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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AMMERMAN CAMPUS
BROOKHAVEN GYMNASIUM, ALUMNI ROOM

533 College Road
Selden, New York

March 12, 2009
8:30 a.m.

BEFORE:

WILLIAM D. MOORE, Trustee/Chair

REPORTED BY:

THERESA PAPE, Court Reporter/Notary Public

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P R E S E N T:

WALTER C. HAZLITT, Trustee/Vice Chair

ERNESTO MATTACE, Trustee

BELINDA ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN, Trustee

DAVID OCHOA, Trustee

PAUL V. PONTIERI, JR., Trustee

SAUL R. RENCHEL, Trustee

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JERRY KANE, Trustee/Secretary

AVETTE D. WARE, Trustee

LORI CORRAR, Student Trustee

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A L S O P R E S E N T :

- GEORGE GATTA, Interim President, SCCC
- MARY LOU ARANEO, Vice President for Institutional Advancement
- JOANNE BRAXTON, Associate Vice President for Campus Affairs
- JAMES CANNIFF, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
- CHARLES STEIN, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs
- ILENE KREITZER, Executive Director of Legal Affairs
- MARVIN L. BRIGHT, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

G U E S T S :

- LEGISLATOR WAYNE R. HORSLEY,
Fourteenth Legislative District
- LEGISLATOR VIVIAN VILORIA-FISHER,
Fifth Legislative District
- CHRISTINE MALAFI, County Attorney

*** All other interested parties

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(WHEREUPON, this proceeding convened at 8:30 a.m. Off-the-record discussions ensued, after which the following transpired:)

(Time noted: 8:41 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Good morning.

INTERIM PRESIDENT GATTA: Good morning, Mr. Chairman.

TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: I'd like to bring our meeting to order.

All please rise.

David, would you lead us in the pledge to the flag?

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Thank you.

All right. Good morning all. This is a first (indicating).

TRUSTEE PONTIERI: Wow.

TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: That's great.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Our student

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trustee, Lori, is not with us today, and there's very good reason. You may have gotten an e-mail and that's the reason why, she's given birth to Shane Corrar. Take a look and pass it around (handing).

TRUSTEE OCHOA: Thank you very much.

Looking good.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Looking good.

Lori's doing well, the baby's doing well, and we're all happy for that.

Any comments?

TRUSTEE MATTACE: It's a wonderful age.

TRUSTEE PONTIERI: I make a motion to accept as presented.

(Laughter)

CHAIRMAN MOORE: The mother's very happy, I'm sure.

All right. We may have some guests pop in on this, if they do, we'll recognize them then.

We do have the County Attorney,

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Christine Malafi is here with us for an item which will be discussed later on, and she's here to offer her assistance as I can be (sic). So we thank Christine for -- wherever you are, Christine -- there you are.

Thank you for being here.

All right. I'll entertain a motion to approve the minutes of our February 11th Board of Directors meeting.

TRUSTEE RENCHEL: Motion to --

VICE CHAIRMAN HAZLITT: So moved.

TRUSTEE RENCHEL: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay. So you know which hats you're wearing now; right?

Okay. Good.

We've got three resolutions; 2009.A2 to A4.

Are there any questions on these resolutions?

If we had questions on A4, who

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should we direct them to George?

INTERIM PRESIDENT GATTA: To Chuck,
I believe.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay.

To Chuck?

MS. KREITZER: No.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: No.

MS. KREITZER: Marvin.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Marvin?

MS. KREITZER: Yes.

TRUSTEE OCHOA: The district
portion.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Yup.

There were -- Marvin --

DR. BRIGHT: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Good morning.

There were a couple of
recommendations in that report. Any
comments on those that need to be --

DR. BRIGHT: Okay. These are the
resolutions for the --

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Association.

DR. BRIGHT: -- Association.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Uh-huh, yup.

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DR. BRIGHT: A4 has the Auditor's Report, and as I recall reading in it, there was a -- a couple of suggestions in there which I was just curious if we were going to implement those or not.

If you want to take a -- we can hold that --

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay.

DR. BRIGHT: Take a moment and look at that, I'll -- I'll look at that more closely.

TRUSTEE OCHOA: One other recommend- --

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Why don't we hold -- you want to just hold A4 for the moment? We'll -- we'll act on and --

Well, let's take a moment, I can ask you about that in a second.

Thank you.

MS. KREITZER: (Handing)

(Legislator Wayne Horsley entered the Alumni Room.)

(Time noted: 8:44 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay. Thank you.

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I would entertain a motion to
approve A2 and A3, for the time being.

TRUSTEE MATTACE: So moved.

VICE CHAIRMAN HAZLITT: Second.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Now, I did mention
we might have a guest pop in here.
Happy to see Legislator Wayne Horsley
with us this morning.

LEGISLATOR HORSLEY: Hello
everybody. Good morning.

ALL: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Wayne was very
involved in one of the matters of
significance which is on our agenda for
later on. We'll be talking about it in
Executive Session first, then we'll come
out and do it in public. But I can
thank Wayne now publically for all the
work that he did on the legislative side
on bringing us to the place where we are
today.

So, Wayne, I want to thank you for

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that.

LEGISLATOR HORSLEY: Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay. Let's see.
(Legislator Viloría-Fisher entered the Alumni Room.)

(Time noted: 8:45 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Here we go.
And taking her coat off is the Legislator Vivian Viloría-Fisher. And she, with Wayne, was similarly helpful in getting us to where we are today.

So nice to have you with us, Vivian.

LEGISLATOR VILORIA-FISHER: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: And thank you for your help.

I'll entertain -- well, actually, I'm not going to do that. I'm up to Item E, we have our Association Finance Report.

DR. BRIGHT: Good morning.

TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: Good

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morning.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Good morning.

DR. BRIGHT: I'd like to bring you the College Association Financial Report as of March 10th, 2009.

As I indicated at the February Board Meeting, the College Association met all fall projections. With the 5 percent increase in spring enrollment, projected revenues for the spring are well on target, and expenditures -- all expenditures are on target with no current overspending.

In the areas of the childcare center, the Bakers Workshop, and Peconic Cafe, there are no current deficits; however, in one area with the interest revenue, we're slightly down due to the financial markets, as we all know, and we're down \$1,700 for the year.

If there's any questions, I'm happy to entertain any questions.

TRUSTEE PONTIERI: I guess from

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that you're saying that the 5 percent increase is -- will offset the 17- loss for --

DR. BRIGHT: There's two separate --

TRUSTEE PONTIERI: Two separate --

DR. BRIGHT: -- streams of revenue.

TRUSTEE PONTIERI: Oh, okay.

DR. BRIGHT: Two separate streams.

The interest level is safely -- the -- the treasury bonds that was --

TRUSTEE PONTIERI: Right. No, that's understood. But the increase in enrollment will off- -- offset the -- a deficit that might --

DR. BRIGHT: Yes.

TRUSTEE PONTIERI: -- create.

DR. BRIGHT: Yes.

TRUSTEE PONTIERI: Okay.

DR. BRIGHT: -- that is correct.

Any other questions?

TRUSTEE RENCHEL: All the investments are in government --

DR. BRIGHT: Yes, they're in --

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TRUSTEE RENCHEL: -- bonds and --

DR. BRIGHT: -- conservative
treasury bonds.

TRUSTEE RENCHEL: Who got that
smart? I should have joined the board a
lot earlier.

(Laughter)

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Well --

TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: Oh,
you're good.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: I'm sure you know
that the investment abilities of a -- of
a group like this are -- are severely --
or -- or appropriately, I should have
used, and conservatively constrained.
So, yay for that.

TRUSTEE OCHOA: That's okay, Saul,
Merrill Lynch said the same thing.

TRUSTEE RENCHEL: To a lot of
people.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: All right. No
other questions?

DR. BRIGHT: Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay. Thank you.

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We're going to skip past F; right?

All right. We are now at Item -- I don't know.

(Laughter)

CHAIRMAN MOORE: That was Chuck Stein shrugging his shoulders. It doesn't show up on the minutes very well.

We're at Item G on our agenda.

MS. KREITZER: No, we're at Item F.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: F? Okay.

I'll entertain a motion to approve our Trustees Meeting Minutes from February 11th.

TRUSTEE MATTACE: So moved.

TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: Second.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Good enough.

We have the need to enter some Executive Session. I'm sorry you've all gotten so comfortable in your seats right now, but the sooner --

MR. STEIN: (Inaudible)

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CHAIRMAN MOORE: Sure, if you would.

I asked Chuck to take a look -- there's a letter that came -- we're still wearing our Association hats for a second.

There was a letter that came with that Auditor's Report with two suggestions, I just figured if you had any --

MR. STEIN: Yeah, I just took a look --

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay.

MR. STEIN: -- at the two recommendations and they were basically recommendations for an improved operations within the Association office.

The first one had to do with using existing exchange accounts rather than going through a whole lot of extra accounting activity. And they're just recommending to the Association right now to consider utilizing those existing

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exchange accounts, which is certainly something that the Association should look into in terms of the recommendations. It doesn't affect the numbers in any way, it's just -- they're suggesting it for a more streamlined operation from the Association office.

So I would recommend that the Association personnel take a look at that.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay.

MR. STEIN: The other suggestion was that the current threshold that was -- requiring two signatures on the checks is at \$2,500. And the recommendation from the accounting firm was, since they go through 20,000 checks a year, that the Association should consider increasing that limit for the two signatures up to \$5,000.

I would recommend that the -- Dr. Bright, that the Association review these recommendation, and then comment on them to the Board of Directors at the

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next meeting.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay.

MR. STEIN: You know, to review the pluses and minuses with that. They're interesting suggestions, it doesn't affect the audit in any way.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay. Thank --

MR. STEIN: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: -- you, Chuck.

Okay.

MR. STEIN: (Handing)

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Thank you.

Okay. I will entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and contracts.

TRUSTEE MATTACE: So moved.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Do I have a second?

TRUSTEE RENCHEL: Second.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay. Please fill your coffee cups, we'll try to move as expeditiously as we can and we'll bring

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you back just as soon as we can.

(WHEREUPON, Executive Session
commenced, after which the following
transpired:)

CHAIRMAN MOORE: It is now 9:35,
and I'm going to announce that we have
an additional item to add to our list of
resolutions. It is Item 7,
Resolution No. 2009.21, the title of
which is Authorizing a sponsor service
agreement and a memorandum of
understanding on procedures with the
County of Suffolk.

Our bylaws require that new items
on our agenda, such as this, sit out on
the table for 30 minutes before taking
action on it. So that's a lot of time
to hustle us back into this process. We
cannot suspend our bylaws. We want to
make sure we do this properly or
according to FOIL. So we're going to go
through the rest of our resolutions --
the rest of our agenda, rather, and
exactly at 10:05, promptly, we'll

2 entertain our resolutions, regardless of
3 what we're doing --

4 TRUSTEE OCHOA: Very good.

5 CHAIRMAN MOORE: -- at that time --

6 TRUSTEE OCHOA: Talk about order.

7 CHAIRMAN MOORE: So we will stop
8 what we're doing at 10:05, whatever that
9 may be, and act on our resolutions. And
10 I think that's what's being passed
11 around so we can eyeball it and let's
12 see if it can work or not.

13 Okay. This takes us to Item H, and
14 Chuck Stein will give us our College
15 Finance Report.

16 MR. STEIN: Good morning.

17 CHAIRMAN MOORE: Good morning.

18 TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: Good
19 morning.

20 MR. STEIN: In your packets you
21 will find the finance report, as of
22 February 28th, 2009. In that report you
23 will note that we are projecting that
24 our estimated expenditures through the
25 end of the year will be under budget by

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approximately \$2.4 million. That's based upon the savings program that we put in place earlier this year, and I'll talk about that in a few minutes when I get into the budget discussion.

Our revenues, we have anticipated for the moment that the state action on its own budget will have a negative impact on our fourth quarter. The Governor had proposed a reduction in his budget submission that would have amounted to \$300 per FTE for Suffolk County Community College. One quarter of that amounts to about \$1.3 million. We've recognized that in these projections, obviously, if the state budget ultimately is approved, whereby there will be no reduction in that, our revenues will be significantly higher.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Uh-huh.

MR. STEIN: So that being the case, we are showing a positive year-end balance, after taking into account the \$1.4 million in the beginning of the

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year that we've discussed at every meeting, of approximately \$700,000 (inaudible).

What I'd like to do, if it's okay with the board, is just continue on from this discussion into the discussion about next year's budget.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: (Head gesture)

MR. STEIN: Obviously, it's -- it's no secret, we've all recognized and experienced the severe economic conditions that exist worldwide, not just in -- in Suffolk and in New York State, and it's had some interesting impacts and implications.

Our current year budget anticipated an enrollment growth level of 2.75 percent. The fall saw us go up 4.6 percent. So far, the spring enrollment is up approximately 5 percent. Intercession was down and we, of course, still have to see where summer comes in. But suffice it to say, more people in our community are looking

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at Suffolk County Community College to serve their needs, so an enhanced enrollment management program is definitely a need.

We are demonstrating, more now than ever, the value of this college to the community, and a population is recognizing it and enrollment is coming in.

As we look at next year, facing the challenges that I'll discuss in a minute, we obviously still want to maintain the standards of operation at the college and to continue to support those elements that have been so successful. Like the -- obviously, the instruction that goes on here, but -- and the learning process, but, also, the counseling that takes place, the college success program, and many other areas. We want to continue that so that we don't let down the people of the community that are using us.

The savings plan in the current

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year, we recognized as this year began that the thunderclouds were forming, and we put together a plan to hold back on spending. It certainly has had an impact. We've carefully watched position this. We have high turnover savings in this year's budget. We have held back on important equipment that's necessary.

You can only do that for so long.

We've developed efficiencies in operations, which the campuses are to be congratulated for -- for the things that they've gone into, and we'll -- we'll go into more detail, you know, when we make our formal presentation at the next meeting.

But there have been -- instead of going outside and hiring people, we've done in-house renovations, along with the maintenance.

There's been staff realignment.

Cross-training during high enrollment periods.

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There's been reallocation of resources to priority areas.

We've established an on-call crisis protocol for students that have crisis situations that need medical intervention.

We've gone into same-day testing and advisements to try and create efficiency.

There have been consolidation of labs.

But all of this will be discussed further as we make the formal presentation. I just wanted to make you aware of these things.

Financially, as we look to 2009-2010, there are significant challenges.

We have to recognize that there are contractual salary adjustments in this budget that we have to address.

We have a workforce development building that's opening up on the Grant Campus. There will be expenses

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associated with that building.

There will be increased health insurance premiums. We've been in discussions with the county. I mean, the first bill we got -- and you'll notice in the resolutions that you have today, there are no resolutions dealing with paying the health insurance premiums. We've received the January bill and the February bill, and they both contained a 12 percent increase in rates. We raised --

(WHEREUPON, there was an interruption in the proceeding, after which the following transpired:)

MR. STEIN: -- they're calling right now to tell us.

(Laughter)

MR. STEIN: We questioned those rates and that increase. We've worked closely with the county, and the county's been very understanding and has looked at those rates carefully. And, actually, this week, we -- we were

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2 informed that those rates are actually
3 going to be adjusted to about an
4 8 percent level. So that will provide a
5 drop in the increase that we will face
6 next year. I mean, it's still going to
7 be over a million dollars of increased
8 costs.

9 I mentioned the enrollment. You
10 know, that's -- that's a wonderful thing
11 that we're serving the community, but
12 you have to put a faculty member in
13 front of the class. So our adjunct and
14 overload expenses are going up in order
15 to address that.

16 Energy is going up. We see it in
17 our homes, we're not immune to it here
18 at the college.

19 We have operational increases. One
20 of the things that -- that we've
21 experienced, unfortunately, in this
22 economic situation is, our interest
23 earnings have just plummeted. I was
24 talking to the county treasurer, same
25 thing with the county. When that

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happens, your bank fees go up. So we have to deal with that.

Postage is going up. We do a lot of mailing. We're trying to cutback as much as possible and go green with electronic messaging, but there's still a lot of mailing. Postage.

There are other miscellaneous expenses within the operation that -- that go up in terms of equipment, maintenance, software, et cetera.

We are not seeking new positions in next year's budget. The lines we have are the lines we're going to go with.

State aid is the big factor. That's the -- the 800-pound gorilla in the room.

A \$300 per FTE drop to us represents, on an annualized basis, \$5.2 million. There was a drop of categorical aid for 113,000 that goes with that.

We don't anticipate, and we expect that the board understands the current

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economic situation in the county, and we're not looking to have an increase in county support, we just don't think it's going to happen.

One of the things we are watching closely, and others can talk to this much more than I can, is an introductory resolution that was put before the county legislature called IR 1205. And this is a savings program that's been put forward for discussion at the county, and we have to see where that comes out and what implications that has, if any, to the college.

And, ultimately, the tuition. This all rides on what happens in Albany. We have to see where we are. We are -- we know what the Governor's proposed, we don't know what the state legislature is doing. I believe that the -- the end of this week or maybe Mon- -- by Monday of next week, the Assembly and the Senate will be putting their individual proposals forward. At that time, I

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expect that there'll be serious discussions as to where the state budget is going. We are going to have to watch this almost on a daily basis in terms of where we are, and keep the board apprised.

But as far as the budget itself for next year, the expenditure side, we are holding it down to those areas that we absolutely must confine. And I'll be happy to answer any questions that you have.

TRUSTEE OCHOA: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Thank you.

I'm sure we'll have questions at the April meeting when we roll it out.

Thank you.

MR. STEIN: Okay.

TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: Thank you, Chuck.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Lest anyone think we're not on top of the ball.

Thank you, Chuck.

Okay. We'll hop down to Item K at

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the moment, because we haven't quite gotten to 10:05 -- 10:04.

I'll be very quick. On Board Self-Assessments, I haven't received them from everyone. So if you haven't sent one in, double check and make sure I've gotten it.

The other item I want to bring to your attention, you should have been getting mailings from NYCCT, which is the State Association of Equal Members, and ACCT, the National --

TRUSTEE OCHOA: Right.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: -- both have excellent programs coming up this spring.

NYCCT has a program on, of all things, accreditation, and you should associate with that, and on SUNY and budgeting. So they look like excellent programs. They are in the far regions of the state, Niagara Community College is hosting this, but if you can find yourself a way to get there, I would

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encourage -- everyone needs to go and --
and participate at that. We belong.
These are educational opportunities to
make us better board members, so I'd
encourage that.

And ACCT has a program this year on
trustee leadership. So another
excellent program.

I've had occasion to attend these
at different times, and I would
encourage you to look at your schedule
and see if you can't get yourself there.

As you know, we have an Interim
President, which means we're in the
process of going about searching for a
new president. And I'm going to report
now the composition of the Search
Committee, for your information.

At present, we have three trustees
who are going to serve on this
committee, that's David Ochoa, Walter
Hazlitt, and myself. The SUNY
Chancellor's office will be represented
by Dr. Dennis Golladay. Legislative

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Representative from Suffolk, the
Presiding Officer himself has chosen to
sit in on this and participate with this
committee. Our County Executive has
appointed Eric Kopp to serve. The
Faculty Association will be represented
by the President, Ellen Schuler Mauk.
The Governance, President Dr. Tina Good
from the Ammerman Senate.
Administrative Guild, Tom Breeden,
President of the Guild, representing
their interest. AME represented by
Josephine Passantino. Our Foundation,
Bob Walther, the Chairperson, and
Ernesto Mattace, the Director. Alumni
rep, the County Treasurer, Angie
Carpenter, has agreed to serve. Student
Government, Steven Sanderson, he's Vice
President of the Student Government
Association. And from the Community
Business Community, Tom Ockers, who's
President of Brookhaven Memorial
Hospital, and Mitch Pally from Morton
Weber.

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That rounds out the Search Committee, and they'll get to work shortly.

You may recall, we put out a RFP for a -- a firm to assist to board. The receipt date was, I believe, March the 5th. We received four bid proposals. The Evaluation Committee is Trustee Ernie Mattace, Paul Pontieri, and from the college, Craig Harris and Tina Good.

They're supposed to meet tomorrow --

TRUSTEE MATTACE: Yes.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: -- and next Wednesday --

TRUSTEE MATTACE: Yes.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: -- to review the -- their submissions, and then make recommendations at our April meeting for the hiring of the search component that we're going to use. And from there, they'll take the ball and get rolling. And it's a very formalized, structured process, and the committee will get to

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work.

Okay. Any questions on that?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

CHAIRMAN MOORE: All right. We're going to get to the roundtable in a second.

I had occasion to attend an event last week at the aquarium out in Riverhead for the North Fork Promotion Council, and it was great to see that the culinary students were out there in force doing all the preparation of food and the service. It was great. I mean, there was probably 100 people there, and John Ross, who's the head of that program, was there being honored. So the school's out in good force, and represented the community and college and themselves very, very well.

A lot of applause. They came out from the kitchen and -- and took their bows, it was like being on a cruise ship. It was quite the event. So when you get a chance to be served by the

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students out there, go for it, it's really great.

Roundtable time.

If there's anything that any of you wish to -- care to bring to the board, to our attention --

VICE CHAIRMAN HAZLITT: Yeah, I -- in reviewing our press clippings for this month, an item that came to my attention that I think is very significant and it should be acknowledged and -- our coach of the women's basketball team has achieved 300 wins, and I would ask that the administration at least acknowledge that accomplishment in -- at the next meeting.

INTERIM PRESIDENT GATTA: Very appropriate. We will set it up for the next meeting.

VICE CHAIRMAN HAZLITT: Thank you.

TRUSTEE OCHOA: Mr. Chairman, I just returned from a week's vacation -- actually, just a home visit to my -- the

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Ochoas in L.A. and I was absolutely devastated -- and I'll just share the news from you. I'm not from L.A., I'm -- I'm from a suburb of L.A., and all of the local school districts, by March 15th, will be notifying a large number of teachers, counselors, and administrators that they'll laying off school teachers.

The local school districts, like Pat-Medford, in size, are all impacted severely by the economic situation of the country and of the state. And in the surrounding communities, they're closing intermediate schools, elementary schools.

And I asked my -- my mother, who -- who is still alive and -- and in fairly good health, her reaction to the situation, and her response was it's incredible that in this country we would be laying off and eliminating schoolteachers and counselors. But the other issue that she found to be

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reprehensible is the whole issue that a society would -- could -- could -- could -- the first cut in a tough economic situation would be the educational system.

When I look at the big states in America, like California and Pennsylvania and New York, you sort of worry that, you know, it may be contagious. But in such economy, the unthinkable, in my lifetime, has occurred. And that is they're closing schools in California, laying off schoolteachers and counselors. And it's just something that -- that you might think would occur in a third -- in the third world, but it's right here in our own America.

So it sort of makes a big significance, our work here, because in a down economy, college enrollment increases. People go and think about a second career, and we need to make sure that we remain flexible, to make sure

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that we look at the issues that I call workforce development, workforce training, vocational education, because not everyone is destined to go to the University of California or the SUNY Universities. A lot of folk are looking for skills at age 40 and at age 69 to learn how to run a computer at Wendy's, how to run a counter, and how to serve food.

So it's just a big reminder, as I came back last night late, that we really are in the best time in the next couple years.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Thank you.

TRUSTEE MATTACE: Yesterday I had the opportunity, with Walter, we attended a meeting, and the participants were SUNY and Farmingdale, Stony Brook, and us, giving us, again, some more bad news.

You know, it's like, you walk into these meetings and you just sit there and shake your head. I would ask that

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every member on the board get a copy of the paperwork that we have from yesterday. All right. And -- which show, you know, where we are standing with the state.

One thing that came across that was -- concerned me was Farmingdale was talking about, with their enrollment getting so heavy, to the point that they have to start picking and choosing, and that upsets me. I'm looking at our increase in enrollment, and it's wonderful, but you can only go so far -- okay -- with the number of facilities we have available, you know, and the number of instructors that we have, you know, to take care of those classes.

So I will be meeting with two of our Senate delegations today, their chiefs of staff, and over the next two weeks, all our delegations from Long Island, and let them know and give them packets how serious it is.

TRUSTEE OCHOA: Ernie, I saw an

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article, just before I left, in the Times that SUNY/New Paltz expects over 10,000 applicants for 1,100 seats --

TRUSTEE MATTACE: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

TRUSTEE OCHOA: -- in the freshman year.

TRUSTEE MATTACE: Yeah.

TRUSTEE OCHOA: Now, if that doesn't blow you away, and we're not talking about a tough tier institution even in the state.

TRUSTEE MATTACE: Yeah. No, they mentioned New Paltz after that, you know, what's happening with them. And it's happening throughout the state.

TRUSTEE OCHOA: Yeah.

TRUSTEE MATTACE: You know, and it's a right way to go, and a way people can afford to go, to be honest with you --

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Right, private schools.

TRUSTEE MATTACE: -- and have the education. They can't afford, usually,

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\$40,000.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Nope.

TRUSTEE MATTACE: Okay. Come to us. We've got to have the room.

VICE CHAIRMAN HAZLITT: We have the open enrollment, too --

TRUSTEE MATTACE: Yeah.

VICE CHAIRMAN HAZLITT: -- I mean, that's -- you know, that's a procedure that we've adhered to and I hope that we would continue --

TRUSTEE MATTACE: Yeah.

VICE CHAIRMAN HAZLITT: -- to adhere to.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay. Anything else?

TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: On a community service note. I do have invitations here for the upcoming PRONTO Gala.

Walter, you will be attending, I already have one here for you.

VICE CHAIRMAN HAZLITT: What?

TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: It

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actually is April 17th, and the
reason --

TRUSTEE OCHOA: You're the guest of
honor, Walter. They haven't told you
yet, huh?

VICE CHAIRMAN HAZLITT: Listen, I
went there last year, and they
introduced everybody but me.

TRUSTEE PONTIERI: So you really
weren't there.

TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: But
that's okay, Walter, because I'm the
chair this year, and I will definitely
mention you.

The reason I mention it is because
we do have a partnership here at the
college with PRONTO Long Island, and one
of our honorees is Shawn Mackay.

TRUSTEE OCHOA: Very good.

TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: So I do
have them to pass around. And,
hopefully, we can get a table.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay. All right.

That's right, we're honoring Shawn.

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That's a worthy public service
announcement.

TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: Right.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Well done.

All right. George, you want to
carry us --

INTERIM PRESIDENT GATTA:

Certainly.

First off is an update on our
conference on navigating today's
economy, Vice President Whitten.

MR. WHITTEN: Good morning.

Jim Whitten.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Good morning.

MR. WHITTEN: I just wanted to
update you on a conference the college
is planning, it's for April 17th, 2009.

TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: Nice
try. I'm -- no.

MR. WHITTEN: It is called
Navigating Today's Economy, you actually
have the information in your packets.
But the conference is really threefold.

One is a community-like career fair

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focusing on job search skills, community skills, resident skills. We have a number of workshops.

The second phase of the project is a demonstration trade show format, where a number of our college programs will be doing demonstrations of their programs, but on ways that the community can actually benefit from what we do here. For example, there's going to be a health fair with blood pressure screening and things of that nature, through our nursing program, and they'll be demonstrating that it's no way to give back the community. And we -- for example, the construction technology program will be demonstrating energy savings and the weather program -- the weatherization program.

And the last part is, we'll be having concurrent workshops for things around family budgeting and information on bankruptcy and foreclosure, what that really means.

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We actually have -- three or four of the workshops right now will also be in Spanish, and we're marketing to a number of community groups. We actually have posters going out this week to a number of community areas, brochures have gone out, we've worked with a number of our local agencies.

And that's the last part of it, there'll be a number of community agencies here giving their information as well.

So it really is kind of a resource fair under one roof with the guys that -- the college is here as a nexus center of resources for the community, and these are things that we have to help our constituents navigate through very difficult situations.

I believe you've all received information and probably a letter, you should have received one by now. And, of course, you're all invited, we'd like to have you there.

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If you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer them.

TRUSTEE OCHOA: Thank you.

TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: Good job.

INTERIM PRESIDENT GATTA: I have several other items.

First, just to build on what Trustee Mattace talked about a minute ago, we spent a considerable amount of time in the past several months dealing with advocacy issues with our state-elected officials. We did attend SUNY day and -- and Trustee Mattace was very supportive and came along with myself and Vice President Araneo and our own Government Relations Coordinator, Lori Taggart. We visited with ten elected officials. We've also been helped in our efforts by the Faculty Association, Ellen Schuler Mauk and Kevin Peterman have been very helpful. Tom has reached out -- Tom Breeden from the Guild has reached out to our state

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2 elected officials, and as late as
3 yesterday we were in discussions, and we
4 were hopeful that we would get some
5 indication today of where the one-house
6 bills are going. Both the Assembly and
7 the Senate are putting together their
8 one-house budget bills, and that will
9 give us an indication of state aid
10 that's at least being promoted in the
11 houses. That would then go to
12 discussion with the Governor. So we're
13 working diligently on that front.

14 The forum that Ernie mentioned
15 yesterday, we were asked by the
16 Chancellor's office to set up a regional
17 forum, and we were very happy to do
18 that. Stony Brook was here, their
19 Provost was here, the President of
20 SUNY/Farmingdale was here, and some
21 representatives from SUNY/Central were
22 also here. We invited -- we had about
23 40 participants, members of the business
24 community, the not-for-profit community
25 organization, to tell them the SUNY

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story. What is the value of the State University system. What role do each of the components play. And -- and as we got into the discussion, we came forward with, yes, we do have challenges, but there -- there are -- there is support -- there is support from the community. Several business leaders were very vocal in their support of the mission of SUNY yesterday. And we're working with them to get the message from the private sector to our elected official. So it's not -- the message is not falling on deaf ears, and I thank -- thank the board for their support and the FAA Guild for their work with us on that.

One other note in terms of SUNY, the SUNY Provost, Dr. Risa Palm, will be visiting us on March 19th, and we will be spending some time on this campus beginning at 10:00 a.m., and then we will travel out to the Culinary Center so that she can see the new center, and

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2 we'll be visiting a -- a vacant class
3 touring facility and then having lunch
4 with her. She only has about four
5 hours -- three and a half hours to spend
6 with us. If the board would like to
7 join us, either here at Ammerman or out
8 at the Culinary at noon, we'd love to
9 have you there. It's a chance to show
10 off all the great things that are
11 happening here at Suffolk.

12 Secondly, I want to publically
13 thank Deputy Presiding Officer Vivian
14 Vilorio-Fisher and
15 Legislator Wayne Horsley, who are both
16 with us today. Thank you for joining us
17 and thank you for your leadership and
18 work in helping us craft the document
19 that you have in front of you that are
20 part of Item 7. Also, thank you for
21 your leadership and work in adopting
22 IR 1053, which formally rescinded the
23 Plan C Agreement that existed for a
24 number of years. The adoption of that
25 resolution has really cleared the way

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for the discussions that have ensued and the documents that you have in front of you.

(Applause)

INTERIM PRESIDENT GATTA: I could speak for a few more minutes --

CHAIRMAN MOORE: You've got one.

INTERIM PRESIDENT GATTA: What was particularly important with the passage of IR 1053 and the work that we've done, was the fact that we had a monitoring visit from Middle States in January, and Middle States -- the Commission -- the Commission wasn't -- was moving to make a decision on accreditation for the college on March 5th. The fact that the legislature was able to adopt that legislation on March 3rd, we think, went a long way in containing the action that Middle States took against the college. We have received the report, we have been placed on warning that our -- that our accreditation -- there is an issue with our accreditation. The document

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outlines all the specific areas that we need to address.

On August 1st, we will need to submit a monitoring report, document progress, in meeting all of the Middle States standards that have been outlined in that report. I think the document that you have in front of you relates to (inaudible) of MRU, will allow us to meet all of those issues and to resolve the issues of Middle States subsequent to that monitoring report. There will be a monitoring visit shortly thereafter.

So, again, the timings -- the timing of the passage of this and the support that we received from both Legislator Fisher and Horsley and the Presiding Officer, and at least six other co-sponsors of that bill, could not have been more important.

That concludes my comments.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay. Well timed.

(Laughter)

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CHAIRMAN MOORE: It's like we
planned it.

We have -- now have, it being
10:05-plus, seven items;

Resolution 2009.15 through 2009.21.

Are there any questions on any of
the resolutions?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Hearing none, I'll
entertain a motion to approve them.

TRUSTEE OCHOA: I move to approve.

TRUSTEE RENCHEL: Second.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Congratulations.
Well done. This -- this is a big step.
I said it in Executive Session, These
are words on a page, and how we act and
how we function will go a long way
towards showing the county that
relationships, as it's been spelled out
here, is the proper one and it's going
to work really well. And as time goes
by, and as people who are going to come

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to see that, and we'll see it, and they'll see it, and that arm-and-arm sponsorship-college working together is going to be the -- the norm and not the oddity. So we'll look forward, especially in these difficult times, to be working together and not -- not budding heads as it seems we have been in the past. So we look forward to the -- to the new day. And thank you for all your help in --

And, Christine, thank you for your help --

MS. MALAFI: You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: -- and, of course, the board members, I thanked you in the past, I thank you again. It was a great help.

George, your team was tremendous in this. Good leadership, good wisdom. And I -- I draw our attention to Ilene in particular, she did a wonderful job.

MS. KREITZER: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Very -- very

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(Applause)

CHAIRMAN MOORE: People coming from good places in their hearts and -- and guided by the proper motivation. It's all good, so thank you.

INTERIM PRESIDENT GATTA:

(Indicating)

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Yes.

INTERIM PRESIDENT GATTA: Can I request the board's indulgence to have both of our legislators address you on this --

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Absolutely.

LEGISLATOR VILORIA-FISHER: Thank you, George.

I would just like to congratulate George for the hard work that you did. Ilene and Christine worked really well. Everybody came on board, rolled up their sleeves, saw that there was a job that had to be done, and did it. And did it, I think, in a much more efficient way than they thought it could be done.

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2 You know, when we passed the
3 resolution and -- and Wayne --
4 Legislator Horsley said on the record,
5 Well, we need you to have this done by
6 Tuesday. And there were those who
7 thought it couldn't be done by Tuesday.
8 And, indeed, everybody drove through
9 that snowstorm the Monday before that
10 Tuesday, went to Hauppauge, sat
11 together, hammered it out, and really
12 worked in a very collegial manner. And
13 I congratulate the members of -- members
14 of the board who also came to work out
15 the details.

16 It was really just a -- a great
17 experience to have gone through to
18 achieve two very important parts of
19 Suffolk County, the Suffolk County
20 government and the community college,
21 which is something of which we are so
22 proud. These two entities, we had been
23 at odds with one another. We had -- had
24 to be -- you know, bring the case to the
25 courts, sitting together, and, you know,

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the bottom line is, you have to sit at the table together, otherwise we're not going to move forward. We sat at the table and we're moving forward. Congratulations to all of us.

Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Thank you.

INTERIM PRESIDENT GATTA: Thank you.

LEGISLATOR HORSLEY: I too want to congratulate all parties. And if I can use a historic reference, this is a square deal. It's -- it's even on all sides, it's fair. And -- and my -- my feelings on it is that we have -- we have retained the academic integrity of -- of the Suffolk Community College and the -- and the county still has the ability to review and -- and approve the bottom line expenditures for the county. And, frankly, that's a square deal. We're in this together. We are here for the young people, the students of -- of Suffolk County, and I couldn't

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congratulate all of you more than --
than the attitudes.

And I just -- let me just reflect
just quickly. When -- when I -- when I
went up to Georgia, I was at my
committee meeting, I said, Would you
bargain in good faith, as we sat down
within the last couple days -- the next
couple days. And he said, Yeah, I could
do that. And I posed that same question
to Jim Morgo, who was a former trustee
of this board, and he said, Yeah, we
will do that. And he was speaking for
the county executive. As well as to
Christine. And we all came to the table
with that spirit in mind, including the
trustees, and they -- and they expressed
the same -- the same result. And I just
couldn't be more proud of it where -- of
what we're here today, it's a square
deal.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: That's a great
place to end it.

(Laughter)

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CHAIRMAN MOORE: If there's --

TRUSTEE MATTACE: Okay. So --

CHAIRMAN MOORE: -- no other --

TRUSTEE MATTACE: -- moved.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: -- business before
the board, I will entertain a motion to
adjourn with thanks, again, to everyone.

TRUSTEE OCHOA: So moved.

TRUSTEE MATTACE: Second.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: All right.

TRUSTEE ALVAREZ-GRONEMAN: All in
favor.

CHAIRMAN MOORE: Aye.

(WHEREUPON, the meeting of the
Suffolk County Community College Board
of Trustees adjourned at 10:13 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, THERESA PAPE, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public of the State of New York, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing is a true and accurate transcription of the stenographic notes taken herein.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage; and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of March, 2009.

THERESA PAPE