SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

EASTERN CAMPUS

MONTAUKETT RESOURCE CENTER

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1 2 PRESENT: 3 DAFNY J. IRIZARRY, Chairwoman 4 GORDON D. CANARY, Trustee 5 BRYAN LILLY, Trustee 6 JAMES MORGO, Trustee 7 PAUL V. PONTIERI, JR., Trustee (Absent) 8 BELINDA ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN, Trustee 9 ARTHUR CLIFF, Trustee 10 FELIPE A. ESPITIA, Student Trustee 11 DR. SHAUN L. McKAY, SCC President 12 LOUIS PETRIZZO, ESQ., Counsel to Board 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24



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- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Good afternoon.
- 3 Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4 (Whereupon, the recitation of the
- 5 Pledge of Allegiance took place.)
- 6 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you very much.
- 7 We will proceed with the swearing of the new
- 8 trustee.
- 9 (Whereupon, Gordon Canary was sworn in
- 10 as a Trustee.)
- 11 (Applause)
- 12 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you everyone.
- I was told to keep it brief, so I actually wrote
- 14 out my comments because when I go ad lib, I go
- 15 off the mark a little bit. I don't want to drag
- 16 this on. I know we have a very busy agenda
- 17 today.
- Thank you all. I would like to thank
- 19 County Clerk Pasquale for sending over Deputy
- 20 Clerk DeLuca to officiate over my swearing in
- 21 this afternoon. I think we have all learned a
- 22 lesson from Smithtown Supervisor Pat Vecchio's
- 23 missteps, and let me assure you all I have
- 24 promptly filed my official oath of office both
- 25 with Albany and today with the county.



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- I am deeply honored to have been
- 3 appointed to serve on the Board by Governor
- 4 Cuomo, and I consider it a true privilege to
- 5 serve with my fellow Board members, Dr. McKay,
- 6 Chairwoman Irazarry and all the college
- 7 administrators here to help advance the goals
- 8 and mission of Suffolk County Community College.
- 9 In the fall of 1972, as a graduate of
- 10 the third class coming out of St. John the
- 11 Baptist High School in West Islip, I attended
- 12 Suffolk Community College Ammerman Campus in the
- 13 Marine Tech program for a year, after taking
- 14 some time off to work to save money to pay for
- 15 college. I eventually transferred to the
- 16 Florida Institute of Technology, down in
- 17 Melbourne, Florida, and I received my degree in
- 18 Oceanographic Technology.
- 19 My middle daughter Joanna attended
- 20 Suffolk Community College through the Good
- 21 Samaritan Special Joint Program and received her
- 22 R.N. degree. After passing her state licensing
- 23 exam, she was immediately hired full time at the
- 24 hospital and works on the Intensive Care Unit.
- 25 Following in her dad's footsteps, my youngest



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- 2 daughter attended Suffolk for one year at the
- 3 Grant Campus, and transferred to SUNY at
- 4 Farmingdale in the Visual Communications Program
- 5 and she is now studying graphic arts at the
- 6 University of the Applied Sciences in Munich,
- 7 Germany under a German government scholarship.
- 8 So I tell you this because clearly the Canary
- 9 family has had good experiences with Suffolk
- 10 County College in the past. (Applause)
- In closing, because I said I was going
- 12 to be brief, I would be remiss if I did not
- 13 publicly thank Walter Hazlitt for his seventeen
- 14 years of dedication and service to the college,
- 15 his service to the Board and to probably the
- 16 tens of thousands of students who benefited
- 17 under his tenure, and we thank Walter deeply. I
- 18 know we thank him from the bottom of our hearts,
- 19 and I did call him last week to personally say
- 20 hi and thank him as well. Without question, I
- 21 have some very big shoes to fill, and I pledge
- 22 to all of you here today that I will work
- 23 diligently and cooperatively and strive to do as
- 24 good a job as Walter, and I thank you all and
- 25 I'm very excited to be on board. Thank you.



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- THE CHAIRWOMAN: He's already filling
- 3 Walter's shoes because he was in charge of the
- 4 Pledge of Allegiance. Once again, on behalf of
- 5 the Board, Trustee Canary, it is a pleasure to
- 6 have you. I understand you have vast experience
- 7 and expertise in government and I think that
- 8 will be very helpful to us, and we are looking
- 9 forward. Thank you so much.
- 10 At this point, I know we have some
- 11 recognitions of some wonderful students who
- 12 recently went to Albany.
- DR. ADAMS: Chairwoman Irizarry,
- 14 members of the Board of Trustees, it gives me
- 15 great privilege to introduce and welcome several
- 16 students that made the trip to Albany for a
- 17 student community college advocacy day. If I
- 18 could bring your attention to the back, there is
- 19 a picture of all twenty-five students. What is
- 20 very interesting about the trip is all the
- 21 students met at four forty-five a.m. to get on a
- 22 bus to go off to Albany for a community college
- 23 advocacy day. In my career, it's very rare that
- 24 you have a group of students that are as
- 25 dedicated and committed.



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- I want to commend the students and
- 3 also thank them because they did an outstanding
- 4 job. I am going to ask our student trustee,
- 5 Felipe, to talk about the trip. I want to
- 6 commend the students for their activism and
- 7 advocacy.
- 8 TRUSTEE ESPITA: We want to thank the
- 9 college for providing us with this experience.
- 10 The legislators were able to listen to our
- 11 experience, the things that we have to say. But
- 12 I didn't do this by myself. I will at this time
- 13 let them introduce themselves.
- MS. CORDOVA: My name is Vanessa
- 15 Cordova and I come from the Grant campus and I'm
- 16 secretary there for the student government.
- MS. MIRANDA: My name is Ramona
- 18 Miranda. This is my home campus and I'm
- 19 president of Association of Latin Students.
- 20 MR. BAMBERGER: I'm Scott Bamberger.
- 21 I'm president of the student government here at
- 22 the Eastern Campus. I just want to say one good
- 23 thing, although we did go there and it was kind
- 24 of a negative reason because we needed funding
- 25 from the state, I hope in the future we do this



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- 2 again. It was a good experience and I hope the
- 3 other students felt the same way I do.
- 4 MR. CETINA: My name is Felipe Espitia
- 5 Cetina. I'm president of the Student Government
- 6 Association at Grant Campus.
- 7 MR. MEZA: My name is Frank Meza. I'm
- 8 president of the Association of Latin American
- 9 students. This is my home campus and I'm
- 10 secretary treasurer of student government.
- DR. McKAY: You gave us your official
- 12 task, but you didn't talk about the experience
- 13 that you had. Share very briefly, starting on
- 14 the right to left.
- MS. CORDOVA: This experience was
- 16 something new. I have never advocated for
- 17 anything, but it was a real fun experience and I
- 18 got to see how the students do care about the
- 19 campus and the administrators care.
- MS. MIRANDA: The experience was one
- 21 that I will probably take with me, you know, for
- 22 the rest of my life. Everyone knows how much I
- 23 want to become an ambassador one day and
- 24 continue advocating for all the big political
- 25 issues in the world, and it was nice to advocate



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- 2 not only the school but for immigration reform
- 3 and the Dream Act to pass.
- 4 MR. BAMBERGER: It was definitely fun
- 5 and good.
- DR. McKAY: He said "fun."
- 7 MR. BAMBERGER: It was in the sense I
- 8 got to see some of the inner workings of the
- 9 school itself. I don't think the student body
- 10 themselves know how the school runs and how the
- 11 funds are allocated and all that. It was a good
- 12 way to step out of the student shoes and into
- 13 almost an ambassador or advocator.
- 14 TRUSTEE ESPITIA: Being a trustee, I
- 15 didn't know how much and all the things that the
- 16 college do. It was good to see to see the
- 17 students contribute to the college and we can
- 18 advocate for our funding. Overall I think it
- 19 was a great experience, and we have the students
- 20 representing all the campuses. It was a great
- 21 group. I would love to see this experience
- 22 supported by the college again and next time
- 23 bring more students because we are the largest
- 24 community college. We should bring more
- 25 students than anyone and we want to continue



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- 2 that image.
- 3 MR. MEZA: It was fantastic to be able
- 4 to get up that early. As part of student
- 5 government, I know it's important to tackle the
- 6 issues that students face throughout the campus,
- 7 whether it's the bookstore issue that everyone
- 8 seems to scream about or something else. It's
- 9 very unique that we had this experience. I want
- 10 to that I say thank you for the experience.
- 11 MR. CETINA: Thank you. I never
- 12 actually expected to do something like that or
- 13 go to Albany. I learned a lot. I'm thinking of
- 14 changing my major to politics now. It was great
- to be able to try to make a change, how we were
- 16 trying to push the Dream Act, the child health
- insurance, health care program, and which we
- 18 actually had some progress on that too.
- I enjoyed it. Everyone there, we were
- 20 all able to work as a team. I really appreciate
- 21 it and thank you so much for the opportunity.
- MR. MEZA: I'm glad we got the
- 23 opportunity to go up to Albany and experience
- 24 something like this. It's the first time I
- 25 experienced something like that. After I



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- 2 transfer out of Suffolk, my plan is to major or
- 3 minor in Political Science, so it was definitely
- 4 something good for me to do, and I'm glad that
- 5 we got to go up there and advocate for funds for
- 6 Suffolk.
- 7 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I want to say on
- 8 behalf of the Board of Trustees, when we bought
- 9 the idea to Dr. McKay, he loved it, he embraced
- 10 it, he said let's get a group of students and
- 11 take them to Albany. Obviously, without you, we
- 12 wouldn't have the students there. Thank you for
- 13 waking up early and thank you for your
- 14 commitment. It was an inspiring and empowering
- 15 experience. We will take your recommendations
- 16 and make the same recommendations for the
- 17 following year to take more students. (Standing
- 18 ovation).
- 19 Let's proceed now with the approval of
- 20 the minutes of February 20th Board of Directors
- 21 meeting.
- 22 TRUSTEE MORGO: So move.
- TRUSTEE ESPITIA: Second.
- 24 TRUSTEE CANARY: Abstain.
- 25 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Request a motion to



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- 2 adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting and call
- 3 the Board of Directors meeting to order.
- 4 TRUSTEE MORGO: Motion.
- 5 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 6 Oppose? Abstention? Motion carries. Request
- 7 for approval of the minutes of the February 20,
- 8 2014 Board of Directors meeting.
- 9 TRUSTEE MORGO: So move.
- 10 TRUSTEE ESPITIA: Second.
- 11 TRUSTEE CANARY: Still abstain.
- 12 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 13 Oppose? Abstention? Trustee Canary. Motion
- 14 carries. I would like to introduce Association
- 15 Vice President Christopher Adams to present the
- 16 Association financial reports.
- 17 DR. ADAMS: Good afternoon. I'm
- 18 pleased to present the Association financial
- 19 report as of February 28, 2014. You will notice
- 20 in Column 6 that we are trending in the positive
- 21 and in all of the accounts. I referenced at the
- 22 February meeting that we will receive the
- 23 disbursement of the spring student activity fee.
- 24 That has happened, and that is why the accounts
- 25 have gone up. They have increased in Column 6.



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- I want it bring your attention to
- 3 graduation, Column 3 at the bottom. We have a
- 4 sixty thousand dollar revenue. You will receive
- 5 another sixty thousand dollar revenue later on
- 6 in the semester, to bring total to a hundred
- 7 twenty thousand for graduation.
- I also want to bring to your attention
- 9 that the Ammerman Campus Kids, we were running
- 10 in the red. We received a SUNY grant, and that
- 11 money has been disbursed to both of the accounts
- 12 to bring them both into the black.
- This is the report for February, 2014.
- 14 Are there any questions? You will notice in
- 15 your packet a copy of the report has been copied
- 16 and is in the back.
- DR. McKAY: Members of the Board, let
- 18 me just say that our students and myself, while
- 19 in Albany we advocated for reinstatement of the
- 20 aid that was taken out of the governor's budget.
- 21 It was six hundred ninety-three thousand dollars
- 22 that was taken out. We were able to advocate
- 23 and the Senate and Assembly jointly restored six
- 24 hundred fifty-three thousand, but we also asked
- 25 for a million dollars to get us to where we need



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- 2 to be in current level, in current year funding.
- 3 At least while we did not get the additional
- 4 funding, we got restoration less forty
- 5 thousand.
- 6 It's not over yet. Our students in this
- 7 campus lost the child care center many, many
- 8 years ago. In our Town Hall sessions I heard
- 9 them from them and they're asking for the
- 10 restoration of the child care center on this
- 11 campus. I received an award from the child care
- 12 council of Long Island about a year ago, and I
- 13 certainly do advocate for child care.
- 14 What Chris just mentioned here, the
- 15 block grant is the part that is being reduced in
- 16 the state funding, we will continue to advocate
- 17 that for for that over the next week or two.
- 18 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you. We would
- 19 like to see that child care center being
- 20 restored. Thank you Dr. Adams.
- 21 At this time, I would like to request
- 22 a motion to adjourn the Board of Directors
- 23 meeting and call the Board of Trustees meeting
- 24 to order.
- 25 TRUSTEE SANDERS: Motion.



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- 2 TRUSTEE CANARY: Second.
- 3 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 4 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. At this
- 5 time, I would like to request a motion for the
- 6 approval of the minutes for the February 20th
- 7 Board of Trustees meeting. Discussions?
- 8 Trustee Morgo.
- 9 TRUSTEE MORGO: Madam Chairwoman,
- 10 there are a couple of quick errors I would like
- 11 to correct for the record. On Page 16 of the
- 12 minutes, when speaking about the additional
- 13 sixty-two acres in the Selden campus, in the
- 14 last paragraph I asked if we had, and it says
- 15 sole capacity. It should be sewer capacity is
- 16 what I have, not sole. On Page 17, the last
- 17 paragraph before the division, it talks about,
- 18 third line, pursuing an RSP. It should be an
- 19 RFP. Those two corrections should be made.
- 20 Those are the only two corrections.
- I have a question that I discussed
- 22 with you, Madam Chairwoman, and Counsel
- 23 Petrizzo, that after we approve the minutes I
- 24 would like to ask that question because the
- 25 minutes won't be changed, I don't think. I



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- 2 would move the minutes with those two
- 3 corrections.
- 4 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor with
- 5 those two corrections?
- TRUSTEE CLIFF: Aye.
- 7 TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: Second.
- 8 TRUSTEE CANARY: Abstain.
- 9 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Abstention? We have
- 10 Trustee Canary abstention. Motion carries.
- 11 TRUSTEE MORGO: I have a question. I
- 12 discussed this with Lou previously. On Page 11,
- 13 last month we discussed the standing committees
- 14 and you will notice that there is one committee
- 15 listed as finance and budget, and the other as
- 16 budget and audit. It looks like they are two
- 17 distinct committees. I don't know what the
- 18 situation is. Lou said that he would research
- 19 it.
- 20 MR. PETRIZZO: There are five standing
- 21 committees. They're provided for in the bylaws.
- 22 The actual committee is budget and audit. There
- 23 is no committee by the other title. The other
- 24 four committees are student success, facilities
- 25 and technology, advocacy and personnel. Those



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- 2 are the authorized standing committees pursuant
- 3 to bylaws.
- 4 TRUSTEE MORGO: I mention that under
- 5 FASBY, some organizations have to have a
- 6 separate audit committee. I don't know if that
- 7 is why that was there. Maybe if you could
- 8 confirm that for the next meeting and maybe we
- 9 can make a correction.
- DR. McKAY: Madam Chairwoman and
- 11 members of the Board, for purposes of approving
- 12 the minutes, could we utilize the term what the
- 13 bylaws have, and then we can have the minutes
- 14 approved today, and if there are any further
- 15 edits, we can come back to the Board.
- TRUSTEE MORGO: The minutes were
- 17 approved.
- 18 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I think that is a
- 19 good suggestion. We will go by the name on the
- 20 bylaws, budget and audit, as previously shared.
- 21 The audit, in some ways, we charge others with
- 22 that type process and situations. So as soon as
- 23 Counsel Petrizzo gets back to us with that,
- 24 we will clarify that it continues to be budget
- 25 and audit or needs to be changed. Thank you for



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- 2 pointing that out.
- 3 At this time, I defer to you for a
- 4 presentation.
- 5 DR. McKAY: Madam Chair and members of
- 6 the Board, as you are well aware, we have
- 7 sustainability as a very serious area in regards
- 8 to the entire institution. We received several
- 9 rebate checks from LIPA and others. We moved in
- 10 a direction for the institution where we believe
- 11 that this is a major initiative for the entire
- 12 county, and we should be the first in the state
- 13 that the would move in this direction.
- One of the initiatives -- you will
- 15 hear in a few minutes from Nick Palumbo, our
- 16 executive director. You are getting some
- 17 handouts not in regard with the majority of what
- 18 he will say, because I told him to be brief.
- 19 Certainly what you will hear from Nick is some
- 20 of what he is doing right now in the area of
- 21 sustainability. It will not be a comprehensive
- 22 report at this point because you will also hear
- 23 from Nick when he talks about academics and the
- 24 programs that we offer.
- 25 Right now Nick is going to speak



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- 2 directly on a new initiative that we just signed
- 3 onto. I will turn it over to Nick Palumbo at
- 4 this point. Nick?
- 5 MR. PALUMBO: I'm going to describe
- 6 for you briefly the nature of the performance
- 7 contract. That is one of the resolutions that
- 8 is front of you for signature tonight. This is
- 9 something that we have been working on for a
- 10 while now.
- 11 The purposes of sustainability energy
- 12 certainly has been an area of interest. It has
- 13 the biggest financial impact on our operations
- 14 other than staffing, and also has an impact on
- our environmental profile. Anything that we can
- 16 do to be more efficient in our utilities
- 17 consumption is of value in both regards.
- 18 For those of you not familiar with the
- 19 idea of energy performance contracting, it's a
- 20 financing vehicle which allows us to reduce our
- 21 energy consumption by offsetting costs to make
- 22 those improvements from the derived savings.
- 23 Typically, these contracts are done with energy
- 24 service companies that specialize in this area,
- 25 and oftentimes those companies are linked to



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- 2 equipment manufacturers, so we would be
- 3 replacing pumps or air handlers or equipment
- 4 that is energy intensive and involves a lot of
- 5 capital.
- 6 In this particular case, we were
- 7 looking at a behavior based energy performance
- 8 contract, which is a slightly different model in
- 9 that we are looking at our operations and the
- 10 human behavior that influences our energy
- 11 consumption. Reduce that without investing in
- 12 capital. So what we are doing is hiring
- 13 full-time staff to do this. We are hiring
- 14 energy specialists, as they're called. Their
- 15 entire focus will be looking at our energy and
- 16 reducing it, working with our faculty, staff and
- 17 students to identify sources of energy that can
- 18 be more efficiently utilized.
- The packages that I distributed to you
- 20 have a lot of detail related to this particular
- 21 contract. The company that we selected to work
- 22 with us to partner in the performance contract
- 23 with, I won't get into too much detail on that.
- 24 The quick snapshot of our current utility
- 25 expenditures, over five million dollars over all



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- 2 the campuses. There is a real incentive for us
- 3 to look at this. While we try to operate
- 4 efficiently, we never really focused on it to
- 5 the extent that we are going to now.
- 6 Describing the selection process for
- 7 the energy service provider, we plan to work
- 8 with. It's called Cenergistic. They actually
- 9 approached us almost a year ago now with their
- 10 model. This is their specialization, their area
- 11 of interest. Their particular market is K
- 12 through twelve and higher education
- 13 institutions. They have a model that they have
- 14 been applying. Their model has been very
- 15 successful, as you can see in the package. We
- 16 were impressed with what they provided.
- We had to do our due diligence, so our
- 18 procurement office solicited offers from other
- 19 firms that work in the sector. Three of them
- 20 came back. An evaluation committee was
- 21 established, and in the end, after reviewing
- 22 those proposals, we determined that the best fit
- 23 was, in fact, Cenergistic for two reasons:
- 24 Primarily, number one, because of their area of
- 25 specialization K through twelve and higher



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- 2 education, and secondly, they were approaching
- 3 this in a completely off stream model for us.
- 4 What they are proposing requires no investment
- 5 from us. It's a shared savings model where
- 6 we will split with them the savings derived over
- 7 a five year term.
- 8 We made the recommendation to go with
- 9 Cenergistic. We conducted reference checks,
- 10 spent a lot of time talking to other community
- 11 colleges that had done similar agreements with
- 12 Cenergistic. I personally spoke with the three
- 13 individuals that you see here, and all of them
- 14 were very favorably impressed with the results
- 15 achieved through this arrangement.
- 16 A little background on Cenergistic.
- 17 You can see they have worked with other
- 18 community colleges around New York State and
- 19 other institutions on the Island. I spent a lot
- 20 of time talking to the director of facilities in
- 21 the Port Jefferson School District, who has a
- 22 contract with Cenergistic. To give you a sense
- 23 on the potential scale of something like this,
- 24 using the example of Hinz Community College in
- 25 Missouri, ten thousand students, smaller



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- 2 institution then us, obviously. They have a
- 3 contract with them and their total savings to
- 4 date is over six million dollars. Again, the
- 5 idea is that we can fund the positions for the
- 6 individuals who are going to focus on this
- 7 through those savings.
- 8 So, the reason we are working with
- 9 Cenergistic to do this they have a proven track
- 10 record. They have a program which has proven
- 11 effective, and what it involves is the hiring of
- 12 those energy specialists that I mentioned. It's
- 13 a proprietary software technology package that
- 14 they share with us to help us identify the
- 15 energy savings opportunities. Their team of
- 16 engineers and auditors will work with us. The
- 17 savings that they're projecting are guaranteed
- 18 to us. They're quaranteed to not cost us
- 19 anything. We're reimbursed for the salary of
- 20 the energy specialists and the training expenses
- 21 that they go through. Those are all guaranteed
- 22 savings for us.
- 23 Again, an overview of some of the
- 24 resources that they bring to bear. Here's the
- 25 bottom line. Over a ten year period, this is a



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- 2 five year contract, but the program would
- 3 continue on over a ten year span. What they are
- 4 projecting now is potentially a thirteen and a
- 5 half million dollar energy savings. There's a
- 6 chart in your handout on how they come to those
- 7 conclusions. They have an escalation factor of
- 8 current utility costs based on increases from
- 9 PSE&G. So, the savings that they produce over
- 10 that ten year period amounts to a net to us of
- 11 thirteen and a half million dollars.
- 12 The cost savings model is the fee
- 13 structure. We share fifty percent savings with
- 14 them over a five year period. Here's the chart
- 15 that I mentioned. It's a voided cost.
- 16 Quickly, the implementation timeline
- 17 we hope to have a kickoff meeting within two
- 18 weeks. We have been in the contract negotiation
- 19 state for quite a while. We are anxious to get
- 20 started on this. That is the first step in the
- 21 hiring of the energy specialists which are
- 22 critical to starting the program.
- These will be college employees. This
- 24 was a point of discussion in the contract, that
- 25 we wanted these individuals to work for the



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- 2 college as opposed to working for the vendor.
- 3 We negotiated that. Once we hire those
- 4 individuals, that starts the clock ticking and
- 5 the way their model is structured, and we have a
- 6 six month quick start period wherein we're not
- 7 obligated to share of the costs or share of the
- 8 savings with Cenergistic. For that six month
- 9 span, after savings are achieved that are
- 10 entirely ours, then we get into the performance
- 11 years.
- 12 Over each of the years there will be a
- detailed analysis on how much we saved in energy
- 14 costs and we will share fifty percent of the
- 15 savings that with Cenergistic's additional
- 16 benefits of doing this. Reduced carbon
- 17 footprint is a big thing for us as an
- 18 institution. We are looking to be sustainable.
- 19 We want to demonstrate this commitment, and that
- 20 is a way to do that. Enhance our reputation as
- 21 a leader in sustainability.
- 22 And this is a little off script but I
- 23 threw it in here. There is an opportunity with
- 24 this project to reinvest our portion of the
- 25 savings back into additional projects, to sort



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- 2 of create that sustainable cycle to really build
- 3 these programs. That is my report.
- DR. McKAY: For the executive deans,
- 5 that does not mean that you have extra funds in
- 6 your budgets that you can reallocate. I want to
- 7 thank Nick, because this is an area that is
- 8 totally new for us. We are trying to create
- 9 LEED buildings and green buildings. You will
- 10 see a lot more from us.
- 11 Part of what we are doing with the
- 12 sixty-three acres at Ammerman and others will
- 13 all involve this. Nick will be the lead on this
- 14 project. Is there a question?
- 15 TRUSTEE ESPITIA: First of all, how
- 16 long does it take to complete the entire
- 17 process? And then after that, is there any fees
- 18 payable for the college?
- 19 MR. PALUMBO: No. There is a
- 20 quaranteed no cost situation for us. The other
- 21 question was related to?
- 22 TRUSTEE ESPITIA: Installation.
- MR. PALUMBO: We are not really
- 24 talking about installation of equipment here.
- 25 Really what this is looking at are utility



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- 2 loads. A clear example is with the energy
- 3 specialists, their primary charge is to look at
- 4 electrical or utility loads that are
- 5 unnecessary. An example of that would be
- 6 parking field lights that are on overnight when
- 7 they don't need to be, units that are running at
- 8 higher speed than they need to at certain hours
- 9 of the day. It's adjustments to our existing
- 10 operating practices as opposed to replacing
- 11 equipment. There is no installation. It's more
- 12 behavior based.
- 13 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I quess the question
- 14 is what is the time frame for the
- 15 recommendations to be implemented and then we
- 16 see the profits?
- 17 MR. PALUMBO: We should start seeing
- 18 the profits right away. The way that they model
- 19 their program is that the first six month period
- 20 of contract there is no cost to us. Their
- 21 services are provided. Whatever savings we
- 22 derive over that first six months are entirely
- 23 ours. Beyond that, we share the savings.
- 24 TRUSTEE MORGO: Where is Cenergistic
- located, their corporate headquarters?



- 1 3/20/14 Board of Trustees meeting 2 MR. PALUMBO: In Texas, Dallas. So 3 there is some offsite training for the energy 4 specialists for the training is (inaudible). 5 TRUSTEE CANARY: On page 19 under the 6 range of expertise, this is basically what we can expect, the services that they will provide? 7 8 MR. PALUMBO: Yes. Those are examples 9 of the types of things they look at. Those are 10 some of the things that they would be looking 11 Those are the types of opportunities that 12 they typically identify on the college campus 13 and make recommendations for us to implement. 14 TRUSTEE CANARY: Under the title 15 "Organizational Behavior," are we talking about 16 people to try to change their day-to-day 17 behaviors, or more just a general concept of 18 being cognizant of conservation? 19 MR. PALUMBO: I think this is both. 20 That is really what the focus is, to make people
- 2.1 more conscious of their use of electricity and
- 22 other fuels, and with a mind to operate more
- 23 efficiently. It's one of the things if you are
- 24 not really focusing on it in a dedicated manner,
- 25 sometimes people overlook.



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- 2 A big part of the role of the energy
- 3 specialists would be to communicate with the
- 4 faculty, staff and students and remind them how
- 5 important it is to be more efficient.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: I'm reading on Page
- 7 18, where it says predicted first year savings
- 8 is nine hundred seventy-one thousand nine
- 9 hundred ninety, and that is including the first
- 10 six months that we will have and the next period
- 11 which we will share the profits?
- MR. PALUMBO: Yes.
- 13 THE CHAIRWOMAN: How do they come up
- 14 with this number if they haven't been working
- 15 with us? How do these projections come about?
- 16 MR. PALUMBO: I think in fairness
- 17 these are projections based on their experience
- in doing this type of things with other type of
- 19 institutions. They have a general sense of our
- 20 size, our utility cost on an annual basis, so
- 21 they can make estimates. What you are seeing
- 22 are projections.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: I'm wondering how do
- 24 they arrive at the projections? The colleges
- 25 that I'm seeing here are not the same size.



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- 2 MR. PALUMBO: We had to provide them
- 3 some figures in terms of square footage.
- 4 THE CHAIRWOMAN: So they had some
- 5 information to base their projections.
- 6 MR. PALUMBO: Yes.
- 7 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you. Any other
- 8 questions? Thank you very much. Introduce Vice
- 9 President Gail Vizzini to present the college
- 10 budget and financial report.
- 11 MS. VIZZINI: Thank you. Budget
- 12 '13-'14 continues to be on track. Revenue is a
- 13 little healthier than the budget originally
- 14 anticipated, and we continue to maintain control
- 15 over expenditures. So we are on target with
- 16 ending the fiscal year in the black.
- About two weeks ago, we met with the
- 18 county executive's budget office, vis-a-vis our
- 19 capital budget requests. They were received
- 20 favorably. Their capital program will be out in
- 21 the third week in April, so we will get a better
- 22 idea whether our projects are included and
- 23 whether they have maintained the other projects
- 24 that are already in there with continued
- 25 funding. You want me to wait on the other



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- 2 presentation?
- 3 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I think that we
- 4 should share what we have so far.
- 5 MS. VIZZINI: What I would like to do
- 6 now is take you through where we're at in terms
- 7 of the crafting of the '14-'15 operating budget.
- 8 I'm going to go over with you the same
- 9 presentation that I gave to the budget audit
- 10 committee and the executive committee. I'm
- 11 going to take you through where the college's
- 12 expenses are, how we get our revenue, the extent
- 13 of the budget gap, meaning how much it's going
- 14 to cost us to operate '14-'15 as the current
- 15 year.
- DR. McKAY: Members of the Board and
- 17 for those in attendance, this is an
- 18 informational briefing. This is not a vote or
- 19 consideration by the Board at this moment. This
- 20 is entirely informational. This could change,
- 21 based upon the County, the State and what we
- 22 will come back to you with next month. I just
- 23 want to make a point of reference. This is only
- 24 informational.
- We met with the executive board and



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- 2 also -- and Jim, you have to correct me, budget
- 3 and audit committee.
- 4 TRUSTEE MORGO: We will find out next
- 5 month.
- DR. McKAY: Gail, please.
- 7 MS. VIZZINI: Thank you.
- 8 Historically, this is a picture of our total
- 9 budget over the past several years. '09-'10,
- 10 the budget was a hundred seventy-one million.
- 11 '10-'11, there was an increase of almost six
- 12 percent, to a hundred eighty-one million.
- 13 '11-'12 a hundred eighty-six. Our most recent
- 14 budget is a hundred ninety-five million, and the
- 15 information that I'm presenting to you will show
- 16 that, more than likely, the expenditure level
- 17 that we are seeking for '14-'15 will be about a
- 18 six percent increase. I will explain why.
- The categories of expense for college
- 20 budget are fairly straightforward. Personnel,
- 21 as you can see, constitutes about sixty-one
- 22 percent of the total budget, joined by employee
- 23 benefits. You have over eighty-eight percent of
- 24 the budget for salaries and benefit. There is a
- 25 very modest allocation for equipment, supplies



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- 2 and contracted services, and inter-fund
- 3 transfers are those payments we make to the
- 4 county.
- 5 This is that same information but in a
- 6 pie chart, merely driving home the point that
- 7 salaries and benefits are the largest area of
- 8 expenditure.
- 9 The major sources of revenue to
- 10 support the college are student tuition, the
- 11 County contribution and the State aid. As our
- 12 students so eloquently stated in their advocacy
- 13 efforts, that is based on the enrollment; it is
- 14 a rate for full time equivalent, and we are
- 15 waiting for a significant increase. Right now,
- 16 the student share is roughly forty-nine percent.
- 17 Same information depicted in a pie chart.
- The budget gap. My office is
- 19 responsible for projecting what we believe to be
- 20 those areas of expense that are most likely to
- 21 increase and decrease as we put together the
- 22 '14-'15 budget. This particular scenario is
- 23 based on enrollment continuing to be flat. If
- 24 enrollment dips off, the scenario would be more
- 25 dire. There would be less tuition revenue. If



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- 2 enrollment does better than flat, it will be a
- 3 better scenario.
- 4 Based on the fact that we have certain
- 5 contractual obligations already in place, and
- 6 the level of hiring that we have been able to
- 7 sustain, we expect that permanent salaries will
- 8 increase in '14-'15 by two million dollars.
- 9 Additionally, adjunct and overload salaries will
- 10 increase as well as by about two point three
- 11 million. Retirement from the three different
- 12 retirement systems are going to go up, not
- dramatically, but modestly.
- 14 Health insurance, regrettably, savings
- 15 have not materialized soon enough to help us in
- 16 this area. We are projecting a three point five
- increase in health insurance for our employees.
- 18 Part of this is directly related to a recent
- 19 increase in the EMHP premium. There was a
- 20 thirteen percent increase for that. Other
- 21 benefits where likely to increase slightly.
- There are some savings. The
- 23 (inaudible) building, when we sign that, is in
- 24 later years. Therefore, the lease payment is
- 25 coming down. We were able to get some



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- 2 additional savings in the workers' compensation
- 3 area. We expect those savings to continue.
- 4 As far as the new science building,
- 5 this is a significant reason for why there will
- 6 be an increase in the '14-'15 operating budget.
- 7 We are opening a major facility. There will be
- 8 associated equipment, supplies, electrical, air
- 9 conditioning, other expenditures. Taking all
- 10 those things into consideration in the
- 11 expenditure category, we are projecting an eight
- 12 point seven eight million dollar increase
- 13 looking forward to '14-15.
- 14 Let's go to revenue side. Although
- 15 head count and enrollment is flat, we have more
- 16 part-time students taking less credit than full
- 17 time students. There is a slight leveling off
- 18 of FTE's. You may not know, but we receive our
- 19 state aid based on last year's FTE's. Tuition,
- 20 however, because enrollment was flat compared to
- 21 projected level, is doing a little better than
- 22 the budget.
- We no longer have our hospital
- 24 contracts, and in the revenue category, because
- 25 we did rely on our fund balance to the tune of



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- 2 one point eight million dollars to balance last
- 3 year's budget, we have to replicate that
- 4 revenue.
- 5 The revenue shortfall that we are
- 6 projecting, the largest portion is the one shot,
- 7 about one point seven million dollars. The
- 8 eight point seven expenditures plus the loss of
- 9 one point seven in revenue, leaves us with a
- 10 projected budget gap of ten point five million
- 11 dollars going into '14-'15.
- 12 In addition to the projected budget
- 13 gap were the requests to the president and my
- 14 office by the departments for funding a variety
- of things in '14-'15. We deliberated with the
- 16 departments. The committees met and President
- 17 McKay and myself had several long meetings where
- 18 we determined that we would present to you
- 19 approximately two point five million dollars in
- 20 new requests.
- These new requests break out to an
- 22 increase in temporary salaries. Primarily, this
- 23 is for an expansion of the Cole Center to
- 24 include financial aid areas. Hopefully, this
- 25 will improve productivity and responsiveness in



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- 2 financial aid and direct the calls and allow to
- 3 be answered at the call center.
- 4 The last two winters have been rather
- 5 brutal in terms of snow and our equipment for
- 6 snow plowing. Each of the campuses is in need
- 7 of at least one or more replacement vehicles.
- 8 This includes one replacement truck with snow
- 9 plow for each campus. It also includes
- 10 equipment for the New Life Sciences
- 11 laboratories, as well as equipment for the new
- 12 cyber security program at Grant and Ammerman.
- 13 As far as supplies, totals about six
- 14 hundred sixty thousand dollars. A large portion
- of this are supplies for the cyber security
- 16 program, the new science building, as well as
- 17 replenishing salt, ice melt and sand that were
- 18 used during our last winter.
- 19 There is also a modest increase of
- 20 fees for services. Our level of spending for
- 21 background checks was under funded. And also we
- 22 need to comply with New York State retention
- 23 laws in terms of destruction and removal of
- 24 certain sensitive documentation. That area was
- 25 under funded as well. So we are asking you to



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- 2 support the inclusion of two point five million
- 3 dollars in those requests that came to us from
- 4 the departments.
- If you take the budget gap, which was
- 6 the increase in expenditures and shortening of
- 7 revenue plus, the two point five million, you're
- 8 talking about an additional thirteen point one
- 9 million dollars that needs to be addressed in
- 10 the operating budget. If state aid increases by
- 11 one hundred fifty dollars per FTE, that will
- 12 give us about three million dollars in
- 13 additional revenue. This is probably the year
- 14 that we should consider asking the County for an
- 15 increase in our county contribution. And in a
- 16 moment I'll show you the history of the County
- 17 contribution.
- 18 Every one percent is about three
- 19 hundred ninety thousand dollars, and this
- 20 scenario shows a four percent increase in county
- 21 contribution, which would be one point five six
- 22 million dollars. Under this scenario, an
- 23 increase in tuition of two hundred fifty dollars
- 24 over the full year, would bring in approximately
- 25 five million dollars in additional revenue.



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- 2 Despite these sources of revenue, increases in
- 3 State aid, County contribution and tuition, we
- 4 would still have to use three point five million
- 5 dollars from our reserve fund to balance the
- 6 budget.
- 7 This slide shows a few other things.
- 8 Combinations of what if's. In other words, the
- 9 Assembly version. I hope that is no longer a
- 10 viable version, but only provides for fifty
- 11 dollar increase in FTE. That alone would only
- 12 give us a million dollars, as opposed to a
- 13 hundred fifty dollar increase in FTE, which
- 14 would give us a three million dollars. Big
- 15 difference.
- The Senate version is two hundred. If
- 17 you take the Senate version of two hundred and
- 18 do something along the lines of last year of
- 19 matching the State increase with a one hundred
- 20 dollar per person increase in tuition, we would
- 21 have revenue from tuition of four million
- 22 dollars and State aid of four million dollars.
- 23 We would still have to ask the County for
- 24 approximately four percent.
- This chart shows you where Suffolk is



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- 2 in terms of we rank number eight in terms of our
- 3 rate of tuition. Although it's not necessarily
- 4 fair to compare us with say, an Adirondack
- 5 County or some of these lower cost of living
- 6 areas. I highlighted those institutions where
- 7 they're more in the New York metropolitan area.
- 8 Our only real competition in terms of tuition is
- 9 Nassau. Last year we increased our tuition by a
- 10 hundred fifty dollars. Nassau only increased
- 11 theirs by about fifty.
- DR. McKAY: Gail, could you just
- 13 mention what Nassau is receiving from the
- 14 sponsor share as a cross-reference?
- MS. VIZZINI: Nassau gets about
- 16 fifty-two million dollars in sponsor
- 17 contribution compared to our thirty-eight nine
- 18 from the County. This slide shows you, in terms
- 19 of sponsor contribution, what percentage that is
- 20 of their revenue. Nassau is at thirty-three
- 21 point two. Weschester is at twenty-six and
- 22 Rockland is at thirty-one.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: What is the student
- 24 share of Nassau compared to ours?
- 25 MS. VIZZINI: I don't have that.



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- DR. McKAY: We will get back to you.
- 3 MS. VIZZINI: County contribution.
- 4 This is, as our sponsor, Suffolk County has an
- 5 obligation to give us a level of funding, and
- 6 they cannot really go below the prior year's
- 7 level of funding. For the past five years, that
- 8 sponsor contribution has been relatively flat,
- 9 with the exception of '11-'12 where the college
- 10 was able to garner a one percent increase or
- 11 about three hundred eighty-six thousand dollars.
- 12 But since 2008-2009, the sponsor contribution
- 13 has been about thirty-eight point six million
- 14 dollars. It's now thirty-eight point nine.
- This chart provides you with our cost
- 16 per FTE. Now, compared to all the other
- institutions, over here we have -- they're
- 18 ranked. Suffolk is number seventeen. So we are
- 19 kind of in the middle of the pack of thirty
- 20 institutions, which considering our geographic
- 21 area, our three campuses and our operation is
- 22 not bad at all.
- 23 Another fact is our administrative
- 24 expense per FTE. We have been available to
- 25 maintain a per FTE administrative expense of



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- 2 only five hundred eighty-six dollars where we
- 3 rank number nine. Considering the location,
- 4 size, and three campuses, it's very positive.
- 5 Does anybody have any questions up to
- 6 this point?
- 7 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I quess I
- 8 misunderstood when we received the presentation
- 9 at the beginning of, actually last week. My
- 10 understanding was that the suggested student
- 11 tuition increase was a hundred fifty. But I did
- 12 see the two hundred fifty. So I guess I misread
- or misunderstood, or was there a change?
- MS. VIZZINI: There was no specific
- 15 recommendation, where we are recommending you
- 16 set tuition. The goal of the presentation is
- 17 give you an overview because you will have to
- 18 make some policy decisions after this
- 19 presentation, not necessarily tonight, but
- 20 before the next meeting when you will be
- 21 adopting the budget.
- DR. McKAY: Let me join in for a
- 23 second, Madam Chair. The assumptions we
- 24 presented was before the Senate and Assembly
- 25 came in.



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- THE CHAIRWOMAN: That was information
- 3 back then, what I heard about the hundred fifty.
- 4 DR. McKAY: We had different
- 5 assumptions. For example, the Assembly came in
- 6 at fifty dollars per base FTE. The Senate came
- 7 in at a hundred. We asked for two fifty. The
- 8 House bills just came out. We are still
- 9 advocating. We are still talking. Then you
- 10 have the County, who asked for four percent.
- 11 As these variables change, the numbers
- 12 are going to change. We have to show you
- 13 several different options, and the Board has to
- 14 be informed and make a decision and decide which
- one we are going to choose, based on the
- 16 information we have. We hope by the end of this
- 17 week, both houses will come in with a number and
- 18 we are hoping that the County comes in with the
- 19 four percent. So there is still work to be done
- 20 there.
- 21 TRUSTEE MORGO: It may be illustrative
- 22 at the end of the presentation, Gail,
- 23 comparisons are very helpful. It may be
- 24 illustrative if somebody spoke about a time
- 25 line, when we should know the FTE number when



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- 2 the State comes out with the budget, which we
- 3 hope they will do at the end of this month. As
- 4 far as the four percent, we should have some
- 5 idea when that is, and then if you also talk
- 6 about our responsibility of getting a budget to
- 7 the County, and at our budget committee you
- 8 talked about there have been times in the past
- 9 when it actually changed because of timing we
- 10 could control.
- 11 Maybe at the end to have you can give
- 12 us a quick synopsis of where we are in terms of
- 13 time line.
- MS. VIZZINI: I'll do that right now.
- 15 As far as when will we know where we are in the
- 16 terms of the State budget, it could be the end
- 17 of next week. Dollars to donuts, we will know
- 18 before April 1st, which works well for us
- 19 because the next opportunity for me to discuss
- 20 this with you for you to give me feedback in
- 21 terms of the threshold of your policy
- 22 determination would be at committee meetings in
- 23 April, before your BOT meeting in April.
- I do want to be in a position where
- 25 the next budget I present to you will be as



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- 2 close as possible to the college's recommended
- 3 budget to the County. We need to submit a
- 4 college budget to the County by the third Friday
- 5 in April, which is the day after you meet.
- TRUSTEE MORGO: We meet on the 17th.
- 7 MS. VIZZINI: We don't have a large
- 8 window for -- large amount of latitude between
- 9 that evening and the next day in terms of making
- 10 changes, so it would be best if, through the
- 11 committee system or otherwise, you can -- I will
- 12 convey to you as much as I know in terms of the
- 13 State budget and then what your options are.
- We won't know what the County is
- 15 willing to give us until the County Executive's
- 16 recommended college budget comes out, which is
- 17 around May 31st. Typically, the college will
- 18 request a certain amount of County contribution.
- 19 The last two years, we have had to be very
- 20 respectful of the County's circumstances, and we
- 21 did not ask for an increase.
- But my recommendation to you this
- 23 year, and based on discussions with Dr. McKay,
- 24 this is certainly a year where we need to get
- 25 away from an unsustainable no increase in County



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- 2 contribution.
- 3 DR. McKAY: To members of the Board,
- 4 we are going to be asking the County for a five
- 5 year plan, where we can then at least look
- 6 forward to budgeting appropriately going forward
- 7 because for the last three years, to be exact,
- 8 we did not get an increase, and the year before
- 9 we had a one percent increase of three hundred
- 10 eighty thousand dollars.
- If we are going to talk about keeping
- 12 tuition down and we talk about students leaving
- 13 the county for Nassau and FIT and other places
- 14 for programs that we don't offer, we have to ask
- 15 the County to give us an appropriate support
- 16 level. Our students are currently at fifty-two
- 17 percent and because of the actions we have
- 18 taken, they have moved down to forty-nine
- 19 percent. We have to continue to work hard on
- 20 that.
- 21 We are in discussions with the County
- 22 Exec's office and we have been in discussions
- 23 with them currently.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: I'm sorry. Can you
- 25 share with us how the progress has been made in



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- 2 those conversations in terms of advocating that
- 3 type of funding? Are we making progress in
- 4 those type of conversations? Is there anything
- 5 to be shared with us?
- 6 DR. McKAY: We are in discussions.
- 7 MS. VIZZINI: We are well received,
- 8 but there is no commitment. My last point is
- 9 typically in the past, when the Board has passed
- 10 a resolution asking for increase in the County
- 11 contribution, it would be a scenario such as a
- 12 four percent increase in the County contribution
- 13 will allow us to hold tuition at a two hundred
- 14 dollar increase or one hundred dollars a
- 15 semester. Anything less than that has the
- 16 potential for a more significant increase in
- 17 tuition, or more significant draining of our
- 18 reserve. Neither one are palatable options.
- 19 TRUSTEE SANDERS: One question. You
- 20 mentioned replicating the one shot. Can you
- 21 explain that a little bit more?
- 22 MS. VIZZINI: We needed it as a source
- 23 of revenue. I think the thinking there was we
- 24 don't want to increase tuition by three hundred
- 25 dollars annually, so where else can we get the



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- 2 money from? So we pulled money out of the
- 3 reserve.
- In the '14-'15 scenario because we are
- 5 opening up a new building, with one time
- 6 start-up costs, there is a list of close to a
- 7 million dollars of equipment and supplies for
- 8 the new laboratories, for the cleaning, for
- 9 everything that goes along with a new building.
- 10 If you have to use your reserve, using
- 11 it for something like that, or using it to
- 12 somewhat abate unnecessary increase in tuition,
- 13 those seem to be primary reasons.
- DR. McKAY: For example, in the
- 15 science building, we have to prep labs. We have
- 16 chemistry, physics, biology, and we have to
- 17 purchase samples and we have to get that before
- 18 we start. We are planning to open in the
- 19 spring, so in the fall we're going to have to
- 20 procure all of those things, and then we are
- 21 going to have to get bodies, like PA's, that
- 22 will prepare the labs in the fall of that year.
- Those folks are not here right now and
- 24 the lab doesn't exist, so you're going to have
- 25 to build your building, and you have your water,



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- 2 light, fuel, heat. You're looking at preping
- 3 the labs, getting supplies and everything else.
- 4 That is what we are going to do for the one
- 5 shot. It's not going to be a reoccurring
- 6 expense. We did a one shot last year, one point
- 7 eight million dollars.
- 8 The last part is that 2007, Middle
- 9 States was here. They told us that we did not
- 10 have the appropriate revenues. When we went to
- 11 the County, the County said you're asking us for
- 12 additional funding, but you have a reserve over
- 13 here. But the reserve is a one shot. If we use
- 14 it for a one shot, it should be used for a
- 15 non-recurring expense, and that is what we are
- 16 doing here. So Trustee Sanders, good question.
- 17 That's what we're doing here.
- MS. VIZZINI: The last thing that I
- 19 wanted show you in your own budget, as we have
- 20 discussed, you own budget has its own cost
- 21 center. This shows your actual expenditures
- 22 over the past several years have ranged from
- 23 seventeen thousand, in '11-'12, fifteen three in
- '12-'13. Year to date, we spent thirteen six
- 25 for adopted budget of sixteen eight fifty.



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- 2 As far as the dollar threshold, I
- 3 would recommend twenty thousand dollars at this
- 4 point. You have new trustees who are coming on
- 5 board. You have the opportunity to do a
- 6 retreat. That will give you a comfort level and
- 7 be in line with anticipated expenditures.
- 8 TRUSTEE MORGO: The money that was
- 9 coming out of the president's budget for Board
- 10 expenses, that is not in the sixteen eight fifty
- 11 budget of the thirty six forty-one, but it will
- 12 be in the twenties now?
- MS. VIZZINI: Yes.
- DR. McKAY: Madam Chairman, members of
- 15 the Board, again, this is informational. We had
- 16 to present this to you so you see what we are
- 17 dealing with. As we get more information
- 18 from the state and county, these numbers may
- 19 vary or change. These is just informational
- 20 right now.
- 21 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you. In the
- 22 past years, it's always our hope that the
- 23 student tuition increase doesn't happen. It's
- 24 unfortunate that we have to increase tuition.
- 25 My inclination is always to be mindful of that



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- 2 tuition increase, as we know a lot of students
- 3 have one job, two jobs to be able to pay for
- 4 their tuition.
- 5 Last week I heard a hundred fifty.
- 6 This week I'm hearing a different scenario.
- 7 I am concerned.
- B DR. McKAY: The one fifty is an
- 9 option. Two fifty is an option, and then you
- 10 have the fifty. What we are presenting is based
- 11 on what we know at this current moment based on
- 12 what we are hear. We don't know which number
- 13 we will go back to. We needed to give you all
- 14 the assumptions to see where we would land based
- on what the Senate and Assembly will do, and
- 16 then what the County will do.
- 17 If they don't, for example, you saw in
- 18 the one shot for the reserve it was almost nine
- 19 million dollars -- it was a high number -- if we
- 20 don't get any support from either side of the
- 21 branches. That is one shot that we have to
- 22 carry forward, and we will have to use that in
- 23 the next year as an expense and try to make it
- 24 up.
- I don't think we can do that. We are



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- 2 working very hard. Trustee Felipe ESPITIA was
- 3 with us in Albany. Now it's a matter of phone
- 4 calls and making concerted efforts with the
- 5 County and see if we can get the support.
- 6 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I thank you for
- 7 sharing with us all scenarios. We hope that the
- 8 scenario eventually adopted is the one that
- 9 includes the less tuition increase for our
- 10 students. We are the most affordable college
- 11 and we want to continue, in Suffolk County.
- 12 Trustee Canary.
- 13 TRUSTEE CANARY: When students
- 14 transfer out of Suffolk, say out the first year,
- 15 do you do like an exit interview to determine
- 16 whether cost of tuition was a factor for them to
- 17 leave the school and go across the border to
- 18 Nassau?
- DR. McKAY: Yes, we have a
- 20 non-returning student questionnaire that we have
- 21 for students that did not graduate and did not
- 22 return. We can run the last five years of data
- 23 and get it to the student success committee and
- 24 trustees. We also ran another survey for
- 25 students who attended Nassau, FIT and didn't



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- 2 attend Suffolk, and we asked them what is the
- 3 reason why you are not coming to Suffolk if we
- 4 have the same program. Some of the reasons were
- 5 well, you don't have a football team. What was
- 6 the other program Radiology and Mortuary
- 7 Science.
- 8 Those are some of the things. What we
- 9 said, we advanced in Albany, if we offer the
- 10 course or offer the degree program, the County
- 11 or the Town should not pay for that if the
- 12 person elects to go somewhere else. We advanced
- 13 that in Albany. I'm working to try to make sure
- 14 that that gets into the final bill, and that is
- 15 something we have to work to make sure it gets
- 16 into the final bill. That is thirteen point
- 17 five million dollars. I'm asking for one point
- 18 five million, four percent in our budget.
- 19 TRUSTEE CANARY: I am familiar with
- 20 that issue. I would with County Legislator
- 21 (inaudible) and Senator Johnson on the County
- 22 tuition issue, so I am familiar with it,
- 23 especially with FIT.
- Going back to my question, it wasn't
- 25 so much for my edification, it was more to use



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- 2 it as a tool to convince our county legislators
- 3 that guys, we need help here.
- 4 DR. McKAY: Absolutely. There was one
- 5 chart that you saw -- I know there's a lot of
- 6 material here -- for three years we got zeros.
- 7 Then negotiating with Gail and our faculty and
- 8 our exempts and ourselves, we have been zeros
- 9 for ourselves. We have given back to keep down
- 10 tuition and fees. Now we have to look at it and
- 11 say what more can we do. You can't cut your way
- 12 out of it.
- 13 Part of it, you have to invest into
- 14 the institution. I also say to education comes
- 15 transformation and economic empowerment. That
- 16 is something I believe to the core of my heart.
- 17 That is something we have to do. That question
- 18 is right on point, and we have to continue to
- 19 advocate. That is why Trustee ESPITIA and
- 20 others were with us when we worked, and we will
- 21 do the same thing with the County. No pressure,
- 22 but I need you again.
- TRUSTEE ESPITIA: You got it.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Any other questions?
- 25 At this time, I will request a motion of



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- 2 approvals of college resolution 2014.23 to
- 3 2014.27.
- 4 TRUSTEE MORGO: So move.
- 5 TRUSTEE CANARY: Second.
- 6 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 7 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries.
- 8 Committee reports. Student success committee.
- 9 Trustee Sanders?
- 10 TRUSTEE SANDERS: Thank you. We had a
- 11 very good meeting in March. Covered a lot of
- 12 information and received some updates as it
- 13 pertains to Middle States, and a lot of detail
- 14 regarding the unit reviews and how those work
- 15 and the cycle sequences. It's exciting to hear
- 16 how engaged the faculty and staff are in our own
- 17 self-evaluation, which is always good to hear.
- 18 We had discussion regarding the
- 19 deferred action. The Assembly okaying and
- 20 looking at ways for the college to include an
- 21 educational component for faculty and staff.
- 22 There is going to be a college-wide event
- 23 meeting. We talked about getting some of the
- 24 students to report their testimonies at that
- 25 event.



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- On a similar note, we have a new
- 3 membership. The college has a membership with
- 4 the Hispanic Association of Colleges and
- 5 Universities. There is going to be an April 8th
- 6 conference. It's a membership organization. It
- 7 doesn't refer to professional development. It's
- 8 a new partnership for the college and we're
- 9 looking forward to that.
- 10 Also on a similar note, the Dream Act
- 11 was defeated by two votes; very disappointed to
- 12 hear that. Just a personal perspective, not a
- 13 college perspective. I know we were advocating.
- 14 A lot of our students are challenged by being
- 15 brought here by parents, and they may not have
- 16 documentation, so we need to kind of discuss
- 17 that now. How we are going to help and support
- 18 our students that are here that don't have
- 19 access to our financial aid.
- 20 We talked about the excitement around
- 21 the Hampton Bays program, and trying to
- 22 replicate that in other school districts. We
- 23 reviewed a couple of other resolutions that are
- 24 proposed at this point, and we talked about
- 25 Advocacy Day. We talked about that tonight.



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- 2 You got to see the students who put a face to
- 3 what Suffolk County Community College is all
- 4 about.
- I also want to point out that our
- 6 trustee did receive a Chancellor's Award, so we
- 7 want to congratulate him. (Applause) And we are
- 8 also excited that the student trustee process is
- 9 now getting the students all pumped up. There
- 10 seems to be a line of students that want to
- 11 become trustees, again, a testament to your
- 12 leadership and how you promote yourself amongst
- 13 the student body. We are excited that people
- 14 want to join us around the table and help
- 15 evaluate set policies.
- 16 Lastly, a couple of things. There was
- one thing that came up, we talked about the
- 18 transcripts being delayed a little bit. We are
- 19 trying to figure out what the issue is as
- 20 students try to go to their four year
- 21 institutions. We don't want any delays in
- 22 getting information to the four year
- 23 institutions.
- Last thing was the discussion at our
- 25 meeting, which was Legislator Spencer's proposal



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- 2 to raise the smoking age. It's been passed. We
- 3 are looking at that because we now have a policy
- 4 that we are looking at on this campus, a no
- 5 smoking policy, so we are still discussing that.
- 6 Our next meeting, we set meetings for the next
- 7 couple of months, and the next meeting is going
- 8 to be April 3rd. That is my report, unless I
- 9 missed something.
- 10 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I think you can tell
- 11 we are very busy when we meet. Very dynamic and
- 12 we are very pleased. And that we are heard as
- 13 trustees and we thank you for your work. I know
- 14 some of you wear a lot of hats, but you manage
- 15 to help us out and work with us. Thank you.
- 16 A luck of luck to the students who are
- 17 going to the Hampton conference. We look
- 18 forward to hearing about that. It has been our
- 19 project for a while that the community has been
- 20 pushing for the echo partnership.
- DR. McKAY: I want to recognize
- 22 Christina Vargas and Deputy General Counsel who
- 23 are heading up the team at the college, and
- 24 certainly no pressure on you. I know it's going
- 25 to be a college-wide effort, and Gail is looking



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- 2 at me because there will be some costs, and I
- 3 have Chris next to me, student affairs, in case
- 4 we have to take some money from Student Affairs.
- 5 DR. ADAMS: Frank will be handling it.
- 6 THE CHAIRWOMAN: We will have to
- 7 check Facebook. We will proceed now with
- 8 facilities and technology committee.
- 9 TRUSTEE LILLY: Last month there was a
- 10 facilities tour. Gail led it. I could not make
- 11 it because of my jury duty. Jim, I'm going to
- 12 turn it over to Trustee Morgo.
- 13 TRUSTEE MORGO: I did that last time.
- 14 TRUSTEE LILLY: I wasn't here at the
- 15 last trustee meeting, so I'm a little behind the
- 16 times and we haven't had any discussions since
- 17 then.
- 18 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Budget and finance
- 19 committee.
- TRUSTEE MORGO: As vice president, we
- 21 met on March 17th. I should mention that it was
- 22 quite a sacrifice for Trustee Cliff. We met on
- 23 a religious holiday for him. I don't want to be
- 24 too jocular. It's kind of sobering, when you
- 25 have a committee meeting and you learn that we



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- 2 are facing a thirteen million dollar budget gap
- 3 and it's the unknown that we already talked
- 4 about.
- 5 One of the things that I did speak
- 6 about during committee, that as trustees, we
- 7 have to extend a certain amount of trust to the
- 8 administration for prudent fiscal management,
- 9 and today the Cenergistic seems to an indication
- 10 of that. We will have the nine hundred thousand
- 11 dollar savings that will be reflected in the
- 12 budget, I'm sure.
- The thing that we said we can't get
- 14 down in the weeds saying we need a new snow plow
- or all those kinds of things, but it's important
- 16 that the administration, for us, when we
- 17 finally -- when the budget committee makes a
- 18 recommendation to the full Board, and we get the
- 19 recommendation from the administration, that we
- 20 feel comfortable that you are presented the
- 21 budget in a way so that that you feel
- 22 comfortable.
- 23 Artie and I mentioned that it's
- 24 helpful to put the budget elements in context.
- 25 For example, when you see that eighty-eight



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- 2 percent of budget is going to personnel and
- 3 benefits, you say well, that seems like a high
- 4 number, but you have to think of what we are and
- 5 what kind of institution we are. So, it's just
- 6 very important that the budget process,
- 7 committee process, that when we meet as a small
- 8 group, that we feel comfortable and we get all
- 9 our questions asked.
- I was going to mention a couple of
- 11 things during the round table, but it seems more
- 12 appropriate to mention it now. I want to
- 13 commend Kevin Pederman for writing the letter in
- 14 Newsday, I think it was February 17th, about our
- 15 getting shortchanged and Gail's comparisons
- 16 reflect that, and not exactly on the budget, but
- on Governor Cuomo taking out the stem cell
- 18 building in Brentwood. I don't know who was
- 19 responsible for this, but there was a reaching
- 20 out to legislators, business leaders, that that
- 21 money be reinstated. I think all of that is
- 22 necessary. I think Dr. McKay, you said it's
- 23 time to start making the phone calls. That type
- 24 of advocacy is important.
- 25 While I'm on the subject, knowledge of



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- 2 the legislative process and the budget making
- 3 process is important. For that reason, I hope
- 4 Trustee Canary will join the budget committee.
- 5 I have to tell you, that when I was named
- 6 chairman, I had no such choice. The Chairwoman
- 7 volunteered me.
- 8 THE CHAIRWOMAN: You gladly answered.
- 9 TRUSTEE MORGO: All kidding aside, I
- 10 think we would really benefit from your joining
- 11 us. Artie, the Chairwoman and I now -- nothing
- 12 against any other committee, but this is a
- 13 committee, at least for the time of the year, is
- 14 extremely important. Nobody wants to see a
- 15 tuition increase, even one that is higher than
- 16 last year. No one wants to see going and taking
- 17 money again from the fund balance. That is why
- 18 it's not a fun committee. That is why that we
- 19 get a fair share from the County.
- I heard Gail say when we didn't get a
- 21 definite answer, she said we were well received,
- 22 but we didn't get a decision. That is what is
- 23 to be expected at this point. But I think this
- 24 committee is a core. I would really like you to
- 25 join, if you can. And the advocacy committee is



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- 2 also extremely important in that regard.
- 3 That is my report. Kudos to Kevin and
- 4 the folks who worked on the legislative package.
- 5 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you, Trustee
- 6 Morgo. You made that decision.
- 7 TRUSTEE CANARY: We'll talk.
- 8 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Great. You're
- 9 thinking about it. Personnel committee, Trustee
- 10 Pontieri, I have been informed he's been
- 11 hospitalized. Our thoughts and prayers will be
- 12 with him. Our next committee, advocacy
- 13 committee. Until last month Walter was the
- 14 chair. It's vacant. Trustee Canary, if you
- 15 want to think about that too.
- 16 TRUSTEE CANARY: I guess this is the
- 17 good time to tell you the fact that I worked in
- 18 the State Senate puts me in a bad position in
- 19 terms of lobbying. I cannot lobby senators and
- 20 assemblymen. I can beat up on county
- 21 legislators. I'm getting an official opinion
- 22 from the Senate ethics committee on where the
- 23 lines are in the sand for me and what I can and
- 24 cannot do, so I'm somewhat limited on the
- 25 advocacy issue because of my employment in the



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- 2 Senate.
- 3 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you for sharing
- 4 that. When you find out more information,
- 5 please share. That remains vacant, if anybody
- 6 is interested in chairing that committee. That
- 7 committee was formed by Trustee Hazlitt and
- 8 myself. We can use more members and we can
- 9 definitely use a Chair.
- 10 At this time we will go to my report,
- 11 which at this time it will be very brief. As I
- 12 said, the advocacy committee has a vacancy, also
- 13 the vice president has a vacancy. Walter served
- 14 for many years ago as our vice chair for the
- 15 Board of Trustees. At this point, we are
- 16 scheduled to have elections in June. My
- 17 recommendation, if the trustees feel comfortable
- 18 will be to wait until June and fill that vacancy
- 19 at that time. Otherwise, we will have to have
- 20 an ad hoc committee, do nominations and by the
- 21 time we complete that process will be June
- 22 anyway. We will remain with the chair and
- 23 secretary. Actually, all three positions are
- 24 open.
- 25 TRUSTEE SANDERS: Chairwoman, do our



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- 2 bylaws call that we have to take action?
- 3 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I did check with
- 4 Counsel Petrizzo, if you want to elaborate.
- 5 MR. PETRIZZO: They don't require that
- 6 you do take action, but if you do take action ir
- 7 has to be by way of an election.
- 8 TRUSTEE SANDERS: The second question
- 9 is do we have to have to take action on the
- 10 chairwoman's recommendation that we wait until
- 11 June?
- MR. PETRIZZO: If you would like to
- 13 acknowledge your support of the position, that
- 14 is up to you.
- 15 TRUSTEE SANDERS: I prefer that we
- 16 formalize it.
- DR. McKAY: Could we then, for the
- 18 record, have a motion, second and vote?
- 19 TRUSTEE SANDERS: I would like to make
- 20 a motion to support our chairwoman's
- 21 recommendation that we don't fill the VP vacancy
- 22 until we have our June elections.
- TRUSTEE CLIFF: Second.
- 24 THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
- 25 Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. Move to



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- 2 the president's report.
- 3 TRUSTEE CLIFF: I'm sorry, Belinda
- 4 asked me, she to had to leave and she wanted to
- 5 me to give an update on the Salute to Labor
- 6 scheduled for the 24th. There has been a change
- 7 in the location. I got my information in the
- 8 mail today. It's now at the Huntington Hilton.
- 9 Date and time and everything still the same, as
- 10 is the price. The only thing is what has
- 11 changed is the location.
- 12 Update of where we are as of right
- 13 now, ninety-three thousand nine hundred dollars
- 14 in. Total attendees, including pledges, are a
- 15 hundred forty-five quests so far. We have
- 16 sponsorship and ticket table reservations in.
- 17 At this point last year at the function, the
- 18 number was forty-three thousand dollars in. It
- 19 was significantly ahead of where we were at this
- 20 time last year. That's all. She had to leave
- 21 early and asked me to do that. I'm not on the
- 22 committee.
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you, Trustee
- 24 Cliff. The time remains the same. We received
- 25 in our weekly reports the change of venue, so we



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- 2 are aware of that. I'll be in there in support
- 3 and I hope all the trustees are able to make
- 4 it.
- DR. McKAY: This is for students. On
- 6 that evening, we're going to have several
- 7 students at different points in time that will
- 8 be speaking about their personal experiences.
- 9 The individuals that are going to be
- 10 honored that night have done significant work,
- 11 not just in Suffolk County, but across all New
- 12 York State. (Inaudible) worked forty-three
- 13 years with the Faculty Association and forty
- 14 years at the college. Do I have that right?
- 15 SPEAKER: Forty-three years at the
- 16 college, thirty-four years with the (inaudible).
- 17 DR. McKAY: Certainly, it's going to
- 18 be a very invaluable night. When you look
- 19 around the country and folks talk about labor,
- 20 it's not the way we deal with labor. We work
- 21 very closely with all of the labor unions here
- 22 at the college and they work closely with us and
- 23 my administration. I think it's important for
- 24 us to really celebrate a group that has given
- 25 back and has worked with us as an institution



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- 2 over fifty-four years. That is going to be a
- 3 great night for us.
- 4 Over the last days, in fact,
- 5 twenty-four hours, I just finished reviewing the
- 6 Stay on Long Island scholars. It was a tough
- 7 decision. When you have students that write
- 8 essays and speak about their personal life and
- 9 talk about what the college meant to them and
- 10 what it means for them moving forward. It was
- 11 pared down to eighty applications for me to
- 12 read, ten pages each. That was from a very high
- 13 number of applications coming in.
- We just had the highest number of
- 15 Chancellor's awards. It's three or four years
- in a row we have gotten this for the college.
- 17 The largest number in New York State. That's an
- 18 attribute to our faculty and our staff working
- 19 here. Phi Beta Kappa, Amanda is in the room
- 20 somewhere. Did you get a silver or bronze?
- 21 STUDENT AMANDA: All New York academic
- 22 team bronze scholar.
- DR. McKAY: What did you get, Felipe?
- 24 TRUSTEE ESPITIA: I got a Chancellor's
- 25 award.



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- DR. McKAY: These are our students.
- 3 Every student we will bring them here at some
- 4 point so we can at least present them with
- 5 something. They have to travel as well.
- 6 Amanda, you are going to travel to, Albany and
- 7 then Miami?
- 8 STUDENT AMANDA: I quess so, yes.
- 9 DR. McKAY: That is what our students
- 10 are doing. When Jim talked about the budget
- 11 situation and how difficult it is and why it's
- 12 important for the committee to make its
- 13 recommendations to us, that is what we are
- 14 supporting. I know it's tough.
- The other part of it was again I'm
- 16 leaving in the morning at four o'clock to head
- 17 for Bergan County on a national panel to speak
- 18 about the role of president. I was selected.
- 19 I'm one of four individuals to be there. It's
- 20 going to be tough leaving at four in the morning
- 21 to get to Bergan County. I don't know what is
- 22 popular in Bergan County, but I'll try to find
- 23 something to enjoy. We are working right now.
- 24 It's a very important time for us.
- 25 Jim mentioned budget. My phones --



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- 2 I'm hoping that I get a call shortly. We are
- 3 working with the senator's office and right now
- 4 we're working with the Assembly. We are working
- 5 with the County Exec's office and working with
- 6 budget review. We are working also with the
- 7 presiding officer and working with the budget
- 8 and audit committee. Is that the same thing
- 9 as -- jim? No, it's different. The budget
- 10 committee. We are doing all of those things
- 11 right now so we can focus on what we heard here
- 12 today, which is let's keep tuition and fees down
- 13 for our students and let's get the appropriate
- 14 bodies to fund us appropriately.
- Right now, what I want to do real
- 16 quickly, Jeff, could you join me? We went
- 17 through a very important process recently, which
- is the Board approving our submission to Middle
- 19 States. And it took a lot of work and a lot of
- 20 time and involved everyone across the campuses.
- 21 I asked Jeff to head that process, so Jeff could
- 22 you give the Board a final update and inform the
- 23 Jeffery Pedersen.
- 24 MR. PEDERSEN: All logistical
- 25 arrangements have been made for the small team



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- 2 visit, which includes things like hotel,
- 3 transportation, technology, college room
- 4 reservations, all that stuff. We have
- 5 identified key individuals with whom we will
- 6 work to prepare for the small team visit group
- 7 interviews, and Dr. Shults and I will coordinate
- 8 those prep sessions that we will have for people
- 9 we will use the academic advisory council
- 10 meeting and strategic council meetings to help
- 11 prepare personnel for the visit.
- 12 Vice President Araneo arranged for a
- 13 series of short video tapes to be made for the
- 14 college. These videos are currently being
- 15 edited and will be available for viewing on the
- 16 website to inform people about our assessment
- 17 and evaluation efforts on or before April 15th.
- I will provide a short Power Point to
- 19 Dr. McKay to send to members of the board of
- 20 trustees to prepare individually for the small
- 21 team visit. It will provide a synopsis of what
- 22 we have done to achieve compliance.
- 23 President McKay and administrative
- 24 staff spoke with Dr. Margaret McMennerman, Chair
- 25 of our MHCHE small team earlier this week. Dr.



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- 2 McMennerman requested some additional
- 3 information to supplement the report we sent.
- 4 This material will be sent to her and other team
- 5 members immediately. We will provide a
- 6 supplement to the monitoring report to the team
- 7 by April 10th, detailing any additional evidence
- 8 of compliance.
- 9 Drs. Christiansen and Shults and I
- 10 will attend the Middle State's town hall meeting
- 11 concerning the changing standards on April 1st
- 12 in Albany. Madam Chairman, and members of the
- 13 Board I would be happy to report that we are
- 14 ready.
- DR. McKAY: Let me say Jeff wait a
- 16 minute. Let me say this has been a formidable
- 17 task for this institution, transforming how we
- 18 operate and getting the entire college involved
- 19 in this. Felipe, you know the story. I believe
- 20 it's been a transformative process for the
- 21 institution, and everyone has been committed
- 22 from all sectors. I want to commend on the
- 23 record the faculty and staff and students that
- 24 have been involved in the process, and Dr.
- 25 Pedersen for stepping up and taking over, I



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- 2 believe, one of the most important elements of
- 3 the institution, not the most, but one of the
- 4 most elements of this institution. Thank you
- 5 for your work. (Applause.)
- THE CHAIRWOMAN: I want to say that we
- 7 are very pleased to hear that phrase, we are
- 8 ready. Looking forward to April 24th. It will
- 9 be a day to celebrate many things. I hope that
- 10 will be a day that we will be somehow told that
- 11 all our effort and all the hard work that many
- of the educators and faculty have devoted to
- 13 this process will have paid off.
- DR. McKAY: Thank you for including,
- 15 I'm sure that you all received, if you didn't
- 16 get it in the mail also, the Salute to
- 17 Excellence; I know Artie mentioned it. Please
- 18 let us know if you need extra copies. If you
- 19 need to send us an e-mail, we can post this page
- 20 directly from the Foundation. It's an important
- 21 event.
- Tony and Ken on the record, I would
- 23 ask you to contribute. On behalf of the guild
- 24 of the Faculty Association, I need a table and
- 25 a sponsorship. Let me just say, Madam Chair, I



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- 2 yield the floor back to you.
- 3 THE FLOOR: It's done.
- 4 DR. McKAY: On the record.
- 5 THE CHAIRWOMAN: Thank you on the
- 6 record. I know support is always needed. It
- 7 will be our pleasure to recognize you. Well
- 8 deserved. Round table. Any other concerns
- 9 questions, issues?
- 10 TRUSTEE ESPITIA: I want to bring to
- 11 your attention in the press that was about the
- 12 students on the Grant campus. If you turn to
- 13 Page 22 there is student that was selected --
- 14 she is going to the National Conference on
- 15 Undergraduate Research. This is once again the
- 16 quality of our student body.
- 17 DR. McKAY: I have to tell you
- 18 Cassandra, this is amazing, Cassandra has been
- 19 very active on the Grant campus. When you hear
- 20 about STEM you see her face attached to STEM.
- 21 I'm pleased that she was awarded this
- 22 recognition. Very pleased. By the way, she is
- 23 a stay on Long Island scholar, too. She doesn't
- 24 know that yet.
- 25 THE CHAIRWOMAN: She will be



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- 2 representing us. So many examples of the great
- 3 work that is done on this college. Thank you
- 4 for the article.
- 5 TRUSTEE MORGO: One more thing.
- 6 Chairwoman, and I frequently talked about the
- 7 importance of following up. Two follow-ups.
- 8 I'm told the Start Up New York application has
- 9 been submitted. Congratulations to all.
- DR. McKAY: We just had a modification
- 11 where we have to add, I'm sorry, we have to add
- 12 some language about Riverhead and some language
- 13 about Brentwood -- not the Brentwood campus, but
- 14 Brentwood proper in the sense of where the State
- 15 park is and the land behind that and we have
- 16 just done that.
- 17 TRUSTEE MORGO: I have just been told
- 18 that the application is about to be submitted.
- 19 THE FLOOR: Yes, I just got a
- 20 communication from start-up just before this
- 21 meeting and will it will be submitted first
- thing tomorrow morning.
- DR. McKAY: We were ready to submit
- 24 and then we found out about the.
- 25 TRUSTEE MORGO: Thank you, Counsel



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- 2 Petrizzo for responding to the Chairwoman's
- 3 request about the conflict of interest.
- 4 TRUSTEE LILLY: I know it was said
- 5 before by Trustee Canary about Walter's serving.
- 6 Unfortunately, I missed last month. I had six
- 7 weeks of jury duty. Unfortunately, since I came
- 8 on the Board, Walter has always been the person
- 9 that sat across from me and it was an honor. I
- 10 just wanted to say that he will be missed. You
- 11 have big shoes. Even though you are not really
- 12 his, in general, but, unfortunately, the person
- 13 that comes in behind someone with big shoes, it
- 14 was a pleasure. I just wanted to put it on the
- 15 record.
- 16 THE CHAIRWOMAN: I'm glad you
- 17 mentioned that. Our next meeting we will be
- 18 presenting Walter with a plague on behalf of the
- 19 Board of Trustees and administrators and faculty
- 20 in appreciation for his many years of service,
- 21 and for personally his mentoring. He mentored
- 22 me when I came in and was very helpful in
- 23 learning about the Board of Trustees and
- 24 policies and understanding the history of so
- 25 many policies and so many actions taken by the



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- 2 Board. The least we could do is recognize him,
- 3 for taking care. Thank you. We look forward to
- 4 seeing Trustee Hazlitt next meeting.
- 5 DR. McKAY: To the members of the
- 6 Board, let me say as well as on behalf of the
- 7 college and administrators and students who were
- 8 here during the seventeen year tenure of Trustee
- 9 Hazlitt, we have made arrangements. We spoke to
- 10 the Chairwoman to have an appropriate
- 11 recognition for Trustee Hazlitt. As Trustee
- 12 Gordon mentioned earlier, he made a personal
- 13 call and I commend you in reaching out and
- 14 reaching Trustee Hazlitt.
- On behalf of my team on record, I want
- 16 to say we appreciated his comments. Walter did
- 17 one thing, which was the Pledge of Allegiance at
- 18 every meeting. Walter will tell you he came for
- 19 the knowledge. In reality Walter had heart.
- 20 Really spoke up. He always wanted to keep
- 21 tuition and fees down. If I remember anything
- 22 about Walter, he would say Mr. President, and
- 23 smile and shake my hand. At the core of his
- 24 decisions it was really about the students at
- 25 the end of the day.



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3/20/14 Board of Trustees meeting
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               On the record I just want to say that.
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    Madam Chair, I yield the floor back to you.
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               THE CHAIRWOMAN: Any other comments?
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    If there are no further comments or questions or
    concerns, I would like a motion to go into
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    executive session to discuss current litigation
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    and to be advised on negotiations.
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               TRUSTEE SANDERS: So move.
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               THE CHAIRWOMAN: All in favor?
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    Opposed? Abstain?
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| 8   | I, JUDI GALLOP, a Notary Public in and     |
| 9   | for the State of New York, do hereby       |
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| 12  | THAT this is a true and accurate           |
| 13  | record of the meeting held by the Suffolk  |
| L 4 | County Community College Board of Trustees |
| 15  | on March 20, 2014 as reported by me and    |
| L 6 | transcribed by me.                         |
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| 18  | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto        |
| L 9 | set my hand this 24th day of March, 2014.  |
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