The state asked that going forward,
- 23 that the liabilities occurred by the DAFNY
- 24 bonds, the debt service not be listed as a
- 25 liability with us, just the assets for the



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- 2 buildings that we bonded. However, the county
- 3 comptroller wasn't crazy about that idea. He
- 4 said it gave a distorted picture that we were
- 5 only listing the assets, we weren't listing
- 6 the liabilities. Legally, the liabilities
- 7 aren't ours because we don't have bonding
- 8 authority. But just for the county's sake, he
- 9 wanted us to continue to list the liabilities
- 10 on our financial statements, even though it
- 11 clearly states in the financial statements
- 12 that this is not our responsibility.
- 13 It was discussed with our auditors.
- 14 They didn't seem to have a problem with that.
- 15 For now, those liabilities will be part of our
- 16 financial statement just for the county, not
- 17 for the state.
- 18 TRUSTEE SANDERS: Doesn't that
- 19 require two separate types of financial
- 20 reports that carry for the county and not for
- 21 the state?
- MS. VIZZINI: What we are talking
- 23 about is the financial statement, not the
- 24 budget. There is a section on the financial
- 25 statement headed "capital." That is where we



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- 2 show that the DAFNY has assets and liabilities
- 3 as well as our capital structure, as does the
- 4 county.
- 5 TRUSTEE SANDERS: So, clarification,
- 6 are the reports to the county considered
- 7 internal financial statements and then the
- 8 audited financial statements are the financial
- 9 statements? You get where I'm going with
- 10 this? One is internal because it's not the
- 11 one that is filed in public. The one that is
- 12 filed in public is what is externally audited.
- MS. VIZZINI: On a stand-alone
- 14 basis, the college has financial statements
- 15 that include the college and smaller entities.
- 16 Includes the Association. What Jim is
- 17 presenting is the university comptroller
- 18 identified that the state duplicated showing
- 19 assets and liabilities and the sponsor and/or
- 20 the community college would show them as well.
- 21 So the state decided to minimize any
- 22 duplication and change the manner in which the
- 23 assets and liabilities are to be shown on the
- 24 college's financial statements.
- 25 TRUSTEE MORGO: The county



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- 2 comptroller wanted us to continue to show them
- 3 as we have been, and our outside auditor said
- 4 they didn't have a problem with that.
- 5 TRUSTEE SANDERS: I got it.
- TRUSTEE MORGO: The financial
- 7 statement, the external financial statement
- 8 clearly said that this liability is not ours,
- 9 it's the county's liability.
- 10 MS. VIZZINI: The reason is based
- 11 on an agreement that we have with the county.
- 12 I believe it's verbal from about 2002. It's
- 13 not going to appear in both places, it's only
- 14 going to appear in one. Usually, when you
- 15 show assets, you show liability to balance it.
- 16 So it seemed reasonable.
- 17 TRUSTEE MANGUAL: You get tuition
- 18 per student per classroom.
- 19 MS. VIZZINI: At the time, then
- 20 Vice President Stein made a very compelling
- 21 argument that they are assets. It's a concept
- 22 that is important as well. The feeling on the
- 23 part of the county at the time was you should
- 24 show the liability too. So it's balanced.
- 25 TRUSTEE MORGO: The crazy thing is



- 1 1/17/13 SCC Board of Trustees meeting
- 2 we don't have the power to bond our capital
- 3 projects. Finally, at the end of the meeting,
- 4 the committee voted on two things that it
- 5 wishes to recommend to the full Board.
- 6 THE CHAIRWOMAN: The committee
- 7 didn't vote.
- 8 TRUSTEE MORGO: I know we voted on
- 9 the first one.
- 10 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Committees don't
- 11 vote.
- 12 TRUSTEE MORGO: We did. It was the
- 13 sense of the committee.
- 14 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you.
- 15 TRUSTEE MORGO: It would be we
- 16 wanted to express that it was the sense of the
- 17 committee that really absent some
- 18 extraordinary circumstances, that the tuition
- 19 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year remain the same
- 20 as the tuition for 2012-2013. That is the
- 21 recommendation that we wanted to bring to you.
- 22 It was our sense, and we would like to make it
- 23 your sense as well.
- 24 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I think the full
- 25 Board notes that recommendation.



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- DR. McKAY: On the second thing on
- 3 the discussion, I'll just say under advisement
- 4 until we have a full analysis of the fiscal
- 5 state of the institution, and Walter will tell
- 6 us that as well, we have always taken into
- 7 consideration the contribution of the students
- 8 and contribution of the state and county
- 9 sponsors as a third, a third and third, which
- 10 we have not maintained.
- I think on the record I want to say
- 12 as a point of caution, until we know the full
- 13 fiscal state of the institution, once we get
- 14 to that point, we will make a recommendation
- 15 to the Board, and it will be in the best
- 16 interest of all parties involved.
- 17 THE CHAIRWOMAN: It's noted. Please
- 18 understand that what is a committee. I'm sure
- 19 it's a priority for the college not to
- 20 increase tuition for students. It's not a
- 21 directive, it's not a resolution, it's just
- 22 I'm sure we share that same hope that we don't
- 23 have to increase tuition. I wanted to make
- 24 that clear and express that here.
- 25 TRUSTEE MORGO: The second unanimous



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- 2 consensus that we wanted to share with the
- 3 Board, and we didn't vote on this, is that the
- 4 administration details efforts to increase
- 5 student success and completion, and details
- 6 the percentage of expenditures in this
- 7 direction of student success and completion.
- 8 Any questions on that?
- 9 THE CHAIRWOMAN: As you mentioned
- 10 before, Standard 2 speaks to that as well as
- 11 the allocation of resources and percentages of
- 12 money to student success and initiatives,
- 13 which the college is already doing.
- 14 Hopefully, you will keep us informed of that.
- 15 TRUSTEE MORGO: That was part of
- 16 Theresa Sander's report. That is my report,
- 17 Madam Chairperson.
- 18 THE CHAIRWOMAN: You seem to enjoy
- 19 being chairman.
- 20 TRUSTEE MORGO: I'm glad I
- 21 volunteered.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: I'm glad you
- 23 volunteered, too. At this point, I will go
- 24 with my report. Everything has been said,
- 25 Mr. President.



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               DR. McKAY: Madam Chair, I can't
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    make a motion to adjourn. Certainly we made
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    the presentation on Middle States, which is
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    very critical. That will conclude my
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    presentation. I mentioned Ben Zwirn and his
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    work with the intergovernmental relations, so
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    I have no further comments at this point.
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               THE CHAIRWOMAN: Before we adjourn,
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    just on behalf of the Board, I want to express
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    our deepest condolences for you and your
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    family for the loss of your sister. You are
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    in our thoughts and your family during this
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    difficult time.
               DR. McKAY: Thank you.
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               THE CHAIRWOMAN: That said, motion
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    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. Thank
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    you. Have a good night.
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          (Time noted: 7:00 p.m.)
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