

OFFICIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON THE 17TH DAY
OF SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 9:05 A.M., VIA
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

PRESENT:

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BELINDA PAGDANGANAN, Trustee
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JAMES MORGO, Trustee/Vice Chairperson
SHIRLEY E. COVERDALE, Trustee/Second
Vice Chairperson

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2 CHAIR MURRAY: Good morning,
3 everyone. This is the September 17th
4 meeting of the Board of Trustees for the
5 Suffolk Community College and the Board
6 of Directors for the Suffolk County
7 Association.

8 I would like to start with the
9 pledge, and Gordon, would you like to
10 lead us with the pledge?

11 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you,
12 Mr. Chairman.

13 [AFTER RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE
14 OF ALLEGIANCE, THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
15 OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY
16 COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY
17 THE CHAIRMAN, E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, AT
18 9:05 A.M.]

19 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you.

20 Also, just wanted to acknowledge
21 we had a loss this past week of
22 Legislator Tom Muratore. I don't know
23 if I pronounced the name right.

24 From all reports -- I did not
25 know him personally, but from all

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2 reports he was a gentleman and worked
3 well with everybody on the legislature,
4 and he will be missed.

5 TRUSTEE CANARY: Mr. Chairman, if
6 I may just add, sir -- this is Gordon
7 Canary. If I can just add, Tom Muratore
8 was a very strong supporter of Suffolk
9 Community College and his loss will be
10 missed.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Anyone else want
12 to add anything?

13 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: I would echo
14 what Gordon has said.

15 Tom Muratore was a stalwart for
16 the College, frequently, you know, able
17 to help us with various and sundry
18 matters. Always willing to support the
19 College. His office and his district
20 encompassed the Selden campus so we
21 interacted with him quite a bit.

22 He was, Mr. Chairman, a gentleman
23 and a very strong supporter of Suffolk
24 County Community College, and we will
25 dearly miss him.

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2 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you, Lou.

3 MR. CHAIRMAN: At this point I
4 would like to request a motion to
5 adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting
6 and call the Board of Directors meeting
7 to order.

8 Jim, would you like to make that
9 motion?

10 VICE CHAIR MORGO: So moved.

11 MR. CHAIRMAN: Shirley, would you
12 like to second it?

13 VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: I second
14 the motion.

15 CHAIR MURRAY: All in favor? Any
16 opposed? Thank you.

17 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND
18 SECONDED WAS VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE
19 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
20 SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAS
21 ADJOURNED AT 9:07 A.M. AND REOPENED AT
22 9:12 A.M.]

23 CHAIR MURRAY: We're back in the
24 Board of Trustees meeting.

25 And first I would like to request

1 Board of Trustees, 09/17/2020
2 a motion for the approval of the
3 August 20, 2020, Board of Trustees
4 meeting.

5 Theresa, will you make that
6 motion?

7 TRUSTEE SANDERS: So moved.

8 CHAIR MURRAY: Belinda, will you
9 second that motion?

10 TRUSTEE PADANGANAN: Second the
11 motion.

12 CHAIR MURRAY: All those in favor
13 say aye. Any opposed?

14 The minutes are adopted.

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

17 CHAIR MURRAY: At this time I
18 would like to introduce Vice President
19 for Business and Financial Affairs,
20 Dr. Mark Harris, to present the College
21 budget and College financial record.

22 VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS: Thank you
23 Mr. Chair, members of the Board of
24 Trustees.

25 In respect to our Fiscal 20

1 Board of Trustees, 09/17/2020
2 projection, the College has submitted
3 projections similar to what we did last
4 month, primarily because our year end
5 close process for Fiscal 20 has begun
6 and there are multiple pieces to
7 complete and the close out of Fiscal 20
8 that need to take place. However, the
9 College remains optimistic that the
10 projections that we provided last month
11 of adding approximately \$3 million to
12 fund balance will be similar as we
13 reported last month. So in October we
14 would be able to give you a better sense
15 of what that number will be.

16 During last month's meeting just
17 about summer level, we indicated that
18 our revenue loss itself was about \$4.39
19 million with cost reduction of
20 approximately \$11.7 million. So based
21 on that we're saying about \$3 million.

22 So in between those transactions
23 we will need to record or look at the
24 loss of revenue from the State based on
25 the holdback, but also we will need to

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2 look at other entries in terms of our AR
3 and funds in reserve, etcetera. When
4 all is said and done, we're confident
5 that we will add approximately \$3
6 million to Fiscal 20 fund balance.

7 During last month's meeting, in
8 terms of cash flow, the County had an
9 outstanding balance of about 14.4. When
10 we spoke to some members of the Board
11 earlier this week, we indicated that we
12 still had an outstanding balance of \$4.4
13 million.

14 The day -- the evening after we
15 ended the call, we were notified that we
16 would have been made whole, and then by
17 the following day, we received the full
18 amount that was outstanding from the
19 County. So for Fiscal 20 we are
20 reporting that the County has made us
21 whole on their obligation for cash.

22 So the College would like to
23 express its gratitude to the Board
24 members for whatever efforts that were
25 made in getting us the funds, along with

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2 calls made by the administration itself.
3 The one piece that still remains
4 outstanding is \$2.7 million which
5 represents about 20 percent of our total
6 State appropriation. We are not sure
7 whether or not this is just going to be
8 a deferment, whether it's a holdback, or
9 whether or not it's going to be a
10 permanent cut for our Fiscal 20, both
11 revenue and cash, but when we close out
12 the fiscal year, we will definitely be
13 baking in that calculus in our final
14 numbers.

15 Just a quick update on Fiscal 20.
16 When we reported last month, we were
17 about 17 percent down in enrollment
18 tracking to our budget as well. Our
19 recent numbers indicate that we are
20 about 8.7 percent.

21 So it's a significant improvement
22 over last reporting period, but over the
23 next few weeks we'll be in a better
24 position to assess what a true impact
25 it's going to be on our financials as a

1 Board of Trustees, 09/17/2020
2 result of enrollment. Primarily because
3 we still have some outstanding current
4 enrollment numbers as well as to
5 determine what the noncredit programs in
6 terms of revenue will generate for us.

7 So within the next couple of
8 weeks or so we will be in a much better
9 position to really nail down where we're
10 going to be in terms of the first half
11 of the fiscal year.

12 Additionally, last month we
13 talked about the possible reduction of
14 some State funded programs. We were
15 recently informed that all State funded
16 programs are at risk of getting reduced.
17 So whether or not they are the Excelsior
18 program, they are the TAP program, and
19 there are other grants provided by the
20 State, there's a possibility of
21 reduction from zero to 100 percent, but
22 we're still working with SUNY to get a
23 better sense of what those will be.

24 In the meantime, we have been
25 having some meetings, actually one

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2 scheduled today, to really look at our
3 State grants and figure out what our
4 best case worst case scenario is and
5 determine what the financial impact is
6 going to be on our Fiscal 21 budget.

7 So that's all I have in terms of
8 financial reporting for Fiscal 20
9 projection as well as the Fiscal 21
10 update.

11 Are there any questions specific
12 to those two items discussed?

13 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Doc, this is
14 Jim Morgo. I have a comment and a
15 question.

16 The comment first. I want to and
17 I think everybody would want to extend
18 gratitude to you and Lou and the entire
19 administration for your work with the
20 County on Monday evening because at the
21 executive committee it didn't sound very
22 hopeful, and the County's reason for
23 withholding that \$4 million was
24 fallacious at best.

25 Whatever you guys did and whoever

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2 else helped, you got the County to turn
3 that around. So thank you for that.

4 Secondly, just a question. You
5 have the last couple of months prepared
6 a budget summary in writing which I
7 found very helpful. I'm assuming we
8 didn't get one this month because of
9 something you said that we would have a
10 better idea of where things are in
11 October. I hope we'll get such a
12 summary then. Do you think we will?

13 VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS: So I will
14 double check for where the executive
15 summary is. One was provided. What we
16 did not include, what was not included
17 this month, were the detailed
18 financials. So the detailed financials
19 in terms of the income statements with
20 the expenses, those are the same numbers
21 we're withholding through the last
22 month, but a summary -- if you don't
23 have one, we'll get one for you.

24 VICE CHAIR MORGO: I may have
25 missed it. That's quite possible.

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2 Thank you.

3 VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS: You're
4 welcome.

5 And we do want to thank the
6 support that the Board of Trustees has
7 provided especially with our cash flow
8 and also the leadership under President
9 Petrizzo.

10 TRUSTEE SANDERS: Hi. This is
11 Theresa Sanders. I wanted you just to
12 go over again -- you spoke about the
13 enrollment. Can you just go over those
14 numbers again, the increase?

15 VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS: Sure. So
16 last month when we reported our numbers,
17 when we looked at our full-time and
18 part-time and the mix, we were about 17
19 percent down. And we looked at it both
20 from year to year, but also from where
21 we needed to be to budget.

22 Based on the work and I would say
23 the aggressive approach in terms of
24 ensuring that we reach out to the
25 students, the arena, the events that

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2 were led by Dr. Adams and his team with
3 the support of other members, we were
4 able to pretty much cut that number in
5 half.

6 So right now we're about 8.7
7 percent down, but when we look at it we
8 still have some outstanding pieces that
9 we're not sure where we are, the
10 concurrent enrollment and also the
11 noncredit programs.

12 So with where we are, the hope,
13 and we're a little bit optimistic that
14 we will get to what we have budgeted.
15 And I think for us that will be a good
16 step to start at least where we were
17 budgeted versus being further away from
18 that targeted budgeted number.

19 TRUSTEE SANDERS: And
20 congratulations. Thank you for that
21 clarity. You know, we had some students
22 work this summer, and I know that there
23 was a very aggressive approach, and I do
24 want to congratulate all of you and in
25 particular Dr. Adams. It's been one of

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2 the things we worry about is the
3 enrollment, those STEs, and a lot of
4 colleges are not doing well. So when I
5 heard that, I was like, can you repeat
6 that one more time? So congratulations.
7 That's really good.

8 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: If I can
9 just chime in here. As you recall, we
10 had budgeted that we would be down 7
11 percent. So we're pretty close to that
12 projection now. I want to thank
13 Dr. Pederson for his work in helping us
14 with these projections.

15 You should know of the 30
16 community colleges, 27 had higher losses
17 of enrollment than Suffolk did. So
18 while we're not happy with being behind
19 Herks and Avis (phonetic) at number 3,
20 we are still very pleased to be ahead of
21 the other 27, especially our brothers
22 and sisters over at Nassau.

23 So it's been an interesting
24 situation with enrollment because we sat
25 around in July and the end of June and

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2 we're wondering where is everybody, and
3 in the last 2 weeks, 2 and a half, 3
4 weeks in August, we found out where
5 everybody is. It's human nature. Folks
6 don't do things until they have to, and
7 the last 3 weeks of August into the
8 beginning of September, we saw a great
9 surge of folks coming to the College for
10 enrollment.

11 And great work by Dr. Adams and
12 his team. Great work by Mary Lou on the
13 media and the advertising that we did,
14 and a lot of hard work by a lot of folks
15 to make that happen. So kudos to all.

16 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: I don't mind
17 piling on to this one because I can't --
18 what everybody said is so true. The
19 efforts that were put in place and what
20 was done to get our community students
21 involved in Suffolk and the way it was
22 done, the creative efforts that were put
23 in place were amazing, and so I do thank
24 the whole staff for what they have
25 accomplished here and really delivered

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2 on the mission that we're supposed to
3 take. So I am piling on the right way.

4 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you, Kevin.

5 I was just going to say the same
6 thing. I do appreciate the efforts of
7 the administration, PR. We are third
8 from the bottom, but that is a good
9 thing, and some of the other community
10 colleges suffered substantially greater
11 loss of enrollment than we did and what
12 happened to us. So overall it was a
13 good outcome.

14 We still have a chance to improve
15 because of late enrollment and other
16 adjustments. So we get down to close to
17 that 7 percent which we budgeted,
18 financially that's good for the College
19 and it's really a testament to how hard
20 everybody worked.

21 TRUSTEE CANARY: Mr. Chairman,
22 Gordon. If I can just add one more
23 comment. I said this time and time
24 again ad nauseam, but Suffolk Community
25 College continues to lead the way in so

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2 many innovative programs that we come up
3 with. We are a model for so many other
4 community colleges, and once again the
5 staff steps up and does an incredible
6 media blitz.

7 And I think when you look at
8 Nassau County, like Lou said, Nassau
9 County is hurting bad, but I didn't see
10 anything to the level of advertising and
11 what we did that Nassau did not do. And
12 I really think that's a big part of the
13 equation here as to why we are seeing
14 much, much better numbers.

15 So, again, kudos to all involved
16 in that effort, and it has really proven
17 effective. Thank you.

18 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: This is Kevin
19 again. Just to echo that. I know the
20 late start program is -- and if we can
21 advertise that more two weeks before it
22 starts, that was a great, innovative
23 thing you did, Chris.

24 VICE PRESIDENT ADAMS: Thank you,
25 Trustee O'Connor. I appreciate that.

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2 CHAIR MURRAY: We do have three
3 resolutions. I'm going to comment on
4 the last one during my chair's report,
5 but are there any questions with regard
6 to the resolutions? I'm not hearing
7 any.

8 Then I'm going to request a
9 motion for the approval of College
10 resolution numbers 2020.45 through
11 2020.47.

12 Priscilla, would you like to make
13 that motion?

14 TRUSTEE ZARATE: Trustee Zarate
15 making that motion.

16 CHAIR MURRAY: Jim, will you
17 second it?

18 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Second.

19 CHAIR MURRAY: All those in favor
20 say aye. Any opposed? Thank you.

21 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND
22 SECONDED WAS VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

23 CHAIR MURRAY: As I said, I'm
24 going to talk about the last resolution
25 during my Chair's report.

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2 So at this point let's go into
3 the committee reports. Budget and
4 Finance, did you meet this month? Is
5 there a report to give? Kevin?

6 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Nothing to
7 report. Thank you, sir.

8 CHAIR MURRAY: Student Success?

9 TRUSTEE PADANGANAN: Yes,
10 Mr. Chair.

11 The Student Success Committee met
12 on September 15th with Dr. Adams to
13 discuss enrollment numbers, and one
14 thing I wanted to highlight as we have
15 said previously, but it's more the
16 collective efforts of Lou, the faculty,
17 the staff, those who all volunteered for
18 the in-person enrollment days which
19 proved to be a success in the students'
20 experience during enrollment.

21 The College also anticipates
22 further enrollment from our high school
23 program and the late start outreach as
24 Trustee Kevin O'Connor had mentioned.

25 Due to the success of using this

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2 arena, the in-person enrollment, to
3 engage with students for the fall 2020,
4 the College is now looking to using this
5 format in the upcoming winter and spring
6 semesters. This boost to enrollment
7 also that occurred led to a decision to
8 make added promotional efforts as I said
9 on the late start option which enables
10 students to register for classes that
11 will be offered remotely for 10 weeks
12 starting October 7th and concluding on
13 December 23rd.

14 This outreach has targeted
15 individuals who have returned home to
16 Long Island from another college, in
17 part that students who may want to
18 become full-time. Promotion on this
19 late start appears in Newsday, on social
20 media platforms, postcards, and
21 feedback.

22 Dr. Adams also discussed the
23 extent of the Beacon Program which
24 enables Suffolk to offer college credit
25 to our high school students. Typically

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2 about 5,000 to 6,000 high school
3 students are enrolled in this program
4 which has created a positive effect on
5 our enrollment total numbers. This
6 program starts in October.

7 We also -- the CARES Act funds,
8 approximately 3.7 million has been
9 disbursed out of the total 6.5 million
10 received for the College.

11 And in the area of Public Safety,
12 the College's public safety officers
13 have been checking in employees and
14 students planning on coming on campus if
15 they review the college ID card and
16 receive a check of completion of the
17 health screening questionnaire.

18 Dr. Adams's report says the
19 operation has been running efficiently
20 and smoothly. And given the combination
21 of the remote learning and classroom
22 learning, the College is averaging about
23 400 students coming to campus Monday
24 through Friday.

25 In the area of institutional

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2 advancement, Vice President Mary Lou
3 Araneo informed the committee that the
4 SUNY Chancellor Malatras has announced
5 the mandatory COVID-19 testing of
6 on-campus students for all 64 SUNY
7 campuses.

8 In response to this mandate the
9 College is now working towards being
10 able to begin the full saliva testing
11 starting September 28th. This testing
12 which has been approved by the
13 Department of Health is an innovative
14 method where swab samples can be pulled
15 in batches and run as part of 1 test.

16 The College's proposed testing
17 plan has been submitted to SUNY, and we
18 are waiting final approval to ensure it
19 adheres to both guidelines shared with
20 the campus administration.

21 Carol Wickliffe-Campbell also
22 informed the committee that the College
23 has seen an increase in student requests
24 for laptops and Chromebooks, and in some
25 cases the students pay for software

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2 applications to differ. The example she
3 gave us is students who are studying in
4 the nursing program. 181 devices have
5 been given out so far.

6 Student Trustee Gambina reported
7 that students are adjusting to the start
8 of a new school year, as well as going
9 over clubs and club leaders with the
10 hope of launching activities for
11 students to participate in.

12 We discussed the Spanish --
13 National Hispanic Heritage Month, and
14 Dr. Adams will also be following up with
15 Trustee Zarate and Gemma deLeon-Lopresti
16 together with Chief Diversity Officer
17 Christina Vargas on the topic of
18 diversity which is part of our
19 institutional goal as our College's
20 strategic plan.

21 That's my report, Mr. Chair.

22 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you very
23 much. Any questions? If not, I'll move
24 to the governance report, Governance
25 Committee?

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2 TRUSTEE CANARY: Yes. Thank you,
3 Chair Murray.

4 The Governance Committee met on
5 Monday, September 14th, 3:00 -- about
6 4:00.

7 Deputy General Counsel Alicia
8 O'Connor updated the committee on
9 several applications for use of
10 facilities from external organizations.
11 The College is looking for guidance on
12 the Board's decision for holding such
13 events in light of COVID-19
14 restrictions.

15 DGC O'Connor informed the
16 committee that the College currently has
17 an application from the Suffolk County
18 Department of Civil Service to use 30
19 classrooms on October 17th for civil
20 service promotional exams.

21 Discussion was held on the
22 protocols that would be performed by the
23 College and the County. The committee
24 feels the College should request that
25 the Civil Service Department provide the

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2 College with its COVID-19 safety plan
3 for the testing including their health
4 screening protocols for exam takers.

5 The College would encourage
6 sanctions for permitting this use which
7 should be charged to the County,
8 including the need to have custodial
9 staff to clean and sanitize the rooms,
10 having plant operation staff mark desks
11 where test takers may sit in the
12 classrooms to meet the social distancing
13 requirements, affixing markers on the
14 floors to direct the flow of foot
15 traffic, setting up sanitation stations
16 in the required classrooms, and having
17 COVID safety officers on site on the day
18 of the exam.

19 Special Events will work up an
20 estimate on these expenses and relay
21 that information to County.

22 In addition to the expenses, it
23 was suggested that the County make the
24 test applicants aware of the protocols
25 that the applicants would need to take

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2 and that they should allow for
3 additional time to get on campus,
4 getting through the security
5 checkpoints.

6 DGC O'Connor stated that
7 permitting these tests to take place
8 will require a high level of
9 communication between the College and
10 the County.

11 Another application is from
12 Senator Boyle's office for a blood drive
13 with the New York Blood Center on
14 Tuesday, October 21st. DGC O'Connor is
15 going to research how the blood center
16 is currently conducting their blood
17 drives at other locations to ensure
18 safety and request that they provide the
19 College with their COVID-19 safety plan,
20 and then report back to the committee.

21 If the civil service exam can't
22 be accommodated in a safe fashion, the
23 College would like to move forward with
24 the application for the CFA, being the
25 certified financial accountants exam,

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2 which in the past already has had very
3 strict protocols in place.

4 Other applications for use of
5 facilities were denied due to the fact
6 that they are not authorized under the
7 arts and entertainment categories of the
8 governor's reopening plan such as the
9 performance by the American Dance
10 Theatre Company, the reptile expo, and
11 the car show.

12 The committee will review the
13 proposed dates for the 2021 Governance
14 Committee meeting and will confirm at
15 their next meeting if the dates will
16 work for the next meeting.

17 Agenda items for the October
18 governance meeting will be added as they
19 are revised. The next Governance
20 Committee meeting has been scheduled for
21 Monday, October 12th, at 4:00, again by
22 phone I'm sure, and the committee
23 adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

24 That is my report, Mr. Chairman.
25 If there are any questions from anybody?

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2 CHAIR MURRAY: Any questions?

3 Thank you, Gordon.

4 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you,

5 Mr. Chair.

6 CHAIR MURRAY: Personnel

7 Committee, Gemma, do you have anything

8 to report?

9 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Nothing

10 to report right now.

11 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you.

12 Facilities, nothing to report.

13 Foundation, is there a report for

14 the Foundation?

15 TRUSTEE PADANGANAN: Just a real

16 quick one, Mr. Chair.

17 The Foundation met on September

18 17th. I would like to report on the

19 scholarship success and especially with

20 the numbers.

21 We recently completed the fall

22 2020 scholarship cycle, and I'm

23 delighted to report that we experienced

24 a 19 percent increase in the number of

25 student scholarship applications

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2 received to our online system compared
3 to last year. Also have to report that
4 96 percent of the scholarships have been
5 awarded to deserving students at
6 subcommittee college.

7 We are currently working to
8 identify and reward 4 remaining
9 scholarships that had zero applicants.

10 Special thanks to the Foundation
11 Scholarship Program Coordinator, Kristie
12 David, the Dean of Enrollment
13 Management, Joanne Braxton, Mary
14 Durnback (phonetic), and the
15 Foundation's development for continuing
16 to successfully respond to our student
17 scholarships during this uncertain time.

18 We also have our first ever
19 virtual fundraising event, and that was
20 Sipping for Scholarships which was
21 hosted in August by our partners at
22 Macari Vineyards.

23 This event brought together
24 alumni, faculty, staff, friends, and
25 family to learn about wine from one of

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2 the region's most recognized sommeliers,
3 Ms. Gabriella Macari, a second
4 generation vintner and wine matching
5 expert. She guided our guests through a
6 tasting of the vineyard's most popular
7 wines that were delivered to guests'
8 homes prior to the event.

9 Lastly, we are going to be having
10 our first virtual ever 2020 Virtual
11 Shark Shuffle. This is inspired by
12 President Lou Petrizzo's alma mater, Le
13 Moyne College, recently sponsored a
14 dolphin dash virtual 5K run.

15 The Shark Shuffle will also serve
16 as a fundraising with proceeds dedicated
17 to our student scholarships. It's
18 scheduled on October 12th, October 26th
19 and will engage students, faculty,
20 staff, family, and friends to our
21 Suffolk neighborhoods and communities.
22 You can run, walk, scoot, skate, ride,
23 or tag along with your furry friend to
24 complete a 5K in our community.

25 Anyone interested in signing up

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2 can see any Foundation member, and I
3 also encourage all board members to
4 participate or go back to our companies
5 and see how we can generate interest in
6 this by getting our colleagues at work
7 to participate in this Shark Shuffle.

8 That's my report, Mr. Chair.

9 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you. Any
10 questions?

11 I don't hear any so we'll go to
12 the Student Trustee, Kaitlyn?

13 TRUSTEE GAMBINA: Thank you,
14 Mr. Chair.

15 Bell covered a lot of the topics
16 mostly going on. Since we can't
17 participate in activities on campus, it
18 makes it a little more difficult. So we
19 started hosting student government
20 meetings over Zoom so we can at least
21 connect and plan for the next semester.

22 We're also trying to get together
23 clubs and club leaders to figure out how
24 we're going to approach upcoming events,
25 and since now is the time when students

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2 are mostly looking for activities to do,
3 we don't want to miss that window of
4 them looking to join clubs.

5 In the spring semester we had a
6 few little concerns, but we're working
7 them out. It's going to be a difficult
8 semester, and that's pretty much it.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you,
11 Kaitlyn. Any questions for Kaitlyn?

12 If not, Theresa, do you have
13 anything to report on the presidential
14 search?

15 TRUSTEE SANDERS: Thank you,
16 Mr Chairman.

17 We have some prospects in the
18 pipeline and organizing now to put
19 together a committee meeting, search
20 committee meeting, soon to take a look
21 at some of those prospects, but we are
22 still asking board members and others if
23 you have people that may be eligible,
24 you can submit their names via the
25 portal on the Suffolk Community College

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2 website or tell your prospects to submit
3 their own documents, but we're still
4 working.

5 Thank you so much.

6 CHAIR MURRAY: It's a difficult
7 time to do this, and hopefully as things
8 progressively get better, we will be
9 able to fill the position. We thank you
10 for your efforts.

11 That's it for the committee
12 reports so the Chair's report there are
13 two things I would like to talk about.
14 First is resolution number 2020.47.
15 This is generated from the Board of
16 Trustees. I'm just going to read it.
17 Give me some leeway to do that.

18 It states whereas in the
19 unprecedented time of the COVID-19
20 pandemic, Suffolk Community College has
21 faced daunting challenges fulfilling its
22 mission.

23 And whereas these challenges
24 include keeping our students safe while
25 at the same time providing them

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2 educational and instructional services
3 so they can continue with improving
4 their lives and careers.

5 And whereas Suffolk Community
6 College has experienced deep financial
7 reductions for aid from New York State,
8 and whereas additional reductions in
9 State aid are anticipated.

10 And whereas the administration,
11 faculty, employees, and students have
12 worked cooperatively in addressing these
13 challenges going far and above any
14 efforts that one could anticipate.

15 And whereas the exempt employees
16 are having their salaries reduced by
17 five percent, and whereas the faculty
18 employees represented by unions have
19 entered into agreements to provide
20 concessions to assist the College in
21 addressing the financial strains caused
22 by the reduction in the State aid.

23 And whereas the administration
24 led by Interim President Lou Petrizzo,
25 the faculty, all employees, and the

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2 students have made sacrifices on behalf
3 of the College during this crisis be it
4 therefore resolved that the Suffolk
5 Community College Board of Trustees
6 express its deep appreciation to the
7 administration, faculty, employees, and
8 students for the dedication, hard work,
9 and cooperative efforts in assisting
10 Suffolk Community College in addressing
11 the challenges created by the COVID-19
12 pandemic and the financial, emotional,
13 and societal impacts caused by the
14 virus, which have permitted Suffolk
15 Community College to continue to fulfill
16 its mission and maintain financial
17 stability.

18 I think that resolution speaks
19 for itself, but the Board of Trustees
20 does want to recognize all the
21 employees, the administration, and the
22 students for their sacrifices and their
23 efforts, and it's through these
24 cooperative efforts and working together
25 the College is doing as best as it can

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2 in these really difficult times, and
3 we're looking forward to better days for
4 our country and the school, but we've
5 been working -- they have been working
6 very hard and we wanted to acknowledge
7 that in a public way, and I think the
8 resolution is well deserved.

9 VICE CHAIR MORGO: This is Jim.
10 Chris, I would like to move the
11 resolution for adoption unless you want
12 to.

13 CHAIR MURRAY: We actually
14 already adopted it.

15 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Okay.

16 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Thank you,
17 Mr. Chairman, and thank you to the
18 members of the Board for this
19 resolution. It's always nice to know
20 that our efforts are being appreciated.
21 Everybody is sharing in the pain, and it
22 is pain for many of our employees,
23 faculty, staff, and exempts.

24 And I want to particularly thank
25 the union leadership for being

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2 cooperative in allowing this to happen.
3 They did have collective bargaining
4 agreements. We were obligated to do
5 certain things under those agreements,
6 but on behalf of the Faculty
7 Association, Dante Morelli,
8 on behalf of the Guild, Sean Tvelia, and
9 on behalf of AME, Dan Levler, all
10 recognized the situation that we were
11 in, what was in the best interest of not
12 only the College but actually the
13 employees and the students, and they
14 joined in to make these sacrifices and
15 that needs to be recognized, and we all
16 need to recognize that everybody here is
17 sharing in the pain.

18 And we do appreciate your
19 expression of gratitude so thank you.
20 Thank you very much.

21 CHAIR MURRAY: You're welcome.
22 Anybody else have any comments?
23 If not, the only other thing I would
24 like to talk about is I know we always
25 talk about efficacy on behalf of the

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2 College and usually around budget time,
3 and the State and the County, but during
4 this period of time I think efficacy on
5 behalf of the College is actually very
6 critical.

7 We've had discussions about the
8 Excelsior program, the TAP program, and
9 the reduction in the availability of
10 those funds and how that may harm the
11 students and their ability to attend the
12 university. There are discussions about
13 next year's budget and what that's going
14 to mean for the school.

15 So I would like to urge people
16 that benefit from the school to speak up
17 and express the need for -- to be
18 realistic about how the College needs to
19 function.

20 Obviously there are significant
21 financial troubles being inflicted by
22 COVID-19, but as in anything government,
23 the squeaky wheel tends to do better
24 than the ones who are silent.

25 We can follow-up with this

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2 talking about what kind of advocacy we
3 can do to try to protect the College as
4 best we can. So while usually our
5 advocacy centers around April and
6 September when the budget is being
7 adopted, I think it's important that we
8 hear out our advocacy at this point
9 also.

10 So those are the two items I
11 wanted like to discuss, and again, I
12 appreciate you indulging me.

13 Any other comments or questions?

14 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Chris, on your
15 second comment, that kind of advocacy
16 could extend to enrollment too. The
17 more advocacy we do, the more we
18 encourage people to enroll in the
19 College.

20 You know, I would hope to see us
21 get even better than the budgeted 7
22 percent decline. If you look at the
23 other 30 community colleges, and that's
24 how you have to judge things, we've done
25 remarkably well.

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2 But if we continue to talk to our
3 friends and neighbors about what an
4 incredible deal Suffolk Community
5 College is, I think we can even help
6 enrollment that way.

7 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you.

8 Anyone else?

9 If not, I move to the president's
10 report.

11 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Thank you
12 Mr. Chairman and members of the board.
13 Good morning.

14 Classes started at the College on
15 September 2nd. Hooray for that. You
16 know we had -- we certainly had our
17 doubts about that date coming true, but
18 it has.

19 Essentially we are about 90
20 percent remote and about 10 percent
21 face-to-face with social distancing.
22 Combination of face-to-face classes and
23 remote modalities are in place.

24 And so far things have run fairly
25 smoothly considering the steps and the

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2 hurdles that everybody had to go through
3 to get to this point.

4 Access to the three campuses
5 remains restricted. Employees and
6 students go through a screening each day
7 in order to come on to campus, and the
8 new SUNY regulations coming from the
9 chancellor will now require that all
10 students and all employees who come on
11 to the campus will be tested under the
12 pool surveillance testing program which
13 was mentioned earlier, and which in a
14 few minutes I'll ask Dean Irene Rios to
15 give you a little bit more detail on
16 that program. It's a very interesting
17 method of screening for COVID-19.

18 CARES Act money continues to be
19 distributed. We've given out about \$3.7
20 million of the student grant fund and
21 we're continuing to distribute funds as
22 applications come in.

23 Institutional CARES Act money is
24 also being extended where appropriate.
25 For example, we recently purchased

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2 additional -- 100 additional laptop
3 computers for distribution to students.

4 As you heard earlier in I think
5 the student success report, we are
6 getting computers back from students who
7 used them over the summer,
8 redistributing that to students who need
9 them in the fall. So that process
10 continues under the College's programs.

11 Yesterday we had an interesting
12 day. We accepted a donation from
13 Volkswagen of a 2020 Atlas SUV for the
14 auto tech program. The Volkswagen
15 dealers and corporate folks from
16 Volkswagen were on campus for that
17 dedication.

18 The vehicle will be used by auto
19 tech to develop future Volkswagen
20 trained auto techs for their dealerships
21 on Long Island.

22 New York State Assemblyman Doug
23 Smith was also at the ceremony, and he
24 presented certificates of recognition to
25 the Volkswagen dealers and corporate

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2 representatives as a thank you for the
3 donation.

4 And it is a beautiful vehicle
5 that will make very good use of in our
6 auto tech program.

7 Our auto tech program continues
8 to shine, continues to see high
9 enrollment, and continues to produce
10 many of the auto techs needed for the
11 Nassau and Suffolk County workforce.

12 The program received high reviews
13 and high ratings from the Volkswagen
14 folks who were there yesterday and
15 comparing it to other programs in the
16 area, and we received very high -- I'm
17 getting a lot of static. I don't know
18 who. Maybe somebody needs to be muted.

19 The main problem right now as you
20 heard concerns our State aid and our
21 contributions to the Excelsior, TAP, and
22 State grants. We're very concerned
23 about the programs and about the amount
24 of aid that would eventually be
25 distributed.

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2 It's kind of important to keep in
3 mind that we are coming to the point
4 where we were six months into the State
5 budget year and we still do not know
6 what our State aid will be, and I don't
7 believe we received any of our 2021
8 State aid at all from the State. So
9 this is becoming a very concerning
10 situation. I think it's something that
11 can't go on too much longer.

12 Excelsior, TAP are very important
13 programs at this College. Many of our
14 students count on those programs and
15 having them up the air this late into
16 the semester is a very bad situation for
17 all involved.

18 So hopefully we can see some
19 relief or at least some certainty coming
20 out of Albany on these programs by the
21 end of the month.

22 Again, we are six months into the
23 budget year and still don't know what
24 we're going to be receiving.

25 So let me turn this over right

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2 now to Dean Irene Rios and ask her to
3 give you a very brief update on what
4 this pool surveillance COVID testing is
5 all about since it will be affecting all
6 the students and employees who will come
7 on campus.

8 Dean Rios?

9 DEAN RIOS: Can you all hear me?

10 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: I believe
11 so, yes.

12 DEAN RIOS: Thank you
13 Mr. Petrizzo, and good morning Chair
14 Murray and members of the Board of
15 Trustees.

16 I have a very brief update
17 including a few details on our
18 college-wide testing strategy, and I
19 will be happy to take questions
20 afterward.

21 As I mentioned earlier, about two
22 weeks ago SUNY Chancellor Malatras has
23 announced mandatory COVID-19 testing for
24 all students attending on-campus courses
25 across all 64 SUNY colleges.

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2 This announcement of course
3 required us to implement a COVID-19
4 testing program to ensure our
5 approximately 2,500 students
6 college-wide this fall be tested on a
7 regular basis at least three times per
8 semester.

9 The details that SUNY sent us
10 were very encompassing and very
11 detailed. Mr. Petrizzo asked us to
12 utilize a new innovative testing process
13 offered by SUNY, the COVID-19 pool
14 saliva testing method. This was
15 approved by New York State Department of
16 Health and developed and validated by
17 SUNY Upstate Medical University's lab
18 along with Quadrant Biosciences lab.

19 So we started our work working
20 with a subgroup of the College's
21 existing Safe Start Task Force which Mr.
22 Petrizzo put together a number of months
23 ago. We began our work to implement the
24 pool saliva testing method for all of
25 your campuses.

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2 Our subgroup included the campus
3 leaders, myself, Dr. Beaudin, and
4 Dr. Ciampa, in addition to Mary Lou
5 Araneo, Ashley Pope, Carol
6 Wickliffe-Campbell, Angelica Rivera,
7 Cheryl Schaffer, Baycan Fideli, Chris
8 Adams, and David Schneider.

9 We wrote the College's proposed
10 testing plan. We received Mr.
11 Petrizzo's approval of the plan, and we
12 submitted it to SUNY for review. We now
13 await final approval after making a few
14 adjustments to the plan that SUNY asked
15 us to take a look at. So we should be
16 well on our way soon.

17 A little bit of detail about our
18 process. This test is an innovative
19 method where numerous individual saliva
20 samples can be run as part of 1 COVID
21 test. Saliva samples are pooled in
22 batches or cohorts as small as 10 and as
23 large as 25 samples. The pool testing
24 allows for up to 25 people to be
25 screened in 1 test. The test is done

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2 using saliva rather than swabs inserted
3 into a patient's nose.

4 Individuals administer the test
5 themselves, swabbing their mouths for 10
6 or 15 seconds each, and then they
7 provide the saliva sample to a health
8 care staff member who then combines the
9 10 or 25 samples into 1 batch. That
10 batch is then tested for coronavirus at
11 the lab where we send our samples to.

12 So some of the details of our
13 campus plan include beginning the week
14 of September 28th and continuing through
15 early December students attending on
16 campus will be tested up to 3 times per
17 semester.

18 We have identified pooling test
19 sites or clinics as we're going to call
20 them, testing clinics, on all of our
21 campuses. We have a clinic at Ammerman
22 and the Babylon Student Center, at the
23 Michael J. Grant campus in Captree
24 Commons, and the Eastern campus in the
25 Peconic building, and on select dates

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2 per month in the Culinary Arts and
3 Hospitality Center.

4 A schedule for the testing sites
5 or clinic is being finalized. Efforts
6 are being made to add a Saturday or an
7 evening clinic once per month so we can
8 help our evening students get to campus
9 and do this before or after their class.

10 Each campus CEO has arranged a
11 process to invite students to the
12 testing clinic. We will also work with
13 Chris Adams to invite all athletic team
14 members that are attending on-campus
15 practices. They need to be tested as
16 well.

17 We will invite faculty and staff
18 who work on campus to voluntarily
19 participate in this test. We are only
20 mandated to test students, but we will
21 invite faculty and staff if they want to
22 participate.

23 Every student will need to
24 register with SUNY. Students can only
25 be tested in one pool, and for the most

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2 part we're hoping to test -- we plan to
3 test by class section so we can preserve
4 the delivery of a course in case a
5 student is positive, the entire cohort
6 needs to isolate, and I'll get to that
7 detail in a moment, but then the entire
8 class can remotely learn for the two
9 weeks of isolation.

10 On each of our three campuses the
11 pool testing operations will be
12 coordinated by our college-wide
13 Associate Dean for the School of
14 Nursing, Dr. Cheryl Schaffer.

15 Dr. Schaffer has arranged for our
16 nursing students to staff most of these
17 testing clinics, thereby insuring that
18 the procedures and protocols are
19 properly followed, that the staff is
20 trained in privacy and confidentiality
21 are maintained.

22 Our nursing students will be
23 supervised by nursing faculty and will
24 fulfill their clinical requirement while
25 helping the College address this student

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2 testing mandate.

3 So we are very grateful to
4 Dr. Schaffer and the nursing faculty for
5 helping us with this initiative.

6 For each testing clinic, samples
7 will be combined in batches up to 25
8 samples, and we will send these batches
9 to SUNY Upstate Medical lab once per
10 week where they will be analyzed for the
11 COVID virus. We will receive results
12 weekly and follow up accordingly.

13 So here is the follow up. A
14 negative test of the 25 samples in the
15 group is presumed that at the time all
16 are coronavirus free.

17 A positive test for the pool
18 would mean that every person's sample
19 from that group would need to be
20 individually tested to determine who in
21 the pool is COVID positive.

22 And as part of the process each
23 swab that the individual extracts their
24 saliva with is also sent to the lab. So
25 we code every sample and we'll know by

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2 the code who the person is, and the lab
3 can drill down from the sample to
4 identify who in the sample is positive.
5 So that's a real positive thing for us.

6 Once we receive these positive
7 results, we will then notify the pool to
8 either isolate for up to 14 days or
9 until the individual that has the test
10 that's positive provides a negative
11 COVID-19 result.

12 We will refer theses individuals
13 for follow-up care, and as I said
14 earlier, if an entire section of a
15 course is found to be positive, remote
16 learning will then take place
17 temporarily. Otherwise students will
18 work with their professors remotely
19 during their isolation.

20 For students this test is a SUNY
21 mandate. It's required. The protect
22 SUNY agreement that we put together that
23 each students completes while attending
24 on-campus courses has been modified to
25 include this testing mandate as a

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2 student expectation.

3 If a student refuses to be
4 tested, which we don't really expect,
5 but if a student refuses to be tested,
6 they may be denied access to campus, but
7 we will certainly counsel and speak with
8 those students individually.

9 These mandatory tests is
10 certainly an approach that blends well
11 into our existing Safe Start Plan
12 encompassing a strong relationship with
13 the Suffolk Department of Health and the
14 enforcement of the safety protocols
15 we've put in place, which have been
16 successful so far, including wearing
17 face masks, practicing proper hand
18 hygiene, reducing population density and
19 physical distancing, and the
20 implementation of the daily health
21 screening and symptom monitoring.

22 So it's our belief that the many
23 safety protocols that are now working
24 effectively will help us to contain the
25 spread and keep everyone on campus safe.

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2 That's a lot of detailed
3 information. Do you have any questions
4 for me?

5 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Trustee
6 Gemma Lopresti. I have a question.

7 DEAN RIOS: Yes.

8 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: What is
9 the turnaround time to get the results
10 of the test?

11 DEAN RIOS: It's 24 to 48 hours.
12 So we hope to send our tests in weekly
13 to Syracuse. The tests have to go to
14 Syracuse Upstate Medical Center. So we
15 can UPS them or we can drive them, and
16 we're still finalizing those details.

17 If we get the batches to SUNY
18 Upstate Medical Center labs by 3:00 p.m.
19 on Thursday, we can have results by the
20 end of the day on Friday, and that is
21 our hope.

22 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Okay.
23 Thank you.

24 TRUSTEE CANARY: Gordon Canary.

25 DEAN RIOS: Hi, Gordon.

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2 TRUSTEE CANARY: Dean Rios, thank
3 you for your efforts and that briefing.
4 Hopefully that goes smoothly and thanks
5 to our nursing program and all of our
6 nursing students for getting involved in
7 that. That would be great, great
8 practical hands-on application.

9 The question I have for you, has
10 there been any discussion at all from
11 SUNY about when a vaccine is made
12 available, has there been any discussion
13 about possibly utilizing our campuses as
14 a vaccine distribution location?

15 DEAN RIOS: Gordon, not that I
16 know of. Mr. Petrizzo may have more
17 information on that.

18 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: No, Gordon.
19 There have not been discussions along
20 those lines with respect to distribution
21 of the vaccine.

22 But if you're suspecting that
23 this pool surveillance testing is a
24 result of the situation that occurred at
25 SUNY Oneonta, I think you would be

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2 correct.

3 This pool testing requirement
4 came almost directly following the SUNY
5 Oneonta situation, whereas everybody
6 knows they turned up 600 to 700 COVID
7 positive individuals and required
8 everyone to return home and all classes
9 to go remote.

10 So this is a reaction to what
11 happened there. It's probably the best
12 reaction that could have been devised
13 because it does come with a cost, but at
14 least the pooling diminishes the cost
15 somewhat.

16 I think we've estimated that this
17 is going to cost the College about
18 150,000 for the semester to do the
19 tests, not including the cost of
20 FedExing or UPSing the biohazard
21 materials up to SUNY Upstate from the
22 campus. So it's expensive.

23 It's something that's a mandate,
24 and I think in the final analysis it's
25 something that will be a benefit to the

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2 students and to the employees. At least
3 we'll know what our situation is on a --
4 if not at daily basis, certainly a
5 weekly basis.

6 TRUSTEE CANARY: Lou, on the
7 question of the issue of the cost to the
8 College, is this cost something that we
9 can get covered through the CARES Act
10 monies?

11 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: That's our
12 intent. What we do with CARES Act
13 issues that we intend to apply for, we
14 first run them through the SUNY
15 financial folks and get an opinion from
16 them to make sure that we're not
17 stepping across a line that will come
18 back to bite us later on, but I think
19 clearly from my reading of the
20 regulations this is something that would
21 fall within the institutional CARES Act
22 funding. So we would be making
23 application for that, yes.

24 TRUSTEE CANARY: That's good to
25 know, and I think I can speak for the

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2 entire Board, that we certainly want to
3 be kept abreast of how the pooling
4 results happen, if we have any kind of
5 outbreaks, I guess, we all want to know
6 about it. So thank you and good luck
7 with that program.

8 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Okay. Thank
9 you.

10 DEAN RIOS: Thank you.

11 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: And other
12 questions for Dean Rios? No.

13 DEAN RIOS: Thank you very much.

14 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Thank you,
15 Dean Rios.

16 I have one more matter to bring
17 to your attention, and I'm going to ask
18 that Vice President Araneo and Sylvia
19 Diaz, if they are on the line, talk to
20 you about some interesting events that
21 are coming out of the Foundation that
22 have been percolating for quite some
23 time, but we're getting close to them
24 coming to a head. So we wanted to let
25 you know what was going on.

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2 Vice President Araneo?

3 VICE PRESIDENT ARANEO: Yes.

4 Thank you, Mr. Petrizzo.

5 At a meeting earlier this week
6 the College's Foundation Board of
7 Directors passed a resolution related to
8 proposed transfer of scholarships funds
9 from Dowling College.

10 As you know, this process has
11 been underway for almost two years. To
12 effect this transfer there is a proposed
13 site praise petition prepared by counsel
14 to Dowling College to present to the New
15 York State Attorney General and her
16 professional colleagues in the charities
17 bureau.

18 As part of this petition
19 Dowling's legal team asked the
20 Foundation for supporting resolution.
21 The resolution was passed and expresses
22 gratitude and willingness to accept the
23 future transfer of the scholarship funds
24 designated in the petition and for those
25 funds to be managed in perpetuity to

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2 support students of Suffolk Community
3 College in continuance of the goals
4 expressed by the various Dowling donors.

5 So while this effort is not yet
6 complete, we are inching closer to the
7 finish line, and we wanted to bring you
8 up-to-date on the current status of
9 those conversations.

10 CHAIR MURRAY: Do you know how
11 much is involved?

12 VICE PRESIDENT ARANEO: Again, at
13 this time when we began having meetings
14 with the Dowling team, the amount was
15 \$1.5 million. We think with
16 appreciation it's probably at about 1.8
17 million at this point. There are 50
18 scholarships that are involved.

19 Are there any other questions?

20 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Just a
21 comment. This is Gemma Lopresti. That
22 is wonderful work. That is great news
23 to hear at a time when I'm sure our
24 students can really, really use some
25 scholarship money.

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2 Just a quick question. Were we
3 in the running? Were we competing with
4 other organizations who also wanted that
5 access, or were we just the number one
6 choice?

7 VICE PRESIDENT ARANEO: Well,
8 actually the team at Dowling was
9 originally drawn to Suffolk in a lot of
10 different ways. Many of the former
11 board members were alumni or business
12 partners with Suffolk. There were
13 relationships across many different
14 industries among the membership.

15 And more importantly, the group
16 was very interested in our stay on Long
17 Island approach to scholarship
18 distribution that link our graduates
19 with four years institutions on Long
20 Island.

21 So this is a way that they felt
22 they could continue to see benefit to
23 our region through our graduates and
24 through the various discipline-specific
25 scholarships that had been established

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2 by the donors at Dowling.

3 MS. DIAZ: I just wanted to
4 mention also that we owe a debt of
5 gratitude to our Trustee Kevin O'Connor
6 who is an alum at Dowling as well and
7 assisted us in getting -- in becoming a
8 contender for these funds. So we
9 appreciate his advocacy as well.

10 TRUSTEE CANARY: Kudos to Kevin
11 for those efforts, and Sylvia and Mary
12 Lou, this is really wonderful, great
13 exciting news. What a shot in the arm
14 for the Foundation, and it helps to turn
15 a really bad story of Dowling's demise
16 into something positive. So, again,
17 very exciting. Great to hear. Great to
18 know. Thank you. Thank you for your
19 efforts.

20 VICE PRESIDENT ARANEO: Thank you
21 so much.

22 I want to commend the team for
23 pulling together. It was a lot of work.
24 We worked very closely with the legal
25 team to actually do a crosswalk between

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2 every single one of those scholarships
3 and how we can make it work using the
4 solely stay on Long Island scholarship
5 method.

6 So kudos to the Foundation's
7 staff team and of course to Trustee
8 O'Connor for helping to manage the
9 conversation and to get us to this
10 point. We're very grateful for
11 everyone's support and really looking
12 forward to helping our students through
13 these funds forever.

14 TRUSTEE ZARATE: I want to
15 commend the team involved in the process
16 to support our students. What a great
17 effort.

18 I just have a question. The 50
19 scholarships mentioned, what disciplines
20 are they going to?

21 VICE PRESIDENT ARANEO: They are
22 all different. They run the gamut.
23 Business, English, it's a broad range.
24 It's everything you can think of.

25 TRUSTEE ZARATE: Okay. Great.

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2 Thank you.

3 Is there a way you can share a
4 list of those disciplines?

5 VICE PRESIDENT ARANEO: Sure.

6 TRUSTEE ZARATE: Thank you so
7 much and congratulations.

8 VICE PRESIDENT ARANEO: Thank you
9 so much.

10 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: I would be
11 happy to give you a list of the
12 scholarships and the disciplines that
13 are involved.

14 And again, just to emphasize the
15 points that have been made. The Dowling
16 trustees were very impressed with the
17 notion that they could continue to help
18 students staying on Long Island and help
19 the other four year institutions on Long
20 Island by making these scholarships
21 available to the College so that folks
22 can do their first two years under the
23 scholarship, and then transfer to other
24 four year institutions. So they saw a
25 win win in that arrangement with us, and

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2 we're very grateful that they did.

3 And we're very happy to be almost
4 at the end of a very long process, but
5 we do see the goal line and we want to
6 make sure we don't fumble the ball and
7 we get it across that line because \$1.8
8 million is significant for this college
9 and for our students. So very, very
10 grateful.

11 TRUSTEE CANARY: So the question,
12 just clarification so I understand, that
13 the last hurdle is really getting final
14 approval through the State attorney
15 general's charities bureau; is that
16 correct?

17 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: And I
18 believe a Supreme Court order needs to
19 be entered authorizing the transfer.

20 TRUSTEE CANARY: Okay. I would
21 just say that if we need any help with
22 communicating with the State attorney
23 general's office, you know, we can
24 certainly get the Suffolk senate and
25 assembly delegation involved if we need

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2 to if you feel that's necessary. Just
3 keep me posted on that end.

4 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: I'm not sure
5 we need assistance yet. They have not
6 been a stumbling block although they
7 have been very precise -- let's put it
8 that way -- in what they want and what
9 they will approve, but I don't see that
10 necessarily as a stumbling block at this
11 point.

12 CHAIR MURRAY: They are usually
13 pretty good. I deal with them
14 frequently in my practice and they
15 generally move things along, but as you
16 said, they're precise.

17 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Yes.

18 TRUSTEE CANARY: Hopefully that
19 goes smoothly. I just throw that out
20 there that if we feel it necessary, just
21 let me know, and I can start an effort
22 there.

23 PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Okay.

24 Appreciate that. Thank you.

25 Mr. Chairman, that concludes our

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2 report.

3 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you very

4 much.

5 Next item is roundtable. Anybody

6 have anything they would like to share?

7 Hearing none.

8 So at this point I would request

9 a motion to enter into executive session

10 to discuss the medical, financial,

11 credit, or employment history of an

12 employee.

13 Shirley, would you like to make

14 that motion?

15 VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: I so move.

16 MR. CHAIRMAN: Gordon, do you

17 want to second?

18 TRUSTEE CANARY: Gordon Canary,

19 seconding the motion.

20 CHAIR MURRAY: So we have to hang

21 up this line and then call in. There is

22 a separate number to call in. So we'll

23 talk to everybody in a couple of

24 minutes. I don't expect it to be long.

25 There will be no business after the

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2 executive meeting.

3 I would like to thank everyone
4 who attended the public meeting, and
5 we'll see you next month or speak to you
6 next month. Take care everybody.

7 [WHEREUPON THE MEETING OF THE
8 BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS CLOSED AT 10:18
9 A.M. BY THE CHAIRMAN, E. CHRISTOPHER
10 MURRAY.]

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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 ON THE 17TH DAY OF
SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 9:07 A.M. VIA TELEPHONE
CONFERENCE

PRESENT:

LOUIS J. PETRIZZO, ESQ.,
Interim President

GORDON D. CANARY, Member
GEMMA DELEON-LOPRESTI, Member
KAITLYN GAMBINA, Student Member
KEVIN M. O'CONNOR, Member
BELINDA PAGDANGANAN, Member
THERESA SANDERS, Member
PRISCILLA ZARATE, Member

E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Chairperson
JAMES MORGO, Member/Vice Chairperson
SHIRLEY E. COVERDALE, Member/Second Vice
Chairperson

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2 CHAIR MURRAY: I request a motion
3 to approve the meeting of the -- the
4 minutes, sorry, of the August 20, 2020,
5 Board of Directors' meeting.

6 Gordon, would you like to make
7 that motion?

8 MEMBER CANARY: Thank you,
9 Mr. Chairman. Gordon Canary making the
10 motion.

11 CHAIR MURRAY: Kevin, would you
12 like to second it?

13 MEMBER O'CONNOR: Second that
14 motion.

15 CHAIR MURRAY: All those in
16 favor? Any opposed?

17 The minutes are approved.

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

20 CHAIR MURRAY: At this point I
21 would like to introduce the Vice
22 President of Student Affairs,
23 Dr. Christopher Adams, to present the
24 Association's financial report.

25 VICE PRESIDENT ADAMS: Good

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2 morning, Chair Murray and members of the
3 Board of Directors.

4 I forwarded to you through Gayle
5 Kenehan the financial report that goes
6 from September 1, 2019, to August 31,
7 2020. Again, I want to caution the
8 Board that these financials are
9 unaudited financials, that we are still
10 receiving some bills for purchases that
11 happened during the month of August. So
12 in column 6 of this report, those
13 numbers will decline somewhat, not
14 completely, but somewhat.

15 I'm very happy to report that we
16 had a really good year in the
17 Association despite the COVID-19 crisis
18 that we experienced.

19 If you recall, at the August
20 meeting we voted to -- you voted to give
21 back 20 percent of the student activity
22 fee. That's been already given to the
23 College, and the College has made, as
24 part of their fee refunds, and given
25 that money back.

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2 So even with that we still
3 operated in very positive fashion in all
4 our cost centers with the exception of
5 the East campus Peconic Cafe.

6 Unfortunately that has gone into the
7 red. However, we do have some fund
8 balance in the Eastern campus Peconic
9 Cafe and at the Eastern campus Student
10 Association to make that account whole,
11 but we will not be able to do that until
12 the financials are audited in the first
13 week of December.

14 So overall I'm very happy with
15 how everything went. We did have
16 towards the end of the spring a very
17 robust schedule of activities for
18 students in the remote environment.
19 Very happy to report that that's been
20 very successful.

21 That will carry over into the
22 fall semester with our campus
23 activities. We have various events that
24 are scheduled, and we'll get you a
25 calendar of events for Hispanic Heritage

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2 Month that will be coming up, and we
3 will make sure the entire Board has a
4 list of all the events that are planned.

5 But overall very happy with how
6 everything is going so far with ending
7 the financials, but we are on to the
8 fall semester.

9 We have a beach clean up
10 sponsored by Senator Boyle that we'll be
11 participating in this Saturday. It's
12 optional for students. Students, we're
13 asking them to wear masks and social
14 distance, and overall that's been very
15 positive the feedback we heard.

16 Our athletic teams, we voted to
17 not have athletic competition like most
18 community colleges across the country
19 and across the State. However, our
20 athletic teams are practicing in
21 preparation for the fall semester later
22 on when the season begins.

23 So overall things are going
24 really well in the Association. We are
25 planning the audit for early December.

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2 We'll have more of an update on how the
3 2019-2020 year ended and any money that
4 will be returned to the fund balance.

5 I've been asked by President
6 Petrizzo to put together for all of
7 these cost centers a list of the fund
8 balance for each account, and we will
9 get that to you for the October meeting.

10 Are there any questions
11 concerning the report of the
12 association? Okay. Thank you very
13 much.

14 CHAIR MURRAY: I understand there
15 are no resolutions for the Association
16 today; is that correct?

17 VICE PRESIDENT ADAMS: That is
18 correct.

19 CHAIR MURRAY: I just want to
20 mention that Theresa has now joined us.

21 Also, for two meetings in a row
22 we have had 100 percent attendance.
23 That's great.

24 I'd request a motion to adjourn
25 the Board of Directors meeting and call

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the Board of Trustees meeting to order.
Gemma, will you make that motion?
MEMBER DELEON-LOPRESTI: I make a
motion.
MR. CHAIRMAN: Kaitlyn, will you
second it?
MEMBER GAMBINA: Second.
CHAIR MURRAY: All in favor?
Anybody opposed? Thank you.
[WHEREUPON THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS CLOSED AT 9:12
A.M. BY THE CHAIRMAN, E. CHRISTOPHER
MURRAY.]

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