

OFFICIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HELD ON THE 6TH  
DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018 AT 4:06 P.M., AT  
SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE,  
BRENTWOOD CAMPUS, LEARNING RESOURCE  
CENTER, BOARD ROOM, 1001 CROOKED HILL  
ROAD, BRENTWOOD, NEW YORK.

PRESENT:

LOUIS J. PETRIZZO, ESQ., General Counsel  
Executive Vice President

DENISE LINDSAY SULLIVAN, Trustee  
GORDON D. CANARY, Trustee  
BELINDA PAGDANGANAN, Trustee  
E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Trustee  
JEROME BOST, Student Trustee

THERESA SANDERS, Trustee/Chairperson  
JAMES MORGO, Trustee/Vice Chairperson

1 CHAIR SANDERS: I would like to call the Board of  
2 Trustees meeting to order. And can you  
3 please stand for the Pledge by Trustee  
4 Canary.

5 [AFTER RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF  
6 ALLEGIANCE, THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
7 TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY  
8 COLLEGE WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON  
9 THERESA SANDERS 4:06 P.M.]

10 TRUSTEE CANARY: I'm going to ask you all to  
11 remain standing for a moment. As you all  
12 know, we lost a great American this week,  
13 our 41st president, George H.W. Bush coming  
14 on the heels of the loss of Mrs. Bush. The  
15 family has had a tough double whammy this  
16 year. So I would ask you to keep prayers to  
17 the President and his family in this  
18 difficult time. Thank you.

19 [WHEREUPON A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD FOR  
20 THE PASSING OF GEORGE H. W. BUSH.]

21 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you.

22 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much, Trustee  
23 Canary. We will move to the recognition of  
24 guests by our Chief of Staff, Carol  
25 Wickliffe-Campbell.

1 MS. WICKLIFFE-CAMPBELL: We would like to recognize Tom  
2 Lupu from the Comptroller's office.

3 MR. LUPO: Before I left the office  
4 Comptroller Kennedy asked me to speak with  
5 Gail Vizzini, Counsel Lou, and of course he  
6 wanted me to wish the Board a wonderful  
7 holiday season and included some other  
8 remarks. However, on my way up the stairs I  
9 noticed that the chairwoman and Gordon  
10 Canary and some other faculty members and a  
11 group of students were being interviewed or  
12 taking a photo.

13 And I was moved by the comments.  
14 And if I had to do it all over again, I  
15 would have said on behalf of John, I wish  
16 you peace. I wish you good tidings for the  
17 new year. And I wish the Board that they  
18 achieve every dream. Did I paraphrase that  
19 well?

20 CHAIR SANDERS: That was pretty good, pretty  
21 good. Pass it down.

22 MR. LUPO: Thank you.

23 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. Then  
24 Carole, we have another guest.

25 MS. WICKLIFFE-CAMPBELL: Let's see, Nick Columbo, would

1           you like to introduce the guests from  
2           Cenergistic.

3   MR. COLUMBO:

                  As I'm sure many of you know  
4           Suffolk County Community College throughout  
5           its history has been a very efficient  
6           organization either out of necessity or by  
7           design. But about five years ago, our  
8           president, Dr. McKay, approached me and  
9           asked if I would undertake an effort to lead  
10          us to be more intentional in how we approach  
11          sustainability for the College.

                  And I provided some information  
12          on your tables there that describe what  
13          sustainability looks like in institutions of  
14          higher education. It's a big word and  
15          encompasses a lot of different areas. And  
16          so for the past four and a half years, we  
17          have been running hard and trying to achieve  
18          a lot of goals that are laid out in that  
19          document and all of the things that what we  
20          do internally most of which has taken place  
21          behind the scenes with little fanfare.  
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                  But recently in the last several  
23          months, the fruits of a lot of those efforts  
24          have really started to pay off have in a big  
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1 way. And we have been recognized by the  
2 State in the form of the award that you see  
3 here today, New York State Environmental  
4 Excellence Award. We are one entity of six  
5 throughout the State that were recognized  
6 with that award this year which is a real  
7 high honor.

8 We were also awarded the Energy  
9 to Lead Competition. Three colleges across  
10 the State were awarded one million dollars  
11 from NYSERDA to promote energy efficiency  
12 and environmental efforts and we were  
13 recognized there. And then today we have  
14 our partner in energy efficiency,  
15 Cenergistic is here, representative John  
16 Moore, who is going to present the president  
17 and the board chair with another award for  
18 our efforts. So thank you all for for your  
19 support.

20 TRUSTEE CANARY: Good job, thank you.

21 MR. MOORE: Hello everybody. Thank you very  
22 much for, you know, this great time. So I  
23 would like to present this Environmental  
24 Excellency Award here from Cenergistic for  
25 Suffolk Community College for the savings

1 over the last four years. You know, this is  
2 the really really big accomplishment for you  
3 all. It's really a team effort. It's from  
4 the sustainability program but really from  
5 all the faculty, all the staff, students and  
6 so forth.

7 So it's really been a really a  
8 team effort here and we really want to  
9 commend you all for participating in such a  
10 partnership and really striving to continue  
11 to grow the savings. This administration  
12 and all staff members are to be commended as  
13 well for clearly fulfilling their commitment  
14 to being good stewards of the Suffolk County  
15 Community College energy dollars and  
16 environment.

17 And as you can see here, you have  
18 accomplished two point eight million dollars  
19 in savings. And actually I believe that's  
20 actually even higher now. Over three  
21 million actually from once this was printed.  
22 We just got updated information. So you've  
23 actually surpassed the three million dollar  
24 mark. So we're hoping that that this will  
25 continue to rise for your energy savings.

1 Thank you. [APPLAUSE AND PHOTOGRAPHS].

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much.

4 Congratulations.

5 MR. COLUMBO: Thank you.

6 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. That is  
7 exciting to know that we are moving in the  
8 right direction on savings.

9 I would like to request a motion  
10 to adjourn the Board of Trustees Meeting and  
11 call our Board of Directors meeting to  
12 order.

13 TRUSTEE MORGO: So moved.

14 TRUSTEE CANARY: Second.

15 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

16 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
17 VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
18 MEETING OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY  
19 COLLEGE WAS RECESSED AT 4:13 P.M. AND  
20 REOPENED AT 4:18 P.M.]

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1 CHAIR SANDERS: I would like to request a motion  
2 for the approval of the Board of Trustees  
3 minutes from October 18, 2018.

4 TRUSTEE MORGO: Are you listed in the Trustees  
5 minutes. There's two different sets of  
6 minutes. You should be there also.

7 CHAIR SANDERS: So there is also a correction to  
8 add Trustee Pagdanganan to the Board of  
9 Trustees Meeting Minutes from October 18,  
10 2018.

11 MR. PETRIZZO: So the motion to approve will be  
12 as amended.

13 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes.

14 TRUSTEE MORGO: So moved.

15 CHAIR SANDERS: Seconded by -- it was Denise and  
16 Jerome.

17 TRUSTEE MORGO: I thought that was calling to  
18 open the meeting.

19 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Now we're doing a motion for the  
20 minutes. Second.

21 CHAIR SANDERS: All right. Jim moved it Denise  
22 can second it.

23 All in favor?

24 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
25 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]



1 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. Now we will  
2 introduce Vice President for Business and  
3 Financial Affairs Gail Vizzini to present  
4 the College budget and College financial  
5 records.

6 MS. VIZZINI: Thank you, Madame Chair. You all  
7 have the revenue and expenditure projections  
8 for 2018-2019. They are through November  
9 30th. They are very much consistent with my  
10 previous reports. Our shortfall is three  
11 and a half million dollars. It's primarily  
12 two point eight million in tuition and 516  
13 in fees directly related to enrollment.

14 We did address the shortfall  
15 through a mitigation plans sweeping 20  
16 percent of the equipment and supply accounts  
17 into a contingency and we continue to  
18 monitor vacancies and other expenditures tod  
19 assure that we won't exceed appropriations.

20 There are two resolutions that I  
21 want to bring to your attention; one is the  
22 monthly sponsor services payment for health  
23 insurance, two point eight million dollars.  
24 Second is the budget transfers. There are  
25 three individual budget transfers. They

1 consist of \$47,500 for a consultant study  
2 that is to review the management salaries  
3 plan and the organizational structure the  
4 enhance operational efficiencies and  
5 effectiveness. We are moving \$219,000  
6 within Department Information Technology's  
7 budget.

8 This is realignment of priorities  
9 so that there's sufficient funds to cover  
10 the annual maintenance and renewal contract  
11 and we are moving the money into the right  
12 place. And the final budget transfer is  
13 \$13,000 to make repairs to the Polar Trac  
14 machine. That converts the lawnmower into  
15 the a snowblower, a snowplow.

16 That ends my report.

17 TRUSTEE MORGO:

18 Comment, Madame Chairwoman. For  
19 the rest of the Trustees, the Executive  
20 Committee on Monday had a discussion on the  
21 \$47,500 transfer to do the consultant study  
22 on exempt managerial salaries. And we  
23 worked with -- spoke to Angelica who gave us  
24 that so far the bid has not been awarded  
25 yet, right? It has not.

There's been only one bid from a

1 company called Evergreen. But it's a very  
2 good initiative we felt because it will give  
3 us a look at how our upper administrators  
4 are compensated and how they compare to  
5 similar institutions.

6 I made the point that, you know,  
7 they should really compare institutions in  
8 high cost areas like Long Island to other  
9 institutions in high cost areas like Long  
10 Island; suburbs, Westchester, Orange County,  
11 Nassau. So we should all keep a look -- an  
12 eye for when we expect that go get back to  
13 us.

14 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

15 TRUSTEE MORGO: You're welcome.

16 CHAIR SANDERS: Any other comments, questions?

17 All right. Thank you very much, Gail.

18 I would like to request a motion  
19 for the approval of the College Resolutions  
20 2018.65 to 2018.76.

21 TRUSTEE BOST: Motion.

22 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Jerome. Is there a  
23 second?

24 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: Second.

25 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much for the

1 second.

2 All in favor?

3 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
4 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

5 Moving right along. I would like  
6 to move to the committee reports. So we can  
7 start with our student success committee.

8 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Student success did not meet in  
9 December. Our next --

10 TRUSTEE MORGO: You don't mean December.

11 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: We didn't meet in December or  
12 November. When is our next board meeting?

13 MR. PETRIZZO: January 17.

14 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: 17th? They are not on the  
15 calendar yet.

16 We're going to meet January 14 at  
17 9:00 a.m. at the Eastern Campus.

18 CHAIR SANDERS: Great. Thank you very much. And  
19 Budget.

20 TRUSTEE MORGO: Budget and Finance didn't meet in  
21 November either but we did meet on October  
22 22. And, in fact, we had a very substantive  
23 meeting. I have said this previously but I  
24 really suggest is that you request the  
25 minutes of the meeting because it was a

1 great deal of substantive material. And we  
2 had your usual administrative support. But  
3 we were also fortunate to have several deans  
4 there. Dean Pedersen, Beaudin, Keane,  
5 Browne.

6 And of course we had our key  
7 administrator, Vice President for Financial  
8 Affairs Vizzini. The meeting substance was  
9 motivated by the question of the postponed  
10 dental hygiene program. You remember we  
11 decided, the trustees decided to postpone  
12 implementing the program to save four  
13 million dollars that otherwise would have  
14 been spent on the program.

15 The question was raised, well how  
16 much did we expend for this postponed  
17 program and we got answers to that from Vice  
18 President Vizzini. And we were satisfied  
19 that it wasn't excessive.

20 But then we started talking about  
21 going back to the online programs about,  
22 from my old world, doing a cost benefit  
23 analysis of all the programs in the College,  
24 both academic and nonacademic. And what we  
25 learned would revelatory, it was really

1           fascinating.

2                     And it did reveal a great deal  
3           about the thoroughness of the administrators  
4           in looking at cost effectiveness. Before we  
5           did that though we started talking about  
6           tuition. And as I think you all know in  
7           last five years we have had a tuition  
8           increase every year for the last five years.

9                     Before this year the increases  
10          were modest and we balanced it. We balanced  
11          the operating budget through taking money  
12          from the reserve fund. This year we had our  
13          largest tuition increase ever, \$350 for the  
14          semester. And for the first time we  
15          exceeded \$5,000 for a semester in tuition.

16                    And no one obviously was happy  
17          about this. Although Gail did say, no one  
18          wants to increase tuition but it is a  
19          reliable and a recurring source of revenue.  
20          Because if you raise tuition, you're going  
21          to have revenue. And, you know, any budget  
22          even our budget which is over \$226 million,  
23          bit more than my household budget, even with  
24          our budget here, it's revenue and expenses.  
25          That's how you balance it.



1           And let me say right away, we all know that  
2           the bottom line isn't our bottom line as  
3           trustees.

4                       We are not looking to make a  
5           profit. We have a higher calling. But vice  
6           President Beaudin addressed the program's  
7           profitability. And he got into a lot of --  
8           again, I'm not going to get into them all  
9           here, I suggest you read the minutes of the  
10          budget and finance. We talked about that  
11          there is no one size fits all. The  
12          programs -- and by the way, we not only  
13          talked about academic programs but we also  
14          talked about things like the mental health  
15          initiative, the veterans initiative, all  
16          those cost money.

17                      And hopefully their return, it's  
18          a return on investment, go beyond your usual  
19          I took this course so I can get a good job.  
20          They mean much more than that. Paul Beaudin  
21          got into accreditation and other licensing  
22          agreements. By then we said, yeah, but what  
23          about how do you determine whether to offer  
24          a program or not.

25                      We asked, what do you look at?



1           And, boy, did we get an answer. We started  
2           talking about online courses. Remember we  
3           talked about that the other time and we  
4           said, how can it be that online courses are  
5           more expensive than in class courses and we  
6           got that answer.

7                     But we then answered, well, what  
8           do you do before a course is offered? We  
9           got more than we expected, at least more  
10          than I expected. Deans Beaudin, Keane,  
11          Browne, Pedersen gave us a deep and detailed  
12          analysis of every aspect of every new  
13          program. As I said, academic and  
14          nonacademic.

15                    Dean Keane focused on three  
16          things before any new program is started;  
17          money, people, and space. Is there the  
18          money to start it? Are there people to  
19          staff it? And is there space available? An  
20          unexpected, I mean, an unanticipated idea  
21          came from it from Ben Zwirn. Because the  
22          analysis was so detailed and thorough and  
23          complete and impressive, Ben mentioned that  
24          the Legislature should take a look at this.

25                    Should look at how this is done.

1           Because someone else at the meeting said  
2           that will dispel the idea that the College  
3           is throwing money around. Before any money  
4           is spent, there is a deep analysis. And it  
5           was also mentioned that it was talking about  
6           presenting this to the legislature what we  
7           saw back in this meet on October 10, that it  
8           has to be presented in a comprehensive way,  
9           just as it was with the Committee.

10                   I really want to sincerely thank  
11           the presenters. I didn't expect we were  
12           going to get that deep. And it was very  
13           thorough and impressive. We ended by saying  
14           that all the members of the Board of  
15           Trustees are volunteers. I don't think any  
16           of us get paid for this. But we have a very  
17           big responsibility overseeing a budget in  
18           excess of \$226 million a year. And that  
19           fiscal oversight is incredibly important.

20                   And, of course, as I said Suffolk  
21           Community College is far more than a bottom  
22           line enterprise. We have real effect on  
23           people's lives and on the social health of  
24           this community. But we would be  
25           irresponsible if we didn't ask the kind of

1 questions that we have to ask.

2 We have to trust. We have to  
3 trust the administrators that when they give  
4 us the fiscal pictures that they are telling  
5 us the truth. Because we are not going to  
6 go line by line through a huge budget. I  
7 have to say and I would like to hear if  
8 Chris agrees. And, Jerome, you were at the  
9 meeting, too?

10 TRUSTEE BOST: No, not the last one.

11 TRUSTEE MORGO: No, okay. Well, Chris was. I  
12 have to say that I certainly was impressed by  
13 the presenters' presentations. And they  
14 looked like, using the proverbial, no stone  
15 unturned before they considered a new  
16 program. And I particularly like the idea  
17 of having this presentation presented to at  
18 least one of our legislators? Would you  
19 agree with that?

20 TRUSTEE MURRAY: Absolutely agree with that. And  
21 I think they went through a very -- we got a  
22 good understanding of how thoroughly they  
23 look at the programs and the classes that  
24 are being offered and the efficiency of  
25 offering them. And the analysis that is

1 done and the background that is done was  
2 very impressive and think well presented and  
3 something that I was thankful for.

4 TRUSTEE MORGO: Yes. It shows that there is  
5 fiscal accountability. And the next time  
6 that someone says to me, Oh, that College  
7 they just throw money around.

8 TRUSTEE MURRAY: Now have we have an answer.

9 TRUSTEE MORGO: We say no. And that's one of our  
10 jobs, to have answers for that. Again, I  
11 would recommend the minutes. They are long  
12 and detailed and I don't want to take all  
13 the time now to go through them. But that's  
14 my report. And I did say we have a meeting  
15 on Monday at 4:00 o'clock.

16 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes. Thank you very much. Any  
17 other comments about financial? Okay, we'll  
18 move to Governance Gordon.

19 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you, Madame Chairwoman.  
20 Governance Committee met on Monday December  
21 3, myself, Chairwoman Sanders, Vice  
22 Mr. Morgo, Alicia O'Connor and Gail Canahan  
23 were present.

24 Deputy General Counsel O'Connor  
25 distributed redline copies of the updated

1 facilities use policy. The Committee  
2 reviewed and discussed the additional  
3 language added regarding Section Five,  
4 Guidelines Governing Use of Facilities for  
5 Political Purposes. Also discussed the ways  
6 to ensure the facilities use application  
7 will have a section that will make staff  
8 reviewing the application aware that the  
9 proposed use is for political purposes.

10 A final copy of the policy will  
11 be provided to the Governance Committee  
12 prior to the January meeting so that we can  
13 then recommend it to the full board for  
14 final approval which we hope to do at the  
15 January meeting and we'll get that to you,  
16 to our fellow board members prior to it.  
17 But I would just kind of like to go over  
18 Section Five.

19 And let me digress a little bit,  
20 that again, just to remind everybody that  
21 the situation that developed over the summer  
22 with one of our local Congressman using the  
23 Riverhead campus and some controversy that  
24 resulted from that prompted the Governance  
25 Committee to go back and take a look at our

1 use facility and see if we could come up  
2 with some language to cover future political  
3 events.

4 So section Five guidelines  
5 governing use of facility for political  
6 purposes. One, the College has  
7 responsibility to develop political literacy  
8 of its students. This includes exposure to  
9 partisan forums which foster the exchange of  
10 political ideas in an opportunity to analyze  
11 divergent viewpoints. And I believe that  
12 was taken from SUNY Guidelines.

13 MS. O'CONNOR: Some of that language was, yes.

14 TRUSTEE CANARY: Number two, partisan political  
15 organizations or political candidates maybe  
16 permitted the use of College facilities  
17 subject to the following conditions: A,  
18 that the proposed event be open to the  
19 public. B, that the proposed event give  
20 promise of contributing to the educational  
21 purposes of the college. C, that the  
22 College see a reasonable possibility of  
23 making the facilities available for other  
24 viewpoints to be presented.

25 Point three, college facilities

1 will not be made available for advocacy  
2 directed to inciting or producing eminent  
3 lawless actions which is likely to incite or  
4 produce such actions.

5 So, again, these guidelines will  
6 be provided to any applicant seeking use of  
7 our facilities. So it is clearly made known  
8 to them. And I think this will go a long  
9 way to cover any events in the future.

10 The next agenda item discussed  
11 was the policy on naming opportunities. DGC  
12 O'Connor distributed the updated policy for  
13 the Committee's. The Committee has  
14 requested one minor addition to language.  
15 And the policy will be presented prior to  
16 the January meeting again so we can  
17 recommend it to the full board for approval  
18 and hopefully have that resolution on for  
19 January.

20 And here again we're trying to  
21 give the Foundation a little bit more  
22 flexibility in naming opportunities which we  
23 think are ripe and could produce a lot of  
24 great revenue for the Foundation and for our  
25 scholarship program and we think these

1 changes will go a long way to helping us  
2 achieve that.

3 Agenda item for the January  
4 Governance Committee Meeting will also  
5 include a new one, reviewing the operational  
6 functions of the Center for Social Justice  
7 and Human Understanding. The next  
8 Governance Committee Meeting is scheduled  
9 for Monday, January 14, 4:00 o'clock,  
10 President's Conference Room, NFL Building,  
11 Ammerman Campus.

12 Did you want to say anything  
13 about the --

14 TRUSTEE MORGO: Just, I think, it's again a  
15 manifestation how well the Governance  
16 Committee works. We saw a problem. A local  
17 elected official having a meeting in a  
18 public institution not allowing the public  
19 in and we said that's wrong, how do we fix  
20 it. We had some ideas. Alicia came up with  
21 something that we could base it on. And I  
22 think it is progressing. And we'll have it  
23 solved at our January meeting I think.  
24 Thank you.

25 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you again, Alicia.



1 Appreciate that. Okay thank you. That's my  
2 report, Chair.

3 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much, Gordon.  
4 Personnel will be brought out during exec  
5 session. Facilities, anything Gordon?  
6 Update for Facilities?

7 TRUSTEE CANARY: Oh, no, just that again I think I  
8 reported last time. That did take a look at  
9 the buildings.

10 TRUSTEE MORGO: Yes.

11 CHAIR SANDERS: Okay great. We'll move to the  
12 student trustee report. Jerome.

13 TRUSTEE BOST: Yes, Chair Sanders, my report is  
14 now very brief. October 25 I attended the  
15 ACCT Leadership Conference. During that,  
16 you know, attended diversity workshop,  
17 excess in the workplace and how to look at  
18 students and gauge and be able to see. One  
19 thing went over the Middle States steps.  
20 There are some Colleges that haven't really  
21 participated in that as of yet.

22 And of course we attended a  
23 reception to honor you, the award recipient  
24 for the Northeast Region for your hard work  
25 here on the Board.

1 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much.

2 TRUSTEE BOST: In that meeting, I was nominated  
3 to the Northeast Region Nominating  
4 Committee. Which basically means if there  
5 are trustees throughout New York, New  
6 Jersey, Pennsylvania looking to run for  
7 leadership positions, I would be on that  
8 committee. In fact I was nominated Chair of  
9 the Nominating Committee but I guess they  
10 found out I'm a student trustee and I  
11 received a call earlier today that they  
12 nominated somebody which is fine. I don't  
13 need any additional responsibilities I  
14 guess.

15 And outside of the ACCT, I have  
16 been working very closely with Dr. Adams and  
17 his Steering Committee and as we looked at  
18 possibilities for students to celebrate  
19 graduation and have access to more tickets  
20 and just a feasible location. So, really  
21 commend Dr. Adams for his work with that and  
22 being available.

23 And know that another committee  
24 is sort of in the works in that as well but  
25 I would really like to give you an

1 opportunity to actually just give us a  
2 little update on what was discussed in the  
3 Steering Committee.

4 DR. ADAMS: Sure, okay. Well, just like the  
5 Governance Committee, Student Success also  
6 recognizes challenges that we have  
7 especially with students. And Chair  
8 Lindsay-Sullivan, you know, a couple of  
9 students had contacted Jerome and I know  
10 yourself a couple of parents from your  
11 school district --

12 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I did speak to it too.

13 DR. ADAMS: About the number of tickets that  
14 we were able to distribute to students for  
15 graduation. The good news is more and more  
16 students want to take advantage or walking  
17 in the ceremony which is really a credit to  
18 everyone at the College. The bad news and  
19 the challenge is that we can't expand the  
20 Health, Sports and Education Center anymore.  
21 And we have gone from giving out four  
22 tickets to three tickets to now two tickets.  
23 Despite everything we have done, including  
24 purchasing new bleachers, simulcasting,  
25 creating overflow rooms at the Michael J.

1 Grant Campus, changing it to a weekday. We  
2 have exhausted every possibility.

3 So, from the main commencement  
4 committee we put together a steering  
5 committee to help us determine some  
6 recommendations that we were going to give  
7 to Dr. McKay. We met a couple of times. In  
8 lieu of that, Dr. McKay has determined that  
9 commencement is a bigger, larger issue than  
10 just the steering committee and has invited  
11 more individuals to be part of a larger  
12 committee which he will chair.

13 We met last week on last Friday  
14 and we talked about some recommendations.  
15 There will be some minutes coming out of  
16 that so that we can move forward with making  
17 some recommendations to President McKay to  
18 help us with some of the challenges that we  
19 have been experiencing with the ceremony.

20 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: If I may, Chair Sanders.

21 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Dr. Adams.

22 DR. ADAMS: Thank you.

23 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I guess it was September, Natalia  
24 Fernandez who is the president of the  
25 Student Government Association on the

1 Eastern Campus asked if she could meet with  
2 us. And I met with her after one of our  
3 student success meetings. She literally ame  
4 in with three binders this thick filled with  
5 surveys.

6 As Dr. Adams said, every year I  
7 get the phone call, I can't go to  
8 graduation, my grandma can't come, we're  
9 don't have a ticket. And we try to help  
10 people as much as possible. So I thought  
11 this was going to be more of that. And  
12 instead it brought to light some very  
13 interesting pieces that I didn't think  
14 about.

15 The Eastern Campus is far from  
16 Grant. And many of the students that go to  
17 the Eastern Campus are coming from further  
18 east. So for them to get to graduation,  
19 sometimes is an hour and a half, two hours  
20 each way. And for what? They are going to  
21 a campus that they have never been to. They  
22 go to college on the Eastern Campus.

23 So these students are advocating  
24 for -- this particular student is advocating  
25 for a separate graduation ceremony on the

1 Eastern Campus. And I thought that was a  
2 very interesting solution because not only  
3 would it help them in the travel issue but  
4 it would also lighten the space over here.

5 So I'm very hopeful that this new  
6 committee will be able to help us make that  
7 happen. I thought -- I sent Natalia an  
8 e-mail and just told her how impressive she  
9 is and that I look forward to seeing her.

10 CHAIR SANDERS: Is she on the new committee?

11 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I don't know.

12 CHAIR SANDERS: Is she on the new committee?

13 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Yes.

14 CHAIR SANDERS: Can you give us an update in  
15 terms of the new committee?

16 PRESIDENT MCKAY: We will provide that in the  
17 minutes. It needs to have College-wide  
18 representation because commencement is a  
19 College-wide event. So you needed to have  
20 the student SGA representatives, one from  
21 each campus. You need to have faculty  
22 governance from each campus. So there's a  
23 broader committee I can provide to the Board  
24 by e-mail. But the minutes, I think Carol  
25 has them now?

1 MS. WICKLIFFE-CAMPBELL: I think that we have them, yes.

2 PRESIDENT MCKAY: So we'll forward the minutes to  
3 you and you'll see the composition of the  
4 committee. But it is a representative body  
5 because it's not just what we heard in  
6 regards to meeting a need, it will require a  
7 more comprehensive look at what will it mean  
8 for commencement. And there's a  
9 commencement committee that works  
10 traditionally.

11 This body is to look at what the  
12 request was and then what are all the  
13 factors and come back and present it back  
14 with recommendations to Trustee Lindsay.  
15 That's just their work, not to provide the  
16 solutions. But to look at all the options  
17 and then to provide that back to the Board  
18 so then the Board can render its final  
19 position.

20 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I did, you know, when we speak  
21 with the students I absolutely said there's  
22 so many variables that I wouldn't even know  
23 what to think about. So, you know, not ever  
24 promising anything but just hearing and  
25 listening.

1 CHAIR SANDERS: It will be interesting to see how  
2 this progresses.

3 TRUSTEE CANARY: Can I ask a question? So if I  
4 understand the concept then, it would be to  
5 just have the Riverhead Campus have its own  
6 graduation, Ammerman and Grant would still  
7 come to Grant.

8 TRUSTEE BOST: And issue more tickets altogether  
9 on all campuses.

10 DR. ADAMS: Yes. The two scenarios that we  
11 really came up with was a separate ceremony  
12 for the Eastern Campus and a separate  
13 ceremony for the Ammerman and Michael J.  
14 Grant students. Where we determined what  
15 the numbers, looking it it, that we could  
16 then give each student four tickets each  
17 which would increase. And that's really  
18 what students want.

19 The second option that we  
20 discussed was having two different  
21 ceremonies at the Michael J. Grant Campus,  
22 one an afternoon ceremony and one an evening  
23 ceremony. We could increase each capacity  
24 to 800 graduates still being able to give  
25 out four tickets. Now to the solution for



1 the transportation challenge would be to  
2 providing shuttle buses from the Eastern  
3 Campus to the Michael J. Grant Campus for  
4 families that, you know, wanted to attend  
5 the commencement ceremony.

6 So both options are sort of --  
7 are in the minutes now and on as part of an  
8 option but the bottom line is we have to do  
9 something. We can't kick the can down the  
10 road until 2020. Students are getting  
11 frustrated. Some of the concerns that I  
12 hear, you know, especially I'm a first  
13 generation student. This is a big deal to  
14 me, graduation.

15 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: And it's a good problem. We're  
16 graduating more students than ever and they  
17 want to be here.

18 TRUSTEE BOST: Quick question for you. I guess  
19 it was brought to my attention by some  
20 students on the Eastern Campus that  
21 originally I guess there was a proposal and  
22 a concern that maybe the cost actually be  
23 too high and too much but later on they were  
24 actually too -- I guess basically said we  
25 could do it for less. Can you speak on

1 that?

2 DR. ADAMS: Sure. We were looking at a  
3 couple -- our Health, Sports and Education  
4 Center is contractually obligated to use the  
5 the New York Fun Factory. They do that for  
6 all the home shows and because commencement  
7 is in that facility, we have to buy all of  
8 our chairs and all of our staging and all of  
9 the logistics that come with that from this  
10 company. It's a company that we use.

11 Now we don't have to use that  
12 company at the Eastern Campus and many  
13 times, for our orientation, for our Spring  
14 Festival on the eastern campus we have used  
15 other companies. So it was brought to my  
16 attention that we could reduce the cost of  
17 commencement ceremony at the Eastern Campus.

18 And Dr. McKay pointed out to us  
19 in our meeting, we do have a procurement  
20 policy that's under the Association that we  
21 have to follow. The threshold is \$25,000.  
22 So we're looking at getting three additional  
23 bids so we don't have to go out to do an RFP  
24 but we can do -- because we're going to be  
25 below the \$25,000 to see what it's going to

1 look at to have 10 chairs.

2 You know, another issue to be  
3 perfectly frank with you that I was  
4 concerned about is weather. We're not going  
5 to fit everyone from the Eastern Campus  
6 under one tent. That's going to be just  
7 almost impossible. We're going to have to  
8 have chairs on the outskirts. But the  
9 students have said to me, it doesn't matter  
10 to them. If it's raining, it doesn't matter  
11 because they're used to their high school  
12 commencements ceremonies being outside.

13 To them it's, you know, it's a  
14 celebratory moment and, you know, it's  
15 important to them and it's important to  
16 their families. So, you know, my job, you  
17 know, I have said many times is to -- you  
18 know, I serve at the pleasure of the  
19 president but I work for the students. And  
20 this is an absolute concern of our students  
21 and we have to address it

22 TRUSTEE BOST: Awesome.

23 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. And I'm sure we'll  
24 hear more details about how it's going to be  
25 addressed.

1 TRUSTEE CANARY: One last question, Chris, can you  
2 give us a ballpark figure, what does it cost  
3 us to conduct graduation at Grant?

4 DR. ADAMS: It's about \$125,000. Now, that  
5 includes all inclusive. It includes diploma  
6 covers. It includes the programs. It  
7 includes the staging. And you probably have  
8 noticed attending commencement, we have  
9 upped the ante every year over the last  
10 couple of years. So whenever there's -- any  
11 time there's ever been a concern, you know,  
12 if a faculty member for example can't -- I  
13 get a lot e-mails at the end of the ceremony  
14 saying, I couldn't see, I couldn't hear.

15 You know, if you've noticed, I  
16 get with Nephtali right away. We come up  
17 with the scenario. We've expanded the  
18 state. One year the faculty said they  
19 didn't want to be on the floor, they wanted  
20 to be on the platform. So we increased the  
21 staging. Another, they couldn't hear so we  
22 increased the audio. The couldn't see, so  
23 we increased the video.

24 Then we raised the platform at  
25 the end. Again, so we have really have

1           upped the ante tremendously for the  
2           ceremony. Altogether it's about \$125,000.  
3           But we believe that we can do the  
4           commencement ceremony at the Eastern Campus  
5           for less than \$15,000. And one of things  
6           that they have said to me, the students, we  
7           are okay with taking out of the Eastern  
8           Campus Association account rather than  
9           interfering with any of the -- you know --

10                    But I think there will be some  
11           cost savings for the main ceremony if we do  
12           an eastern campus one so that we could  
13           transfer some money to the Eastern Campus to  
14           make them whole, so...

15 TRUSTEE CANARY:

                  Last thing I want to say is that  
16           for someone who has been to four graduation  
17           ceremonies, I think you got the formula  
18           right. I think the last one, you hit all  
19           the points and I thought it was really well  
20           organized and to executed. Kudos to  
21           Nephtali and his crew and everybody else.

22 DR. ADAMS:

                  Yes. Campus Activities,  
23           Executive Deans, a lot of people play a big  
24           part. It's a total community effort. So  
25           Dante is there making announcements

1 and saving seats.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much.

4 TRUSTEE BOST: That concludes my report.

5 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much, Jerome.

6 Foundation?

7 MS. DIAZ: Good afternoon. Since we last

8 met the Foundation has actually sponsored

9 and supported two wonderful events that

10 happen annually here at the College. One of

11 them was the Governor's Awards where we

12 recognized and honored our illustrious

13 faculty and staff who received Chancellor's

14 and Governor's awards at that event. It's a

15 terrific day and everybody really enjoys

16 that event.

17 Additionally, we cosponsored a

18 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

19 That's one of two walks that's held across

20 Long Island in October. We are happy to be

21 sponsoring that event. Dr. McKay was there

22 in his pink attire to cut the ribbon. And

23 we had 4200 participants at that event.

24 We just love the idea of 4200

25 people from the community convergin on the

1 campus, on the beautiful eastern campus and  
2 seeing all the wonderful facilities there  
3 but additionally raising money for a  
4 wonderful wonderful cause.

5 We currently as a result of the  
6 partnership with the American Cancer Society,  
7 we have endowed a breast cancer and  
8 caregiver scholarship. So that's actually  
9 been endowed this year and will be awarded  
10 for the first time next year to a student  
11 who is either a caregiver or a breast cancer  
12 survivor. So it's absolutely wonderful.

13 I'm also happy to say that a year  
14 ago this time, Dr. McKay announced the  
15 completion of the Foundation's \$7 million  
16 campaign. And we are very very excited  
17 about that. But additionally he identified  
18 a number of other priorities and challenged  
19 us to a bridge campaign.

20 So the Finish Strong bridge  
21 campaign which is to raise 10 million  
22 dollars now by 2020 has been well underway  
23 for a year. Happy to announce that we just  
24 crossed a significant milestone and we have  
25 actually achieved over two million dollars

1           that we have at the Foundation. So,  
2           terrific job by the team at the Foundation.  
3           But really it's the faculty, staff, the  
4           community that supports this wonderful  
5           institution and commission that really gets  
6           us to this wonderful place today.

7                           And, thank you, Dr. McKay for  
8           your support because it absolutely means the  
9           world to us to have that level of support.  
10          So that's my report. Thank you.

11   CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you very much.

12                           Center for Social Justice, is  
13          there -- it's newly added to our list as a  
14          presentation. Thank you very much.

15   MS. ORTIZ:                       Good evening, everyone. Thank  
16          you for having us today. We just want to  
17          give you a little summary of our year's work  
18          and some things that are in the works to  
19          come. So Jill Santiago is here with me this  
20          evening. I think you have met her before  
21          when we presented to you last. We just want  
22          to talk about all the amazing work we were  
23          able to accomplish this year and what we're  
24          looking at doing going forward.

25                           To date we were checking our



1 numbers and of all our programs total to  
2 date, we have reached over approximately  
3 6,000 people, both students and community  
4 members. That surpasses last years numbers  
5 by over a thousand so we're excited about  
6 that. I'm going to pass the mic to Jill.  
7 We'll go back and forth a little bit.

8 MS. SANTIAGO:

Hi. So we're just going to  
9 highlight some of our key programs that we  
10 had this semester. And those numbers are  
11 just for this semester, not for the year,  
12 just the fall semester. We had 13 tours of  
13 the collection, of our Holocaust collection,  
14 mostly a college seminar, a couple of  
15 history classes, some English classes who  
16 come in to tour the museum.

17 We had a number oof Holocaust  
18 programs which is obviously of such critical  
19 importance right now. I know I don't have  
20 to stress that to all of you. It kind of  
21 goes without saying. The first of those  
22 programs we invited were Reich, a Holocaust  
23 survivor who passed selection with  
24 Dr. Mengele three times and was on the Death  
25 March of 1945. So we did that in

1 collaboration with faculty who were  
2 organizing the Evening Common Hours which  
3 they launched this year, this semester on  
4 the Ammerman Campus so we have about 80  
5 students attend that event.

6 MS. ORTIZ:

7 In addition, we were able to  
8 collaborate with one of our trustees in her  
9 school district, Trustee Sullivan at Hampton  
10 Bays. We had Holocaust survivor Ruth Minsky  
11 Sender who spoke to an audience I believe of  
12 over 600 students at Hampton Bays High  
13 School. That was an amazingly moving event.

14 MS. SANTIAGO:

15 An Event to Remember, we were  
16 actually fortunate enough to bring a film  
17 director producer and the star of the film  
18 all the way from Dublin, Ireland to the  
19 College in collaboration with the honors  
20 program. And the film was about the rise of  
21 fascism across the globe but more  
22 specifically for the Holocaust survivor who  
23 is featured in the film, the rise of fascism  
24 in his hometown in Slovakia where the  
25 Fascist Party who collaborated with the  
Germans is on the rise and is responsible  
for the death of his entire family. So that

1 was an incredible event. We packed the  
2 theatre for that

3 They spent the day. They  
4 actually spoke with our radio and television  
5 students about production. It was a  
6 fantastic day.

7 MS. ORTIZ:

8 Lastly we did our annual  
9 collaboration with our Veterans Affairs  
10 Department. We did an event called  
11 Witnesses to Liberation where previously we  
12 would have a Holocaust survivor and a  
13 concentration camp liberator speak to the  
14 students. The liberator who had  
15 participated in the program the last several  
16 years, we lost him last Spring. He passed  
17 away. That was Marvin Bochner.

18 So we were trying to think of a  
19 way to be creative and also honor his  
20 memory. So what we did was, we collaborated  
21 with our student veterans and we had two  
22 holocaust survivors who were liberated from  
23 concentration camps present and speak. And  
24 we had our student veterans read testimonies  
25 of concentration camp liberators.

And we had approximately 200

1 people. I probably shouldn't say that  
2 because I think we may have broke a fire  
3 code or two in the Montauk Room. But we had  
4 about 200 people present. One high school  
5 was present. Some, about 15 students I  
6 think from the high school. And then rest  
7 were our Suffolk students and that was also  
8 another powerful event.

9 MS. SANTIAGO:

Can I just add to that? The two  
10 survivors that we had speak met for the very  
11 first time. They were both in the Lodz  
12 Ghetto, both survived Auschwitz and live in  
13 Setauket a mile away from each other and  
14 never met. They met for the first time at  
15 that event. The connection that you see is  
16 right before your eyes. Just oh my God.

17 So, I failed to talk about Vote  
18 Everywhere. When we met last when we  
19 presented to you back in the summer, we  
20 shared that we were going to be working with  
21 Stony Brook University and the Andrew  
22 Goodman Foundation. We did work with them  
23 over the off semester. We reached over a  
24 thousand students to increase our civic  
25 engagement efforts.

1                   We registered over 200 students,  
2                   and for those who were registered, we were  
3                   able to share information with them about  
4                   their polling places and give them candidate  
5                   information and things like that. So we're  
6                   continuing that partnership and we're  
7                   looking forward to what we're going to be  
8                   able to do with them.

9                   We also, because of our efforts,  
10                  were awarded the SUNY Civic Engagement Award  
11                  for Voter participation for 2018. So we  
12                  were really proud of that. We just found  
13                  that out.

14   MS. ORTIZ:                   Of course we had our Presidential  
15                                   Lecture series, which -- oh, I'll give it  
16                                   back to you.

17   MS. SANTIAGO:               Yes. We had Colonel Gregory  
18                                   Gadson. He's a 25 year Army Veteran. Who  
19                                   faced his biggest challenge when lost both  
20                                   of his legs above the knee in an IED attack  
21                                   in Iraq. So he came to share, you know,  
22                                   some of the challenges and the adversity  
23                                   that he faced. He spoke to over 350  
24                                   students across all three campuses. And I  
25                                   think of all of our students, our veteran

1 students were really just so thankful that  
2 he attended the College -- you know, that  
3 presented at the College.

4 I think that they would have  
5 stayed with him all day just to talk about  
6 their shared experiences. It was a really  
7 wonderful event.

8 MS. ORTIZ:

9 Two of our events that we --  
10 well, one campaign and one event that we  
11 held as the work that's been done with our  
12 Undocumented Student Task Force. One is we  
13 just launched our I stand with Campaign.  
14 Some of you have noticed on the monitors or  
15 I think -- I don't want to tell you to look  
16 at the one here in the library because it's  
17 me, but several of our faculty and staff  
18 took photographs with signs that say that  
19 say, I Stand With.

20 And then we filled in the blank.  
21 I Stand with our Undocumented Students. I  
22 Stand With Refugees. I Stand for Social  
23 Justice. And we are sharing those signs and  
24 those banners across the College at all  
25 three campuses and we have gotten a lot of  
positive feedback. Students recognizing

1 and, you know, just to show the ally-ship  
2 and that we are supporting these communities  
3 of students.

4 So this has been our first big  
5 campaign through the Undocumented Student  
6 Task Force. We are very proud of that.  
7 Additionally on November 2, we held the  
8 annual Dreamers Conference in collaboration  
9 with the Long Island Immigrant Student  
10 Alliance.

11 And that was a huge event. We  
12 are so grateful for your support, the  
13 President's support. That event was just  
14 amazing. We had over 400 students from high  
15 schools across the County, even some Nassau  
16 County high schools and some Suffolk  
17 students attended as well. We had a number  
18 of workshops, breakout sessions, educational  
19 forums, great speakers and presentations.

20 And we hope that we can be the  
21 home for that event again next year. It was  
22 just -- it really belonged here at Suffolk.  
23 They had held previously at Nassau Community  
24 College in Old Westbury, but we were so  
25 excited to finally be able to be the host

1 this year and it was just a fabulous event.

2 MS. SANTIAGO: Last but not least for what we  
3 did this semester, we were able to  
4 collaborate with two new schools that we  
5 haven't worked with for diversity day  
6 programming. So we worked with Hampton Bays  
7 High School for the first time and also  
8 Great Neck Middle School. And over those  
9 two events, we were able to reach about 1150  
10 students.

11 Hopefully we will work with them  
12 again. We also did the same program with  
13 the Longwood School District and we reached  
14 about 1400 students. So I hope that those  
15 are going to be two new partnerships. So  
16 that sums up what we did for the semester.

17 As far as what's coming up, we  
18 have Unity Day in January where we'll bring  
19 together about 400 students from across the  
20 County. Our theme this year is Mental  
21 Health Awareness and self-care where we'll  
22 have fantastic keynote speaker. We'll have  
23 some breakouts. And then we're also  
24 inviting community resource centers to come  
25 in and be onsite to offer students



1 information.

2 MS. ORTIZ: We also are looking at several  
3 high school visits to the collection at the  
4 Ammerman Campus that will take place in the  
5 spring during the -- is there one during the  
6 February break, the President's Week break.  
7 I think there's two and one in March. We  
8 are also looking at Tunnel of Oppression.  
9 I'll let Jill elaborate on that.

10 MS. SANTIAGO: It's going to be our third time,  
11 third annual Tunnel of Oppression. It's  
12 going to be on the Grant Campus this year  
13 and the organizers really have a lot of  
14 great ideas so I think that's going to be  
15 fantastic. We're also inviting the First  
16 Division One Athlete transgender athlete to  
17 the College in collaboration with the LGBTQ  
18 Task Force, that's going to be happening in  
19 April.

20 He's been featured on Ellen and  
21 the Diane Rehm Show, all nationally  
22 recognized programs. So we're really  
23 excited about that.

24 MS. ORTIZ: Of course we're going to continue  
25 additional programming with our Undocumented

1 Student Task Force and we're looking in the  
2 Spring in April to hold our second series  
3 which we called last year the Equal Justice  
4 for All Series where we look at issues of  
5 social justice within the criminal justice  
6 system. And that will be a series of  
7 programs throughout the month of April. So  
8 we have a committee that works on that with  
9 and we'll be rolling that out again.

10 We also want to thank you for  
11 your support. We have had a new board  
12 member come on Robby Kincaid. And we're  
13 looking at two new board members -- was that  
14 voted? Yes. It was just voted on. So  
15 thank you for your support with that. And  
16 we have two new board members, Lynn  
17 Dyall-Perdomo and Arlene Jennings.

18 And we are continuing to work on  
19 some grand funding. We finally have gotten  
20 our in-house business in order where our  
21 accounts -- bank accounts and so on and so  
22 forth -- so we're working on some grant  
23 funding and some other resources to work on.

24 One of our biggest priorities  
25 right now and one of our main focuses is

1 going to be the preservation of our  
2 collection. We have a few items that are a  
3 little -- you know, suffering from some  
4 damage and we want to mitigate that. We had  
5 someone come yesterday to meet with us to  
6 try and help us build some resources with  
7 someone that can help us mitigate that  
8 damage and get them in better casing and  
9 displays.

10 So, that's one of the priorities.  
11 That collection is priceless and we want to  
12 make sure we maintain that. And also we  
13 want to work really hard to try and build  
14 some funding to get those video testimonies  
15 that we told you about of our five Holocaust  
16 survivors. We're trying to get that edited  
17 and put into a documentary, a 50 minute  
18 documentary so that is one of the top  
19 priorities for us for the Spring as well.

20 So before I close, I'm not sure  
21 how many may have heard the news, by I have  
22 some bittersweet news to share with all of  
23 you as well. I have to share. And it is  
24 with -- it's difficult news to share with  
25 you, but I will be moving on from my

1 position at the center.

2 And it's not for the reasons many  
3 of you may think, Gordon, I am not running  
4 for office. That's not why I'm leaving.  
5 But I've been offered an opportunity that it  
6 was a very difficult decision for me to make  
7 but it's one that's going to afford myself  
8 and my family, my son especially, a much  
9 better opportunity.

10 And while it is -- part of me is  
11 brokenhearted because I just feel like my  
12 work just began here, I'm very proud of the  
13 work we were able to do over this year and  
14 change and I know that with all of your  
15 support, Jill has been -- I'll get  
16 emotional. But she has just been amazing to  
17 work with.

18 And I know that she will continue  
19 to carry the mission on. And Dr. Adams,  
20 Dr. McKay, your vision to bring us to where  
21 we are right now, I know we will continue to  
22 just soar. So as sad as I am to leave, I  
23 will be watching every move from where I am  
24 and just with pride. Because this is really  
25 a model. And I hope that it grows to be a

1 model for the entire SUNY system and for  
2 colleges across the country to have this  
3 center. So thank you for everything you  
4 have done to support us and please continue  
5 to support this work because it's necessary.

6 TRUSTEE CANARY:

7 Just, I would like to make a  
8 comment. Renee and Jill, thank you for your  
9 great work over the past year. Great things  
10 are happening at the Center. But what I  
11 wanted to highlight was the fact that a  
12 couple of months ago I saw Lester Holt  
13 interview Steven Spielberg and the 25th  
14 anniversary of the release, the first  
15 release of Schindler's List is coming up.

16 And Spielberg has rereleased it  
17 in the movie theatres because he said that  
18 the rise in global antisemitism that's going  
19 on, now is the time to once again see that  
20 ground making movie which still haunts me to  
21 this day and everybody who has seen it. So  
22 the point being that the work that the  
23 Center is doing is so important and we  
24 recognize it and we appreciate it.

24 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I just -- Renee and Jill are very  
25 modest. Because the work that they do is

1           just, it's life altering. And I know this  
2           because I have seen it firsthand. I have  
3           seen what its -- the impact it has on my  
4           kids, and I mean my students and my kids,  
5           because my kids go to my school.

6                        But when we had with Ruth Minsky  
7           Sender come to the high school, I have been  
8           in the school district for 25 years and I  
9           have never seen the auditorium packed the  
10          way that it was. There were kids sitting on  
11          the floor. There were -- we were literally  
12          -- this was by far the highlight of my  
13          career.

14                       We read here book, The Cage. My  
15          English teachers came to on August 30 and  
16          said, would it be okay if we shift our  
17          curriculum and the whole school reads The  
18          Cage? And I was like, okay. Because  
19          teachers don't usually ask to do that. And  
20          they did. And every student in the high  
21          school, all 750 kids, read The Cage. And  
22          then I was seeing messages on FaceBook of  
23          parents saying, oh I grabbed my son's book,  
24          I'm reading it too.

25                       And we literally became a

1 community of learners. Teachers,  
2 administrator, community members, students,  
3 custodians, everybody was engaged in this  
4 learning.

5 And I watched my teachers who are  
6 my students, get giddy and see lightbulbs  
7 blast off. And I hosted dinner beforehand.  
8 They were running to their classrooms to get  
9 books so she could autograph them for them.  
10 After she left, Jill called us and told us  
11 that she's ill. So I sent out an e-mail  
12 to everyone and said I'm going to be sending  
13 a care package to Ruth if anybody wants to  
14 contribute, send me things.

15 And one of the English teachers  
16 called me and said, so my kids want to know  
17 how big the box is. And I said, I'll make  
18 it as big as it has to be, why? And they  
19 said, well, she can't see very well so we  
20 thought we should make large cards. So they  
21 made like these poster cards. And we gave  
22 them to Jill to bring to her home.

23 And they e-mailed me just this  
24 week. The kids want an update. They want  
25 to know how she's doing. The impact is

1 working.

2 TRUSTEE MORGO: May I ask a question, a Hampton  
3 Bay's centric question. Was there a  
4 connection that you think through critical  
5 thinking would come out with the main  
6 issue -- well, not the main issue but a big  
7 issue in the community of Hampton Bays, I am  
8 talking about immigration, undocumented  
9 immigrants and you know what I'm talking  
10 about some of the groups.

11 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Yes, absolutely. And we followed  
12 this up with, as they mentioned, our  
13 Diversity Day. And the was another day that  
14 was mind blowing. We had a woman who  
15 immigrated from Pakistan. Someone from  
16 Ireland. Someone from Italy. Someone from  
17 Guyana, Columbia, a transgender gentlemen.

18 MS. ORTIZ: We had an undocumented student  
19 present.

20 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: An undocumented student. And he  
21 was from Suffolk, right.

22 MS. SANTIAGO: Yes, he was from Suffolk  
23 Community.

24 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: And that, and even that. And the  
25 gentleman from Guyana was one of our



1                   custodians. I didn't even -- I have known  
2                   Sam forever. I didn't know he immigrated  
3                   here. And when I heard I said, you have to  
4                   speak. And he said, oh, Mrs. Sullivan, I'm  
5                   so humbled. And I said, no. Our kids learn  
6                   from our stories. You have to share that.  
7                   And it was amazing.

8 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   So there were connections beyond.

9 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:      And it's still going. It's still  
10                   going.

11 TRUSTEE BOST:                   Renee, on behalf of the 27,000  
12                   students here at Suffolk County Community  
13                   College, I just want to, you know, thank you  
14                   for, you know, your work. You -- I'm never  
15                   able to find you in the office or -- you're  
16                   usually on come campus, you know, answering  
17                   questions, creating some sort of program for  
18                   our undocumented community and just being a  
19                   friend here to the students.

20                   You're someone that not only do  
21                   you just come in and, you know, do what's  
22                   being asked of you in your job, you bring  
23                   some of those relationships in the  
24                   community, people that you actually call  
25                   friends to the College and make them

1 available for the students.

2 I know sometimes your day gets  
3 started as early as 8:00 and you have some  
4 programs going on from 7:00 to 9:00. So  
5 it's definitely going to be a blow to the  
6 College. I'm really happy that you are  
7 moving forward for an opportunity for your  
8 yourself and your family. And since I know  
9 we where you're going, I'm excited about  
10 having another friend in that area. So good  
11 luck to you and thank you.

12 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Speaking of friends -- sorry, one  
13 more thing. Joan Wosniak was one of our  
14 presenters and was fabulous. And Jim Banks,  
15 Dr. Love, I'm starting a fan club. He did a  
16 phenomenal job, the kids absolutely loved  
17 him.

18 CHAIR SANDERS: Great. Thank you. Thank you  
19 very much. It's always bittersweet when  
20 people move on. We try to hold onto them  
21 forever. I'm moving to the Chair's report  
22 and I'll be brief. Couple of things, it was  
23 an absolutely fantastic month. I had the --  
24 some of the highlights of my career. I want  
25 to thank all of my Suffolk family that came

1 out to support my induction into the Long  
2 Island Business News Hall of Fame. And  
3 Jerome mentioned earlier, the ACCT's  
4 Northeastern Regional Trustee Award. And  
5 they split it, they had a luncheon and they  
6 had a dinner.

7 So some people came to the  
8 luncheon, some came to the dinner. And I  
9 want to thank everybody that took time out  
10 to support. So I really do appreciate it.  
11 During the ACCT Conference, Jerome and I  
12 attended a workshop. And they talked about  
13 food insecurity amongst students. And they  
14 talked about the level of poverty with a lot  
15 of College students who for the first time  
16 in their lives they are adults and they are  
17 handling adult business and they don't  
18 really understand that they maybe eligible  
19 for some support programs.

20 But because they are young and  
21 they don't know what to ask for -- and one  
22 of the things that came up, Jerome and I was  
23 talking, how do you get students to  
24 understand the vast level of resources they  
25 maybe eligible for because now they are

1           considered adults, particularly Food Stamps  
2           or, you know, different things to help them  
3           with some of those insecurities.

4                   And so one of the colleges was  
5           talking about how they have integrated with  
6           their local like Department of Social  
7           Services, they integrated a fact sheet in  
8           student enrollment information. So it's  
9           just a fact sheet that talks about, do you  
10          know you're eligible for. And it's  
11          whatever, it's housing certificates, food  
12          stamp certificates, all of this stuff.

13                   But it's on one fact sheet and it  
14          is part of the enrollment process. It's  
15          nothing the College has to take on but it's  
16          just giving the students the information.  
17          And College also does like a day where those  
18          agencies come in and they will have a desk,  
19          you know, like in the cafeteria.

20                   And students can then get  
21          firsthand information. And we talked during  
22          that workshop about our kids, like maybe  
23          this is something we can bridge for our  
24          young students. It's hard getting on and  
25          off the campus. It's even harder trying to

1 find food if you're looking on the campus.

2 And, you know, some students, if  
3 they are lucky enough to get here, you're  
4 stuck all day. You can't afford to go on  
5 and off. I know we have some food pantries.  
6 And students, you know, that age have all  
7 types of shaming in terms of going to get a  
8 bag of food from a food pantry.

9 But I wanted put that in the  
10 record because I think we need to start  
11 thinking creatively. We have not only  
12 students that are young and first time but  
13 we have adults that are shamed and have food  
14 insecurities. And maybe we can put this on  
15 the agenda for Student Success to have  
16 further discussions and continue to talk  
17 about that topic.

18 Because it was really a  
19 interesting workshop and to hear what other  
20 community Colleges are doing just around  
21 food insecurity and poverty.

22 TRUSTEE BOST: And a lot of the students found  
23 out they were eligible for some of the stuff  
24 once they did it. And there were some  
25 counselors who mentioned they actually have

1 to assist them with that process, so yeah.

2 CHAIR SANDERS: And that workshop was great.

3 And, again, thank you, Jerome, for attending  
4 and representing the College as Student  
5 Trustee at that conference. The retreat,  
6 I'm sorry I missed it. And, again, thank you  
7 all for your concern. I did fly across  
8 country to check on my big baby, my son,  
9 who's grown up and living on the west coast  
10 but he still needed his mommy.

11 So I ran out, took care of  
12 that --

13 TRUSTEE CANARY: Strike that from the record.

14 CHAIR SANDERS: Yeah, I know, he'd be embarrassed  
15 but it's okay. But thank you very much. I  
16 heard the retreat went well. Thank you to  
17 all of the faculty staff that presented.  
18 Dr. McKay, I heard you hit it out of the  
19 ballpark again. When we have external  
20 people come in and they hear the vision, you  
21 know, they get to understand what it is we  
22 do.

23 And then it was a day for us to  
24 kind of learn. So thank you everyone that  
25 participated in the retreat. Just another

1 heads up for training, big on training, ACCT  
2 is having their legislative conference in  
3 Washington. This is February 10th through  
4 the 13th.

5 Now, the New Trustee Training  
6 Academy is own February 10, that's a Sunday.  
7 So for all of our new trustees, it's very  
8 exciting in Washington too. It's somewhat  
9 of a bigger buzz when you go to those  
10 conferences in DC. But they do have that  
11 one day, New Trustee Training. Early Bird  
12 Registration is December 21. So, if you  
13 could let me know, I'll send it out again,  
14 but if you could let me know if you are  
15 interested, we'll talk with the  
16 administration about making sure,  
17 particularly our new trustees, give you a  
18 opportunity to take part in that training.  
19 It is a really good training.

20 Thank our culinary team for the  
21 cookies, thank you so much. We really  
22 appreciate the holiday spirit. Thank you  
23 for the water containers. You know, I must  
24 have 800 of them but I can't find one. So  
25 I'm always looking for the newest one I

1 have, I don't know where they disappear to.  
2 And my closing remarks, Happy Chanukah,  
3 Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza, Happy New  
4 Year. And for those that just want a  
5 general greeting, Happy Holidays. Thank  
6 you. And that concludes my report. And  
7 I'll turn it over to Dr. McKay for his  
8 President's report.

9 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Thanks, Madame Chair, Members of  
10 the Board, I'll ask Dr. Rios, Irene, can you  
11 join me? We just recently concluded a  
12 Dietetic Tech Program evaluation. We had  
13 accreditation team on campus. And I have  
14 Dr. Irene Rios to present on that program,  
15 Irene.

16 DEAN RIOS: Thank you, Dr. McKay, Madame  
17 Chair and Members of the Board. We continue  
18 to focus on student success and increasing  
19 opportunities for students at the Eastern  
20 Campus of Suffolk County Community College.  
21 Very happy to be here today to represent  
22 Professor Jody Levine, who is our director  
23 of the Dietetic Technician Program which is  
24 located in our Culinary Arts and Hospitality  
25 Center.



1 I would like to give a brief  
2 update as Dr. McKay mentioned on our recent  
3 accreditation site visit which was very  
4 successful and a general update of our  
5 Dietetic Technician Program. I'll begin  
6 with a brief history of the program. The  
7 Dietetic Technician Program was first  
8 approved by the Academy of Nutrition and  
9 Dietetics in 1980. This was granted -- we  
10 were granted developmental accreditation in  
11 1993. And in 1998, we were granted full  
12 accreditation.

13 And today after three subsequent  
14 and very successful periodic accreditation  
15 reviews over the years, we have received  
16 continued accreditation through 2018 for the  
17 visit that just concluded. So let me give  
18 you a little bit of information about that.  
19 I'll be very brief. I'd like to come to  
20 these meetings with prepared statements so  
21 I'm not all over the place which I can be.

22 I'm very proud of the work out  
23 east. This summer Professor Levine along  
24 with Dr. Lauren Tacke-Cushing, Professor  
25 Fabian and myself and myself along with

1 Dr. McKay's great guidance, we completed, we  
2 reviewed and we submitted a self-study in  
3 preparation for the Dietetic Technician  
4 Program review.

5 That group is called the  
6 Accreditation Counsel for Education in  
7 Nutrition and Dietetics. The acronym is  
8 ACEND, ascend. During the Thanksgiving  
9 week, of all times, the accreditation team  
10 visited us. They came to our campus for  
11 three days right before Thanksgiving.

12 And I'm very happy to report that  
13 we've received outstanding results for all  
14 eight required standards. And this is due  
15 in large part to our faculty and to our  
16 program director, Professor Levine.

17 In the exit review meeting with  
18 the accreditor, the Program received no  
19 deficiencies in any of the standards. And  
20 during the exit review team, our team  
21 commented on the many program strengths  
22 which I would like to share with you just  
23 very briefly a few of them.

24 First, our program requires that  
25 students complete a minimum of 450 hours of

1 clinical fieldwork in a variety of settings.  
2 They found that to be a strength. Some of  
3 the settings we offer students are  
4 hospitals, nursing homes, school districts,  
5 community agencies such as Head Start, Long  
6 Island Cares, food pantries, soup kitchens  
7 and many more.

8 The number of field site  
9 locations we have agreements with top 74.  
10 Across the Island, some of our current  
11 affiliations, just for your interest. I  
12 wanted to share with you some of our actual  
13 partners. Mather Memorial Hospital where  
14 our dietetic technology students work with  
15 clinical dietitians and are engaged in the  
16 observation of things such as gallbladder  
17 surgeries with bariatric surgeons.

18 They participate at Stony Brook  
19 Rooftop Garden where our student oversee the  
20 hospital's rooftop garden, these are our  
21 dietetic technician students. They oversee  
22 the garden at Stony Brook. The VA Hospital,  
23 where our clinical fieldwork students  
24 experience working wit Veterans in the Move  
25 It Wellness Program. And finally a

1 highlight, our students attend every  
2 university in Georgia during summer  
3 internships where students participate in  
4 the summer Metabolic PKU Camp. So our  
5 faculty certainly have their lines out to so  
6 many connections for our students.

7 The accreditation team was also  
8 impressed with our programs advisory board  
9 regarding their input and feedback with  
10 program goals, objectives and outcome  
11 measures. It was notable that the Queens  
12 College, LIU, and Stony Brook Dietetic  
13 Technician Program directors, all members of  
14 our advisory board, were all present during  
15 the team's site visit. So their support was  
16 certainly shown. So that that part -- those  
17 partnerships continue to thrive.

18 The accreditors found strong  
19 leadership support at the College, effective  
20 communications College-wide and campus-wide  
21 strong student support services through  
22 Academic Affairs and Student Affairs and  
23 strong financial support for the program.

24 During the exit interview, the  
25 lead site reviewer who is presently serving

1 18 years on the Academy's National Board  
2 commented on how happy she was that  
3 President McKay strongly supports our  
4 program, the College supports our program,  
5 and this is the only college she's done a  
6 review on in 18 years where the president  
7 sat in on the exit interview. So she was  
8 very impressed. Thank you, Dr. McKay.

9 The site reviewers also commented  
10 on our positive program data which includes  
11 some of the following: Over the past three  
12 years, nearly 75 students have graduated  
13 from our program and many have benefitted  
14 from the Stay on Long Island Scholarship,  
15 again put in place through the efforts of  
16 Dr. McKay as well as some others. But  
17 Professor Levine wanted me to publicly thank  
18 you for that because many of our students  
19 have been assisted through the Stay on Long  
20 Island Program.

21 Over the same timeframe, three  
22 years, over 40 graduates are now working in  
23 the field and at least 35 -- I know it  
24 sounds small, but it's effective for us, and  
25 at least 35 have transferred to two four

1 year programs over the last two to three  
2 years.

3 Additionally, nearly all of our  
4 students have completed very competitive  
5 internships qualifying them for a path to  
6 becoming a registered dietician. And more  
7 than 50 percent of these students do  
8 continue on to become registered dietitians  
9 and often earn advanced degrees. And,  
10 finally, one of our strengths is seen in our  
11 transfer agreements which are in place with  
12 Queens College, LIU, Stony Brook. And we  
13 are currently working with SUNY Oneonta to  
14 establish another agreement.

15 And those are the major  
16 highlights of the Program's strengths. We  
17 now await the formal report from ACEND. And  
18 that should come by February or March and we  
19 will respond appropriately. We are very,  
20 very pleased with the outcome of this  
21 accreditation review.

22 And again we express our thanks  
23 and our gratitude to the faculty of the  
24 program and the staff who support it and  
25 especially to Professor Levine for her



1           everybody has a voice in giving an opinion  
2           about the state of the College, where they  
3           would like to see College go, what the  
4           College's values should be.

5                     In addition, we have met with  
6           over a hundred faculty members. We have  
7           also gone to each of the faculty governance  
8           groups to introduce strategic planning to  
9           those bodies. We have run into a couple of  
10          setbacks basically having to do with  
11          scheduling. Our students are very busy.  
12          Many of them come in, take their classes and  
13          then have to run off to work.

14                    So we're looking at other options  
15          to get those student voices as part of the  
16          process. We are on schedule though to meet  
17          individually with about 600 students in  
18          small focus groups of about eight to 12 by  
19          the middle of the Spring.

20                    From that we will develop surveys  
21          that we can put out to the rest of the  
22          student body to be able to get all student  
23          voices. In addition, we have met with  
24          career program advisory boards. We have  
25          meant with community leaders. Just this



1 week, Dr. McKay had a meeting with community  
2 leaders out on the eastern campus and I was  
3 able to speak to them about the strategic  
4 planning process and we will engage them in  
5 the Spring with more detailed information  
6 about where they see the College can serve  
7 the community.

8 So what we will be doing with  
9 that material, the Strategic Planning  
10 Council is the body under whose purview this  
11 particular effort is placed. They will  
12 review all the data that are gathered. They  
13 will then come up with -- we have different  
14 committees. We have a committee to review  
15 the data. We have a committee to put  
16 together metrics.

17 That is, we are going to  
18 establish goals and those type of things.  
19 What metrics will we use to see how well we  
20 are doing? Then we'll have a group who  
21 going to write the Strategic Plan which will  
22 go to you for your approval a year from  
23 about March.

24 So we are on schedule. We have  
25 really moving very deliberately about the

1 process. We did take our time in planning  
2 this out because we do want to have a very  
3 very strong strategic plan and we want to  
4 make sure that we have those metrics in  
5 place because we have found how important  
6 they can be to all of our accreditation  
7 processes, whether it be the accreditation  
8 fort the College in general with Middle  
9 States but also all of the these other  
10 programs that we have a Dietetic Tech, using  
11 those metrics to be able to tell our story  
12 on how we're doing.

13 I found a lot of very interesting  
14 details so far from our meetings with the  
15 students. Transportation actually has been  
16 one of the main issues that keeps rising to  
17 the top, how difficult some students have  
18 getting to the College. That should be of  
19 particular importance to us because our  
20 third goal currently is access and  
21 affordability.

22 We need to make sure that we are  
23 doing every effort possible to have students  
24 be able to get here so that they can learn.  
25 So a lot of that material, what I will be

1 doing in the springtime is I will be giving  
2 you an update probably sometime in February  
3 or March where I will do a -- I tend to be  
4 very brief when I put the materials together  
5 so it will be a series of bullets of what we  
6 found, what has been rising to the surface  
7 in terms of what students are interested in,  
8 what their concerns are and so forth.

9 So I just wanted to kind of give  
10 you an update that we are moving forward  
11 with this process and you will be actively  
12 engaged coming up very very soon. And you  
13 will also have an opportunity I hope to be  
14 able to contribute your feelings, your  
15 thoughts, your vision of where the College  
16 should go as we move forward in the next  
17 seven to eight years. Do you have any  
18 questions?

19 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much.

20 DR. MCKAY: That concludes my report.

21 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much, Shaun.

22 We'll move to roundtable. Any roundtable  
23 items? I do have one. You can purchase  
24 your holiday cookie platter from our  
25 culinary students. So if you enjoyed these

1 cookies that are on the table, then you can  
2 give them as a gift for the holidays.

3 Yes, Gordon.

4 TRUSTEE CANARY: Perfect segue. Kudos to the  
5 Culinary Arts Program, our students and  
6 professors. I did travel out for that  
7 Wednesday before Thanksgiving event. It was  
8 fabulous. 200 meals were prepared. I  
9 helped to get the meals into the vehicles to  
10 get them transported. That was my job for  
11 the time I was there.

12 But again we got incredibly good  
13 press. I think it was the 10th anniversary  
14 of that effort. So I was pleased to be  
15 there to represent all of you. And, again,  
16 kudos to our Culinary Arts Program. It was  
17 great. It's just a wonderful program that  
18 helps to feed the need of food deficit folks  
19 out there. And I was pleased to be -- very  
20 proud to be there.

21 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I have one.

22 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes, Denise.

23 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Just to piggyback on the culinary  
24 parade, I had the pleasure of attending one  
25 of the dinners. And from my luck, I was

1 Dr. Rios' date, her husband stood her up.  
2 So she had to sit with me and my  
3 girlfriends. But it was the wine pairing  
4 dinner. And it was sensational.

5 So I cannot express enough that  
6 everyone has to go to one of those. It was  
7 really nice.

8 TRUSTEE CANARY: Wait, I go out and volunteer my  
9 efforts and nobody tells me about the wine  
10 pairing, jeez.

11 CHAIR SANDERS: Next time, Gordon.

12 Any other roundtable?

13 TRUSTEE MORGO: I have something and excuse me  
14 for being serious. During the entire  
15 meeting, I kept thinking -- and I'm not  
16 looking for sympathy. But I kept thinking  
17 about all the great things that the College  
18 does. Social Justice and Human  
19 Understanding, the work on the graduation,  
20 which is all student centered and really why  
21 we are here.

22 And I think I got the fiscal  
23 committee. And it's as mundane as can be  
24 and -- but -- and I listen to Vice President  
25 Vizzini a great deal, not as much as she

1           wants me to, but I listen to her a great  
2           deal. And when she talked about tuition  
3           being a reliable and steady source of  
4           revenue and we need revenue, I think yes.

5                     But I also have the thought of an  
6           analogy. Tuition for us I think should be  
7           looked at as taxes for other legislative  
8           boards. And we all know what happened in  
9           Nassau County years back when the County  
10          Executive would do anything but raise taxes.  
11          And we looked how that destroyed the fiscal  
12          integrity of that County and they had to get  
13          a Review Board.

14                    But on the other hand, we, I  
15          think, have to be very careful when we raise  
16          tuition. And I think we should look at it  
17          with the kind of hesitancy that so many  
18          legislators look at about raising taxes.

19                    So I want you to think about an  
20          analogy and a former chairperson gave me  
21          this committee and I have been cursing her  
22          ever since. But the thing is, if we don't  
23          have fiscal resources, all the wonderful  
24          programs, all the good things we do for  
25          students are not possible. So that was my

1 thought. So thank you for allowing me to  
2 say it.

3 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. Thank you.

4 Any other roundtable items? [NO  
5 RESPONSE].

6 Okay. I would like to request a  
7 motion to enter into Executive Session to  
8 discuss the medical, financial, credit or  
9 employment history of a particular college  
10 employee. There will be no further business  
11 conducted after so if you could grab your  
12 snacks and move into that room, because we  
13 have a very tight timeline.

14 So for trustees --

15 Oh, is there a motion?

16 TRUSTEE MURRAY: Motion.

17 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: Second.

18 CHAIR SANDERS: Motion by Chris, second by Bel.

19 All in favor?

20 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
21 VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE MEETING OF THE  
22 BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS CLOSED BY THE  
23 CHAIRPERSON, THERESA SANDERS, AT 5:36 P.M.]

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OFFICIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SUFFOLK  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HELD ON THE 6TH  
DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018 AT 4:13 P.M., AT  
SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE,  
BRENTWOOD CAMPUS, LEARNING RESOURCE  
CENTER, BOARD ROOM, 1001 CROOKED HILL  
ROAD, BRENTWOOD, NEW YORK.

PRESENT:

LOUIS J. PETRIZZO, ESQ., General Counsel  
Executive Vice President

DENISE LINDSAY SULLIVAN, Member

GORDON D. CANARY, Member

BELINDA PAGDANGANAN, Member

E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Member

JEROME BOST, Student Member

THERESA SANDERS, Member/Chairperson

JAMES MORGO, Member/Vice Chairperson

1 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. I would  
2 like to request a motion for the approval of  
3 the minutes of the October 18, 2018 Board of  
4 Directors meeting.

5 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: I would like to add my name to  
6 the minutes of the October 18 meeting.

7 CHAIR SANDERS: So there's a correction to add  
8 Trustee Pagdanganan's name to the minutes.  
9 She was present. Thank you very much. Any  
10 other corrections? Motion to approve?

11 MR. PETRIZZO: With corrections.

12 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. We need the  
13 motion.

14 TRUSTEE BOST: Motion.

15 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Second.

16 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

17 All in favor?

18 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
19 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

20 I would like to introduce Vice  
21 President of Student Affairs,  
22 Dr. Christopher Adams, to present the  
23 Association financial report.

24 DR. ADAMS: Good afternoon, Chair Sanders,  
25 and members of the Board of Directors. Very

1 happy to give the report September 1, 2018  
2 to November 30, 2018. In all of our cost  
3 centers, we are operating in the black. We  
4 have our two disbursements that we received  
5 from the College. And the Association is  
6 really running smoothly. So we have one  
7 month left to go in the semester and things  
8 are running, as I said, very smoothly.

9 Are there any questions  
10 concerning the report? At this time, I  
11 would like to call up a very good colleague  
12 and friend, Ms. Melanie Morris who just was  
13 recognized a few minutes ago for the  
14 sustainability issue. She is the Chair of  
15 our Transportation Committee at the College  
16 working with our students. And I really  
17 just wanted to give an update.

18 As we know, transportation is a  
19 huge issue for students an getting to the  
20 campus. If you can't get to the campus or  
21 our campuses, you can't take classes. So  
22 she's worked very hard over the last year  
23 and now she would like to give an update.  
24 And I want to yield the floor to her.

25 MS. MORRIS:

Thank you, Dr. Adams. So as

1 Chris mentioned, I recently took over as  
2 being the Chair of the Transportation  
3 Committee for the College and we had our  
4 first meeting of the semester last Friday.  
5 We met with several members of Suffolk  
6 County Public Works and Suffolk County  
7 Transit, and the Planning Commission.

8 And we had actually I think five  
9 students that attended as well, all who ride  
10 the bus system. It was really nice for them  
11 to give feedback on how it's been going.  
12 Recently Suffolk County Transit just came  
13 out with an app that you can pay for your  
14 fare on the app. And they said that 90  
15 percent of the users are students.

16 So from that app, they are going  
17 to try to pull together some data for us on  
18 the students that are riding the bus. So I  
19 gave them two bus routes that come to this  
20 campus to look at first. And we they are  
21 going to pull the numbers for those if  
22 successful hopefully in the future we can  
23 expand that data.

24 CHAIR SANDERS: Good idea.

25 MS. MORRIS: Thank you everyone for having me.

1 Have a happy holiday.

2 DR. ADAMS: Chair Sanders, Members of the  
3 Board of Director's, that's the end of my  
4 report. Thank you.

5 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Dr. Adams.

6 I would like to request a motion  
7 for the approval of the Association  
8 Resolution Number 2018.88.

9 MR. PETRIZZO: Motion by?

10 CHAIR SANDERS: Is there a motion?

11 MEMBER CANARY: Motion.

12 MEMBER MORGO: Second.

13 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

14 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
15 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

16 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much for the  
17 approval of that resolution. I would like  
18 to request a motion to adjourn the Board of  
19 Directors meeting and call the Board of  
20 Trustees Meeting to order.

21 MEMBER BOST: Motion.

22 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Second.

23 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

24 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
25 VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE MEETING OF THE

1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS CLOSED BY THE  
2 CHAIRPERSON, THERESA SANDERS, AT 4:18 P.M.]

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