

OFFICIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS and BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES HEARING MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS and BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF JANUARY,  
2017 AT 9:07 A.M., ALUMNI ROOM, BROOKHAVEN  
GYMNASIUM, AMMERMAN CAMPUS, SELDEN, NEW  
YORK.

PRESENT:

SHAUN MCKAY, College President  
THERESA SANDERS, Member/Chairperson  
JAMES MORGO, Member/Vice Chairperson

DENISE LINDSAY SULLIVAN, Member  
GEMMA DELEON-LOPRESTI, Member (Not  
present)

E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Member  
BERGRE ESCORBORES, Member (Not present)  
GORDON D. CANARY, Member  
BRYAN LILLY, Member/Secretary

LOU PETRIZZO, ESQ., General Counsel

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1 CHAIR SANDERS: Good morning everyone. We would  
2 like to call the meeting to order and start  
3 with the Pledge.

4 [AFTER RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF  
5 ALLEGIANCE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
6 OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAS  
7 CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON THERESA  
8 SANDERS 9:07 A.M.]

9 Good morning again. And we're  
10 going to move through the agenda because we  
11 have a very full agenda today. Starting  
12 with the recognition of guests and I would  
13 like the call up our own Rabbi Moss, come up  
14 and say a few words. Thank you for  
15 attending this morning.

16 RABBI MOSS: Thank you. Where is the best  
17 place for me to stand? Maybe down here,  
18 I'll face the most people. A photo op?  
19 That's okay, I don't think I need the mic,  
20 right? If you would like me to, I I  
21 certainly will.

22 Good morning everyone and I thank  
23 our Chair Sanders. It's wonderful to see  
24 President McKay and all of you. Thank you  
25 for putting me on the agenda just briefly.

1                   As some of you do know, I am Chair of the  
2                   Center for the Holocaust, Diversity and  
3                   Human Understanding which is a wonderful  
4                   program of the college.

5                   I did want to report that  
6                   actually in hopefully a month or two from  
7                   now I will be able to give a full report and  
8                   update about all the programs that the  
9                   Center is hoping to conduct and follow  
10                  through during the course of the of next  
11                  year. So let me say, last week was an  
12                  extraordinary week, a week which you really  
13                  should be proud of what the Center has  
14                  accomplished.

15                  Last week between our program of  
16                  Unity Day which was held at the Brentwood  
17                  Campus and later in the week at the Longwood  
18                  School District, over 1200 high school and  
19                  middle school children attended programs  
20                  dealing with the very essential, what should  
21                  I say? Theme of the days in which we are  
22                  living and going through now and that is the  
23                  theme of dealing with bias and prejudice  
24                  within their lives, within their schools,  
25                  within their families, within their

1 communities.

2 Over 18 school districts, over 18  
3 schools districts were present. It was an  
4 extraordinary program, run by our staff of  
5 Jill Santiago and Joan Cook. And I just  
6 want to share this with you because the  
7 Center is doing such incredible things and I  
8 am very proud to be the Chair of the Center  
9 and I certainly thank you for your support  
10 and look forward to the continued support by  
11 this board, by the administration and by all  
12 of you.

13 And let me say that you will be  
14 hearing from me to get your support within  
15 our programs. And hopefully we'll let you  
16 know about all of them and you're always  
17 welcome to come to them. If there are, you  
18 know -- so often we hear about the negative  
19 stuff of young people today acting out in  
20 some negative ways unfortunately, but let me  
21 tell you, the majority of our young people  
22 can give all of us a great sense of hope and  
23 faith in the future of our Suffolk County  
24 and America. Thank you.

25 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

1 MEMBER CANARY: Can we have a prayer for the new  
2 administration in Washington to help guide  
3 this country.

4 MEMBER MORGO: I think we need about fourteen.

5 RABBI MOSS: I would love to offer a prayer if  
6 you want me to.

7 MEMBER CANARY: Could you? Could you? I'm  
8 serious, I'm absolutely serious.

9 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Yes, could you? Please, please.

10 RABBI MOSS: Dear God, on this most beautiful  
11 day we ask your blessings upon this college,  
12 upon those who administrate the College and  
13 those who take the College in the very  
14 positive wonderful directions that it has in  
15 the past and certainly in the future.

16 As we offer our blessing upon  
17 this wonderful institution in Suffolk  
18 Community, we also ask your blessing upon  
19 this the United States of America and  
20 certainly upon our new President, his  
21 Advisors, his Cabinet Members, the Members  
22 of Congress and the Senate.

23 Dear God, may your blessings be  
24 upon them as they will America into its  
25 future years. May it be that they shall be

1                   blessed with wisdom and strength to be able  
2                   to pursue a path that truly will enable  
3                   American to continue to be the source of  
4                   democracy and pride not only for us as  
5                   Americans but for all the nations of the  
6                   world. Amen.

7 SUPERVISOR PETRONE:            Hey, hey.

8 CHAIR SANDERS:                Thank you.

9 MEMBER MORGO:                 Thank you. I'm glad you did  
10                                 that.

11 MEMBER CANARY:                I'm working on four hours of  
12                                 sleep right now.

13 CHAIR SANDERS:                Thank you very much, Rabbi Moss.  
14                                 And thank you Trustee Canary for that for  
15                                 keeping us focused on what's truly  
16                                 important.

17                                 I would like to request a motion  
18                                 to adjourn the Board of Trustees and call  
19                                 the Board of Directors Meeting to order.

20 MEMBER NORTH:                 Make a motion.

21 MEMBER CANARY:                Second.

22 CHAIR SANDERS:                All in favor?

23                                 Thank you.

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

1 CHAIR SANDERS: I would like to request approval  
2 of the minutes of December 8, 2016 Board of  
3 Directors Meeting.

4 MEMBER LILLY: Motion.

5 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Who is calling the motion?

6 MEMBER LILLY: Motion.

7 MEMBER NORTH: Second.

8 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?  
9 Any abstentions?

10 MEMBER MORGO: Abstention.

11 PRESIDENT MCKAY: One abstention?

12 CHAIR SANDERS: One abstention, thank you.

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

15 I would like to now introduce  
16 Vice President of Student Affairs,  
17 Dr. Christopher Adams to present the  
18 Association financial reports.

19 DR. ADAMS: Thank you. Good morning, Chair  
20 Sanders and Members of the Board of  
21 Directors and Happy New Year. In your  
22 packets you have the financial report  
23 September 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. It  
24 also was e-mailed to you yesterday  
25 afternoon. Very happy to report that we are



1 operating in a positive trend in all of our  
2 various accounts. Our Suffolk Kids Cottages  
3 at both the Ammerman Campus and the Michael  
4 J. Grant Campus have received all of their  
5 grant money coming the State University of  
6 New York for the fall semester.

7 In addition, the disbursement of  
8 the student activity fees have all been made  
9 whole and all of the accounts for all the  
10 various campuses that we have operating call  
11 centers through the Association. So, we  
12 finished the Fall semester in a very  
13 positive fashion.

14 As you know, the Association runs  
15 via the student activity fee and is an  
16 important -- very crucial and important  
17 aspect of our student engagement process and  
18 our retention purposes for our students  
19 providing programming and services for all  
20 of our students including athletics, child  
21 care centers, culture, educational, and  
22 entertainment programming across the three  
23 campuses and the two downtown centers.

24 That's it for the report for  
25 September 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Do

1                   you have any questions about the financials?

2                   [NO RESPONSE].

3                                 I want to just give you a  
4                   reminder that our commencement which is  
5                   funded by the Association will take place on  
6                   Sunday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Health,  
7                   Sports and Education Center at the Michael  
8                   J. Grant.   Secondly, I want to just for a  
9                   minute talk about the resolution put forth  
10                  under the Board of Directors.

11                                It is a resolution that I talked  
12                  about at the December 8 meeting, happens to  
13                  be the combining of a forensics debate team  
14                  that we have.   As of now, we had two  
15                  different teams operating at the Ammerman  
16                  Campus and the Michael J. Grant Campus.   The  
17                  idea was brought forth by the coaches  
18                  advisors of both respective teams and they  
19                  asked for us to combine the teams and to  
20                  give a stipend for the coaches, the head  
21                  coach and assistant coach.

22                                I looked at the cost of the  
23                  stipends and they are in line with all of  
24                  our athletic coaches that we have.   This is  
25                  a unique because it's a nonathletic team but

1                   there are various practices that go on  
2                   throughout the week including competitions,  
3                   both in the fall and in the spring  
4                   semesters.

5                                 So it's a positive aspect that  
6                   we're looking for and will make us again one  
7                   college. Another unique part of this  
8                   combining of the teams is that we're also  
9                   opening it up to the eastern campus students  
10                  that want to participate.

11   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                 Chris, could you speak for the  
12                                 record. There was a question in regards to  
13                   us sending a team to the Carolinas, and we  
14                   had, you know, reached out to the governor,  
15                   we reached out to the State and we checked  
16                   through legal before the team went, Coach  
17                   Foley and the team went to North Carolina.  
18                   For the record, could you just state exactly  
19                   what we did and how we went about that.

20   DR. ADAMS:                         Well, as you know our baseball  
21                                 team became eligible last spring for the  
22                   college world series in our respective  
23                   NJCAA. Unfortunately North Carolina had  
24                   passed a law about all gender bathrooms,  
25                   that we were against it. Obviously, being a

1                    progressive institution, we obviously are  
2                    for it. In fact, I'm very happy to report  
3                    to this board that we now have 17 all gender  
4                    bathrooms across the three campuses and two  
5                    downtowns centers, including an LGBTQ task  
6                    force that's up and running now here at the  
7                    college.

8                    Our athletic director and our  
9                    coach went to the New York State NJCAA and  
10                   also the National NJCAA and basically said  
11                   that they were against holding competitions  
12                   in North Carolina and asked NJCAA to not  
13                   hold any more competitions. And the NJCAA  
14                   listened and moved the world series that was  
15                   scheduled for North Carolina in the spring,  
16                   to another location. I'm not sure what that  
17                   location is at this point but the fact that  
18                   our Coach Foley, our athletic director, was  
19                   able to advocate on behalf of the LGBTQ  
20                   community and our task force spoke volumes  
21                   and they listened to him and that's really  
22                   our stance now.

23    MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Chris, can you just get back to  
24                   the resolution that we -- it was two --  
25                   just, you explained how as it was student --

1                   because it was two separate sites and two  
2                   separate teams.

3   DR. ADAMS:                   Right.

4   MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:   Can you just talk to the rest of  
5                   the trustees about what you want.

6   DR. ADAMS:                   Sure. What we've decided to do  
7                   is combine teams and make a head coach, so  
8                   Tom Levino, here at the Ammerman Campus --

9   MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:   Because they were competing  
10                  against each other.

11   DR. ADAMS:                  They were competing against each  
12                  other so they would go to competitions and  
13                  they were competing against each other. It  
14                  was much better to have them combined into  
15                  one team.

16   PRESIDENT MCKAY:            For the board members we have  
17                  also looked at what we have done college  
18                  wide. In baseball, in lacrosse, you name  
19                  it, we have great coaching in Kevin Foley  
20                  here. What we have done instead of beating  
21                  each other up on a weekend and then you go  
22                  into another competition on a Monday which  
23                  we have been doing for, I don't know how  
24                  many years, we decided not to do that.

25                                  When we had college wide

1 commencement, I think Tom and, you know,  
2 members of the team here, we had college  
3 wide commencement and board members had to  
4 go from one campus to another campus to  
5 another campus. We have done away with  
6 that.

7 The last president has then made  
8 us to do college wide commencement. Also,  
9 we have done with accreditation that we are  
10 now accredited as one college instead of  
11 three independent campuses. So we have  
12 moved in a direction that's positive and I  
13 want to applaud Dr. Adams in moving in this  
14 direction in regards to the team in  
15 forensics not competing against each other  
16 but at least competing together so we can --  
17 because they were -- the last tournament  
18 they lost because they competed against each  
19 other.

20 So, now we're going to have to  
21 say that now we are one college, let's go in  
22 and let's go in with the strongest team we  
23 have. So I applaud Dr. Adams in putting  
24 forward this resolution.

25 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I think the other thing that we

1                   would share with my college trustees is that  
2                   the Eastern Campus will now have an  
3                   opportunity whereas before it was just the  
4                   Brentwood and Ammerman Campus.

5   DR. ADAMS:                   And we're looking currently for  
6                   an assistant coach for the Eastern Campus.  
7                   Because, again, with traveling back and  
8                   forth, if we can find someone to take over  
9                   the assistant coaching at the Eastern Campus  
10                  then we can make it easier for our students  
11                  that want to compete at The eastern Campus  
12                  so we're currently looking for that as well.

13   MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:   Good job, Chris.

14   PRESIDENT MCKAY:           Thank you.

15   CHAIR SANDERS:              Thank you, Dr. Adams.

16                                I'd like to request a motion for  
17                                the approval of the Association Resolution  
18                                2017-A1.

19   MEMBER MORGO:               So moved.

20   MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:   Second.

21   CHAIR SANDERS:              Motion and seconded.

22                                All in favor?

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

25   CHAIR SANDERS:              Thank you. I would like now like

1 to request a motion to adjourn the Board of  
2 Directors Meeting and call our Board of  
3 Trustees Meeting to order.

4 MEMBER NORTH: Make a motion.

5 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Second.

6 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

7 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
8 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

9 CHAIR SANDERS: Don't worry, we're down here a  
10 little distracted because there's like a  
11 winter breeze blowing in our ears.

12 SUPERVISOR PETRONE: Neftali just got your message so  
13 he's going to fix that.

14 CHAIR SANDERS: This is really for you, Shaun.

15 All right, I would like to  
16 request a motion for the approval of the  
17 minutes of the December 8, 2016 Board of  
18 Trustees Meeting.

19 MEMBER NORTH: Make a motion.

20 MEMBER CANARY: Second.

21 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

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

24 I would like to introduce Vice  
25 President of Business and Financial Affairs



1 Gail Vizzini to present the college budget  
2 and college financial records.

3 MS. VIZZINI: Thank you, Madam Chair. The  
4 outside audit is ongoing, we're waiting for  
5 the Bombadeo Group to give us some numbers  
6 that we can review and then my office will  
7 do our piece. We'll write the management  
8 analysis of what the numbers mean for you  
9 and I'll have a briefing for you probably in  
10 February with an expectation that you would  
11 be approving the financial statements in  
12 March.

13 As you know, the governor just  
14 released the proposed New York State  
15 2017-2-18 budget. We're still trying to  
16 figure out what it means. But several of us  
17 participated in a conference call yesterday  
18 and the highlights are, of course in today's  
19 Newsday. Regrettably community college  
20 funding has been reduced by \$21.2 million,  
21 it's about a 2.7 percent decrease in funding  
22 no provision for any increase in --

23 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: What was that, I'm sorry?

24 MS. VIZZINI: Sorry?

25 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: What was the percentage

1 reduction?

2 MS. VIZZINI: Two point seven.

3 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: There was no provision for an  
4 increase in the weight per FTE. There was,  
5 of course, the presentation of the Excelsior  
6 Program which is intended to be last dollar  
7 in. It requires that participants who are  
8 awarded this funding, first have to use all  
9 other outside grants and scholarships to  
10 reduce their tuition. Their tuition is to  
11 be frozen at the 2016-17 rate for four years  
12 during which they participate in this  
13 program --

14 MEMBER MORGO: May I? And --

15 MS. VIZZINI: And then the State would kick in  
16 the difference to meet the tuition rate.

17 MEMBER MORGO: It's important to emphasize at  
18 this point that this is in the governor's  
19 executive budget.

20 PRESIDENT MCKAY: And also --

21 MEMBER MORGO: And the -- the -- the thing is  
22 that the legislature will be acting on it  
23 and we'll see what comes out on March 31st.

24 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: This is proposed.

25 MEMBER MORGO: Yes, this is just proposed.

1     PRESIDENT MCKAY:                     Again, I will ask Gail to speak  
2   to the board in regards to timelines, there  
3   are dates and there are actions that this  
4   board need to take. Let me just say this,  
5   that I fully understand that the board does  
6   not want to increase tuition. But when we  
7   see is governor reducing aid -- last year  
8   the governor also gave us zero in regards to  
9   support and we had to go to Albany and speak  
10    to Ken LaValle and Senator Flanigan and  
11    others to try to make adjustments here.

12    We're going to have make an  
13    adjustment, Gail and I, in regards to what  
14    we present to you. There's a budget gap.  
15    There is a budget gap. And while I have the  
16    Guild and I have AME and I have the faculty  
17    to make adjustments, so does the exempts,  
18    we've all made adjustments. But there's a  
19    third leg in the stool, and that's students,  
20    faculty and then you got a Guild --

21    Well, I want to go back. It  
22    State and County and the students. We're  
23    going to have to make an adjustment here.  
24    And I would urge that the board do not make  
25    an assumption prior to myself and Vice

1                                   President Vizzini.

2   MS. VIZZINI:                    It's Vizzini, close enough.

3   PRESIDENT MCKAY:               Vizzini, I mean, you add another  
4                                   Z, that we are currently going through the  
5                                   call centers and we're hearing what you are  
6                                   asking for. So I would urge that the board  
7                                   do not opine or make a statement on the  
8                                   record in regards to where we are with the  
9                                   budget.

10                                   But certainly we do hear that the  
11                                   board should not advance tuition and fees we  
12                                   understand that. But we have to recognize  
13                                   the fiscal nature that we are dealing with  
14                                   right now. So, Gail.

15   MS. VIZZINI:                   And, you're absolutely right. My  
16                                   only point in bringing this up was that is  
17                                   it a proposal, that the college will be  
18                                   advocating for an increase in the rate for  
19                                   FTE to bring more funding from the state.  
20                                   And it is uncertain really as to whether the  
21                                   Excelsior funding will be in the final  
22                                   adopted budget this cycle.

23                                   As far as the college's operating  
24                                   budget, the expenditure and revenue  
25                                   projections are in your packet with the

1            accompanying executive summary. And I  
2            just -- I have highlighted one or two things  
3            there for you. Last cycle I reported that  
4            we had concerns in regards to a shortfall in  
5            tuition. And enrollment is a very fluid  
6            thing. Students register then if they don't  
7            make the initial payment, they are  
8            descheduled, enrollment doesn't look too  
9            good after that.

10                            Then they realize they do have to  
11                            commit that they are coming, they have to  
12                            make an initial payment and enrollment picks  
13                            up again. So when we have additional data  
14                            and we have more months of actual revenue  
15                            receipts and expenditures, the numbers that  
16                            I provide you on a monthly basis, of course,  
17                            will change.

18                            So I'm very pleased to report as  
19                            I did in the Budget and Finance Subcommittee  
20                            the other day that we have reduced our  
21                            projected shortfall as far as tuition from  
22                            the \$700,000 figure a very manageable  
23                            \$100,000 figure. Spring enrollment looks  
24                            pretty good but it will continue to be fluid  
25                            until such time as we get into classes and

1                   we pass the drop add period.

2   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                   I think if I can just add to  
3                   that, it has been a very difficult process  
4                   for Gail and I to look at the numbers that  
5                   the board has approved and what we needed to  
6                   do the manage fiscally the operations of the  
7                   college. So we can come in -- I believe  
8                   it's been, Lou, I don't know if you checked  
9                   the numbers, but I believe for the last five  
10                  years, we have come in on budget.

11                                       And I want to thank, again Tom  
12                   and Kevin and the AME folks that have been  
13                   working with us to extend their contracts  
14                   and then also in regards to the exempts. We  
15                   have given up, in regards to our own wages.  
16                   So, again, when it comes down to fiscal  
17                   savings, Gail mentioned, you know, all  
18                   water, fuel, heat, you know, that whole  
19                   area, Gail.

20   MS. VIZZINI:                       Yes.

21   SUPERVISOR PETRONE:               And then, could you speak on  
22                   that?

23   MS. VIZZINI:                       Absolutely. Yes, in this current  
24                   year's budget we continued to see savings in  
25                   the light, power and water, the building

1 rentals, and employee benefits which we  
2 reported also to the Budget and Finance  
3 Subcommittee. I believe that we can  
4 continue to show reductions in these  
5 expenditures when we put together the budget  
6 gap which is the next thing my office is  
7 working on. And we will be presenting  
8 something for consideration by the Budget  
9 and Finance Subcommittee and the Executive  
10 Committee of the board for the next cycle.

11 Item number two is the budget  
12 transfers. I just want to highlight and  
13 explain and answer any questions if you have  
14 them. These funds primarily they're  
15 obviously already in the operating budget  
16 but they may not be in their precise  
17 category of expenses where the expenditure  
18 is taking place, but the majority of them  
19 are actually within the same department.  
20 We're just moving the moneys around  
21 appropriately with one or two exceptions.

22 So the mail room, the metering  
23 machine, that sends out the first class mail  
24 is well beyond its useful life, needs to be  
25 replaced. So we're moving the money from

1 printing to office machines. It's been in  
2 the same department.

3 The second item is the folder  
4 inserter in the print shop basically, you  
5 know, takes letter size documents, folds it,  
6 stuffs it in an envelope. Well beyond its  
7 useful life, constantly down. We are  
8 suffering backlogs as a result of not being  
9 able to fold and insert 1098-Ts, bills, et  
10 cetera so the machine has to be replaced.

11 Public safety has a request here  
12 moving funds from communication into  
13 equipment where they will be buying Motorola  
14 communication radios. We're reallocating  
15 funds within public safety from  
16 communication to automobiles to provide for  
17 a replacement public safety vehicle Ford  
18 Explorer to replace a 2003 Explorer that has  
19 over 167,000 miles and we're basically  
20 putting it out for a junk bid.

21 The Grant Campus is moving funds  
22 within their appropriations to purchase a  
23 five station energy system. It's basically  
24 a series of machines that will be located  
25 outdoors for physical education classes.



1                   But the funds are simply being move within  
2                   various appropriation. The Grant Campus has  
3                   also requested that we provide a covered  
4                   cart equipped to transport food. The food  
5                   preparation takes place at the Captree  
6                   Commons cafeteria but then needs to be  
7                   transported to the HFVCs or other buildings  
8                   an it is easier to do that in this type of  
9                   cart going across the campus then take the  
10                  roadways and what have you.

11                                 So we're moving funds from the  
12                   surpluses in the light, power and water to  
13                   accommodate that. And the last item is the  
14                   expansion of continuing education courses at  
15                   the Sayville downtown center. We need to  
16                   transform those spaces into instructional  
17                   areas. So this is a purchase of basically  
18                   tables and chairs.

19   MEMBER LILLY:                   Gail, I just have one question.  
20                   The purchase of the Explorer, is it more  
21                   economically feasible to lease a vehicle? I  
22                   mean, because if you got 14 years and  
23                   167,000 miles, the mileage shouldn't be an  
24                   issue of a -- well, you know, you usually  
25                   get about 12,000 miles a year on a lease,

1                   then you would be rotating it and it would  
2                   be a fixed cost over X.

3   MS. VIZZINI:                   It wouldn't be a prudent thing  
4                   for the college to do. It's too much like  
5                   borrowing for the vehicle which we can't do.  
6                   So we typically don't lease.

7   MEMBER LILLY:                 I was just wondering, I mean,  
8                   it's a 2003 so it's obviously outlived its  
9                   usefulness. But at least then you would  
10                  have a three or four year vehicle --

11   MS. VIZZINI:                 In the long run it's actually  
12                  cheaper to buy it.

13   PRESIDENT MCKAY:             Also, while we're not a  
14                  department of the County, we have to look  
15                  and see what the County and the State does.  
16                  And we have State contracts that allow us to  
17                  get these vehicles beyond lower than market  
18                  value. So, it something that we have to  
19                  look at. And I think that so far, when it  
20                  comes to public safety for example, in the  
21                  budget for public safety and also for IT and  
22                  others, I'm seeing now they have to replace  
23                  vehicles and replace equipment and all of  
24                  that which has a timeline on all of that.

25                                 So your question on leasing is

1                   valid and the question of ownership is also  
2                   valid because when the vehicles do go out of  
3                   timeline, we then have to sell or auction or  
4                   whatever that is. So that's something that  
5                   goes over now from the college then over to  
6                   I believe, Gail, correct me here, to the  
7                   Foundation and then it goes back to the  
8                   college in regards to assets, right?

9   MS. VIZZINI:                   Oh, you mean if we've liquidated  
10                   an asset?

11   PRESIDENT MCKAY:               Yes.

12   MS. VIZZINI:                   But, again, I don't think we  
13                   should pursue the leasing option due to some  
14                   legal complications with that.

15   PRESIDENT MCKAY:               Okay, sure.

16   MEMBER LILLY:                   Okay. Because, you know, it's  
17                   obvious that you have -- public safety has a  
18                   vehicle that's 14 years old. So now they  
19                   are going to have a 2017 vehicle. The next  
20                   department will go, wait a minute, I got a  
21                   2005, you know. It would be nice that if  
22                   everyone was in the same, you know, couple  
23                   of years the vehicles. You wouldn't be  
24                   looking with envy of the vehicle from  
25                   another department.

1     PRESIDENT MCKAY:                     Sure, sure, sure.

2     MEMBER LILLY:                         So I don't know how long you

3   amortize the vehicle over the lifespan. I

4   mean --

5     MS. VIZZINI:                         We keep it running --

6     CHAIR SANDERS:                        Let me ask a question. Maybe

7   that's something that the Facilities

8   Committee could look as a policy to put

9   something, some type of a cycle.

10    MEMBER LILLY:                         Okay, thanks.

11    CHAIR SANDERS:                        Maybe we need to look at that

12   policy. It could be the policy.

13    MEMBER LILLY:                         I'm not saying -- I mean, there's

14   probably a lot of vehicle that fall in the

15   same pool as this and it should be

16   addressed.

17    PRESIDENT MCKAY:                     Ask Facilities.

18    MEMBER LILLY:                         Those guys in public safety are

19   out there all the time.

20    MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:             But at the end of the day, if you

21   pay three years for a lease, you've bought

22   the car. So you might as well hold it for

23   15 years and have it for free for 10.

24    MEMBER MORGO:                         There's your report.

25    MEMBER LILLY:                         Okay. Thank you. Thank you,

1                                   you've answered my questions.

2   MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:    You know, it's not -- we don't

3                                   admire other people's cars.  It's its

4                                   purpose.

5   MEMBER LILLY:                   I'll move on.

6   PRESIDENT MCKAY:               Any questions?  Any questions?

7   CHAIR SANDERS:                  Thank you, Gail.  Appreciate it.

8                                   I would like to request a motion

9                                   for the approval of College Resolutions

10                                  2017.01 to 2017.07.  Is there a motion?

11  MEMBER MORGO:                   Moved.

12  MEMBER NORTH:                   Second.

13  CHAIR SANDERS:                  Thank you, Jim.  Chris, second.

14                                   Thank you.

15                                   All in favor?

16                                   [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS

17                                   VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

18  CHAIR SANDERS:                  We're going to move into the

19                                   committee reports and we can start with

20                                   governance.  And thank you for your

21                                   dedication.  I know you just got off the

22                                   plane and came straight to the meeting and

23                                   still look great, Gordon, right?

24  MEMBER MORGO:                   Everybody surfing now.

25  MEMBER CANARY:                   Let the record reflect that

1 almost three years on this board, I have yet  
2 to miss a meeting. And I literally didn't  
3 get to bed until 1:30 after nine days of  
4 whirlwind wedding scenario. I am pleased to  
5 be here.

6 CHAIR SANDERS: Congratulations.

7 MEMBER CANARY: But as I said earlier, if I pull  
8 a Paul Pontieri and start to snooze on you.

9 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Ooh.

10 MEMBER CANARY: I love Paul. I would not -- I  
11 love Paul, he was my bud.

12 MEMBER MORGO: Congratulations yourself.

13 MEMBER CANARY: Just give me one second here, I  
14 want to pull up a Gmail that Gail had sent  
15 me.

16 Okay. So, for the January  
17 governance committee meeting that we had  
18 scheduled, we had to cancel because at the  
19 very last minute, like that morning I only  
20 found out that vice president Vizzini and  
21 Jim both had to be at Suffolk County Finance  
22 Committee Meeting on the same day and the  
23 same hour as the governance committee. And  
24 one of the things we wanted to discuss at  
25 the meeting was Gail was going to give us a

1 report on the use fees, facility use fees.  
2 So we thought it prudent to postpone and we  
3 will meet again.

4 Problem for the February meeting  
5 is that we are going forward with our  
6 inviting the potential members of the board  
7 of ethics. And I was just looking for this  
8 e-mail that Gail had sent to me that I did  
9 read when I was down in Puerto Rico, Rincon,  
10 Puerto Rico.

11 She said, good afternoon Trustee  
12 Canary. I wanted to give you an update  
13 before the board meeting tomorrow, meaning  
14 today. I have heard back from Madeleine  
15 Fitzgibbons and John Zolo, both of whom will  
16 be available for their senior interview on  
17 February 7. So we had sent out the --  
18 counsel's office on our behalf had sent out  
19 letters to seven prospective candidates and  
20 so we have heard back from two.

21 We're trying to get all seven to  
22 come to the next meeting. It will be a  
23 little bit longer than we normally hold the  
24 meeting but we would like to get that all  
25 done. So we're still waiting to hear back

1 from the other five. But that's our game  
2 plan for the February meeting. And then  
3 coming forward with a recommendation to this  
4 board on what our recommendations would be  
5 for the three individuals so we can finally  
6 get the board of ethics convened. Yes?

7 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Gordon, for a matter of public  
8 record, is that committee going to be  
9 looking at what we do with ethics in regard  
10 to the college in in general?

11 MEMBER CANARY: No, sir.

12 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Or is it just for the board  
13 members?

14 MEMBER CANARY: Simply and solely in case a board  
15 member has a transgression that needs to be  
16 looked at.

17 MEMBER MORGO: An alleged transgression.

18 MEMBER CANARY: An alleged transgression that  
19 needs to be looked at because of the former  
20 unpleasant experience we had, we felt that  
21 this was a prudent way to proceed to take it  
22 out of the realm of an internal  
23 investigation of this board and bring it to  
24 a separate entity. And we are, again,  
25 interviewing hopefully four retired judges



1                   who have expressed interest in continuing  
2                   with public service and three attorneys, one  
3                   of which has been a member of the Suffolk  
4                   County Bar Association's Ethics Committee,  
5                   right?

6                                 So we thought -- we have a good  
7                   pool of candidates and these are the people  
8                   who could do the job. And, again, it is our  
9                   hope and our prayer that they never ever  
10                  have to convene after being sworn in.

11 PRESIDENT MCKAY:                 Sure, sure.

12 MEMBER CANARY:                   Clearly that is our hope. But  
13                   just in case as we've discussed, we will  
14                   have the process in place should we need it.  
15                   And it's been a lengthy. Process and I am  
16                   really anxious to try to get it to -- bring  
17                   it to fruition, so we're moving towards  
18                   that.

19 PRESIDENT MCKAY:                 Thank you.

20 MEMBER CANARY:                   I guess that's my report.

21 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you very much. I did throw  
22                   you off. Now, Denise, you're own.

23 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:        All right. Student Success  
24                   Committee met on January 12. And Theresa  
25                   was there and Christopher North was there

1 and I was there, obviously, from the Board  
2 of Trustees. We had Debra Wolfson  
3 representing Paul Boden who unfortunately  
4 was sick to speak with us about the early  
5 intervention initiative that's going on  
6 basically throughout Suffolk County at this  
7 point.

8 As you all know, it's a math  
9 remediation program so that students are  
10 able to come to Suffolk Community College  
11 and enter college level math courses as soon  
12 as they walk in the door. Because of the  
13 very discouraging rates of graduation if a  
14 student is required to take a developmental  
15 math course before getting college level  
16 courses.

17 They have been working very  
18 closely with McGraw Hill who owns the  
19 software that the college uses and that some  
20 school districts are using in order to  
21 remediate high school students. And they  
22 have worked with them in developing the  
23 courses so that they mirror our Suffolk  
24 Community College's MA001 and 007 which are  
25 the two developmental classes for math. So,

1                   there are two levels, 001 is obviously  
2                   lower. So some students have to take two  
3                   courses before they can get to a college  
4                   level course.

5                   One of the, I think unintended  
6                   consequences, is that they have gone beyond  
7                   that now and they've developed a course in  
8                   MA111 which is college level. So students  
9                   in high school are now, if they finish the  
10                  developmental piece and the reach mastery,  
11                  they are able to access college level math  
12                  as a high school student. They're not  
13                  getting any college credit but they are  
14                  getting exposed to it which is a nice  
15                  feature.

16                  I applaud the work that Dr. Boden  
17                  and Debra Wolfson have done. They literally  
18                  visited 12 school districts -- 40, sorry,  
19                  school districts armed with data regarding  
20                  their own students. So they were able to go  
21                  to the school districts and say, look, here  
22                  is where your kids are coming in.

23                  You know, when Hampton Bays  
24                  started this five years ago, we were able to  
25                  look at the numbers and see that my students

1 coming from Hampton Bays and going to  
2 Suffolk Community College, real live  
3 students, actual names, there were 68  
4 percent of my students that were in need of  
5 remediation, which is not unusual. In the  
6 country it's 60 percent. But now I'm happy  
7 to say we're down to 24 or 25 percent.

8 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Denise, if I could just say --

9 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: But, interesting, out of the 40  
10 colleges, 12 have jumped on board. So it's  
11 still an uphill climb.

12 PRESIDENT MCKAY: I must commend Trustee  
13 Lindsay-Sullivan. That was the first school  
14 district that we started with, and then we  
15 moved into several districts. There's 120  
16 school districts on Long Island. It's  
17 difficult for us as a college to have  
18 faculty and chairs and staff to work with  
19 the school districts to then move forward in  
20 getting the progress that we are seeing  
21 here, from Chuck Connolly to Teka Kunis  
22 (phonetic), you name it, out east all the  
23 way down.

24 What we are doing here on Long  
25 Island is something that has not been done

1                   statewide. And for some reason it's not  
2                   being recognized as something that has to be  
3                   done across the country. We're doing  
4                   something different here. When the governor  
5                   mentioned free tuition and everything else,  
6                   we're talking about how do we not only how  
7                   remediate but how do we mediate right there  
8                   in the high school system and then get  
9                   students to come to us ready for college.  
10                  That's an item that we have to discuss. So  
11                  I just want to make a plug there. Denise,  
12                  thank you.

13   MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Thank you, thank you. So it's  
14                   good movement. And I think since Dr. Boden  
15                   has been charged with doing this, the  
16                   momentum has really picked up. So I really  
17                   applaud the work that they have done. And  
18                   I've already -- I get calls from other  
19                   school districts now asking me for input.  
20                  The other thing that we talked about was the  
21                  jail program. I don't know if my college  
22                  trustees remember, one of the topics of our  
23                  meeting for this month being that it was the  
24                  new year, I wanted to get a sense of where  
25                  the committee felt we needed to go, what our

1 initiatives were, what were the top of our  
2 agenda.

3 And we brought up the jail  
4 program. If you remember, we wanted to get  
5 into the jail and try to offer some courses.  
6 Initially we were told that we could work  
7 with some women in the jail and then that  
8 kind of fell to the side and we didn't get  
9 as much cooperation.

10 But right now we're building  
11 relationships. And the student -- the  
12 veterans, I don't know what you call that  
13 department, but our veteran, Shannon O'Neill  
14 and the people that work with her, they are  
15 going in and they're working with veterans  
16 who are incarcerated and they are building  
17 the relationships.

18 And we currently have two  
19 veterans who were recently released who are  
20 now enrolled in school. So I'm really  
21 really very excited about that. There's one  
22 piece of that that I'm very concerned about.  
23 I know one of the two is going for work  
24 force development and I'm told that they  
25 can't get financial aid for that kind of

1                   program. And I think that that is just  
2                   horrifying. So I know that Shannon, through  
3                   the Foundation, is trying to figure out a  
4                   way to help this gentleman because he really  
5                   is on the right path but he needs somebody  
6                   to give him a break.

7 MEMBER CANARY:                   Question, Denise?

8 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:       When you made the statement that  
9                   trying to deal with the incarcerated women  
10                  you weren't getting cooperation from the  
11                  sheriff's office?

12 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:       Correct. I don't know. They  
13                  just -- they are not ready, right, Chris?

14 DR. ADAMS:                   Right. There were some other  
15                  things that they were working on and they  
16                  asked us to pause for a couple of months and  
17                  to contact them later on in the spring. So  
18                  my contact Mitchell Langhorn, I'm planning  
19                  on calling him as soon as I can to be able  
20                  to get that program going. But we talked  
21                  about offering actual classes in the  
22                  Riverhead jail for a population, a pilot  
23                  program, for students that would be eligible  
24                  for college credit.

25                                   There is also money that the

1                   governor raised through private funding that  
2                   is available to us. That we, you know,  
3                   again we're in wake mode. We're ready to go  
4                   from the community college, we're just  
5                   waiting on the sheriff's department. Again,  
6                   that was because they asked us to pause it a  
7                   little bit.

8                                 But we went ahead, again,  
9                   building the relationship. The first step  
10                  was working with the veterans' population in  
11                  helping them, you know, navigate financial  
12                  aid and the admissions process to become a  
13                  successful Suffolk County Community College  
14                  student.

15 MEMBER CANARY:                 Now that I know this is a funding  
16                                 source, let's just keep it on the radar  
17                                 screen.

18 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:     Absolutely.

19 MEMBER CANARY:                 Certainly let's give it a couple  
20                                 of months but --

21 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:     Absolutely.

22 MEMBER MORGO:                 Chris, did you ever coordinate  
23                                 with New Hour for Women and Children Long  
24                                 Island? Because their mission is to work  
25                                 with formerly incarcerated women and they do



1                   have issues going into -- have you talked to  
2                   them at all?

3   DR. ADAMS:                   We briefly did.   But just  
4                   nothing, you know, came of it.   So...

5   MEMBER MORGO:                You may want to try again because  
6                   I know they are going back and forth and  
7                   they deal with the sheriff and Butch.

8   DR. ADAMS:                   Sure.   I mean, again, we're open  
9                   obviously in this aspect of enrollment  
10                  decline in high schools.   We are obviously  
11                  looking for other areas that we can tap into  
12                  especially if there's individuals that, you  
13                  know, would help us with our enrollment,  
14                  so...

15   MEMBER MORGO:                I know a couple of women that  
16                  were enrolled in St. Joseph's for example.

17   DR. ADAMS:                   Yes.

18   MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:   You know, it's a very -- to me,  
19                  at first I was disappointed but then at the  
20                  same time I feel like the relationship  
21                  building is so vital because to somebody who  
22                  is down on their luck in that way, to come  
23                  to a large institution like this, it's kind  
24                  of hard to navigate the waters when you are  
25                  on your own.   And when they have someone

1                   like Shannon O'Neill or someone that has  
2                   been there, talked to them, developed a  
3                   rapport with them and they know who to  
4                   contact, it just make it that much easier to  
5                   get past that line.

6                   So I think that the work is  
7                   valuable and I really applaud that while we  
8                   had a setback, we're making the best of it  
9                   and I think that even if it makes a  
10                  difference in the lives of the two people  
11                  that we got in now, then it was worth it.

12 CHAIR SANDERS:                   And, Denise, you know, education  
13                   is transformative. So for a lot of the  
14                   people that are there, whatever the issue  
15                   was that landed them there, if they really  
16                   want to transform their lives, the access to  
17                   education can't --

18 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:       No doubt.

19 CHAIR SANDERS:                   You can't get around that.

20 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:       And who knows how far that impact  
21                   will go.

22 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Right.

23 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:       You know, this could impact two  
24                   lives and then maybe that would impact the  
25                   lives of their children from there. So, you

1 know, you don't really know how far your  
2 impact goes. So thank you for that, Chris.

3 The Middle States was here in  
4 December.

5 DR. ADAMS: There was a conference that we  
6 attended.

7 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Correct. And a verification of  
8 compliance committees is being developed and  
9 they are coming in the spring, right?

10 DR. ADAMS: Well, actually, what's happening  
11 in the spring is there's an office of civil  
12 rights compliance review that is separate  
13 from Middle States. That's a State of New  
14 York initiative. We were randomly selected  
15 as a college to go through this compliance  
16 review. They came in early December. The  
17 chair, Alicia O'Connor and Chris Vargas  
18 cochair under the auspice of general counsel  
19 have been working towards that and they will  
20 be coming in the spring for a three or four  
21 day compliance review.

22 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I shared with the committee that  
23 in my school district we had -- it was  
24 actually the attorney general's office  
25 office of civil rights that was

1                   investigating to see what protocols and  
2                   policies were in place. So I think this is  
3                   a common trend these days. That's my  
4                   report.

5 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you very much, Denise.  
6                   Always a lot of great stuff going on in  
7                   student success. And the focus on  
8                   compliance from, you know, national down to  
9                   local officials is interesting and evolving,  
10                  particularly as pertains to our students'  
11                  success. So thank you very much.

12                                    Budget committee.

13 MEMBER MORGO:                  Thank you, Madam Chairwoman. The  
14                  budget and finance committee held its first  
15                  meeting on January 17. The chairwoman,  
16                  Trustee Sullivan, Murray and North were all  
17                  in attendance. First of all, on my report,  
18                  we spoke last Tuesday when we met that the  
19                  governor's executive budget was not  
20                  available. We were living in a good time  
21                  then.

22                                    I just wanted -- I was going to  
23                  emphasize what I mentioned to Gail, it's  
24                  just a proposal. The legislature has to  
25                  deal with it and then they have to come up

1 with something. We know how well the  
2 governor and the legislature are getting  
3 along now so we know those will be peaceful  
4 negotiations. Gordon?

5 MEMBER CANARY: Let me just say that I have not  
6 seen it this bad since the days of Elliot  
7 Spitzer. I think that's the best way I can  
8 describe it.

9 MEMBER MORGO: In the very few days of Elliot  
10 Spitzer.

11 PRESIDENT MCKAY: And, Gordon, you're on the record  
12 by the way.

13 MEMBER CANARY: I call it as I see it, man.

14 MEMBER MORGO: The other thing I was going to  
15 mention the, Gail, but it's almost not worth  
16 mentioning because we don't know where we're  
17 going to be. But what the governor proposes  
18 applies to all 30 of the community colleges  
19 but they apply differently based on a lot of  
20 factors, the enrollment, things like that.  
21 So we're just going to have to wait and see.

22 The meeting that we had on  
23 Tuesday was really a preliminary look at  
24 17-18 operating budget. We have to submit  
25 our budget proposal in April. So these next

1 couple of months are the crunch months. The  
2 quick reminder, and I know Chris is on the  
3 committee as a new trustee, we only have  
4 four sources as you all know for our  
5 operating budget; state aid, county aid,  
6 tuition, and reserves.

7 Now as I have often said, if the  
8 state and county met their statutory  
9 requirements, we wouldn't have to even have  
10 the agony that we have been having. But  
11 they don't and we've already talked about  
12 why they don't. Full year tuition for a  
13 full-time student is \$4,770, still a bargain  
14 I think we would all agree. The good news,  
15 and I think Gail alluded to this, is that  
16 the enrollment figures for the fall semester  
17 came in better than predicted.

18 Before the figures were final,  
19 Gail predicted the budget shortfall was  
20 going to be \$700,000. With the benefit of  
21 the new figures, tuition shortfall now is  
22 projected at \$100,000. We don't know the  
23 final spring enrollment yet and we'll get a  
24 better handle of things on that when we do.

25 Gail did identify three areas of

1 potential savings for 17-18. I think  
2 Dr. McKay asked her to mention them. Just  
3 to go over them again quickly; savings on  
4 light and power and water about \$600,000.  
5 So utilities are a big part of our operating  
6 budget obviously, surely not the biggest  
7 part of course because we are service and  
8 that comes out of salaries and benefits.

9 In addition to the \$600,000 in  
10 savings for utilities which she identified  
11 \$250,000 in rental savings and a potential  
12 savings -- this is really incredible, of one  
13 million dollars through the retirement  
14 system as well and with the TIAA-CREF and  
15 also because of the Guild contract and the  
16 lag payroll that was imposed, there will be  
17 other savings too.

18 In short, Dr. McKay's  
19 administration and Gail are continually  
20 looking at other area to reduce  
21 expenditures. The department hearings are  
22 under way where the department is coming in  
23 with their budgets and will conclude next  
24 Tuesday. When Gail presents the 17-18  
25 budget, she will let us know what the gap

1 is.

2 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Right.

3 MEMBER MORGO: Then we go to the County and ask  
4 for their help in filling that gap. Did I  
5 mention if they fulfill their statutory  
6 requirement we could -- see, I think I said  
7 that. But after.

8 PRESIDENT MCKAY: They don't.

9 MEMBER MORGO: But after we know what the  
10 commitment of each is going to be, then we  
11 have to look at tuition and our reserves.  
12 And, of course, as always savings at that  
13 time as well.

14 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Yes.

15 MEMBER MORGO: Gail said her goal is to get the  
16 gap to less than 10 million and at less than  
17 a two percent growth in expenditures. We  
18 were reminded that as well as contractual  
19 increases in the operating budget,  
20 contractually banded increases, we also  
21 have new buildings coming online. And  
22 although the construction is paid through  
23 the county and state capital budgets, we  
24 still always have additional operating costs  
25 that have to be covered by the operating



1 budget.

2 A couple of members of the  
3 committee mentioned that they would be very  
4 reluctant to support any tuition increase in  
5 light of the last three years, consecutive  
6 years of tuition increases and because of  
7 other student related expenses, I responded,  
8 well, we'll cross that bridge when we fall  
9 off it. But we have to find out where we  
10 are before we can talk about that.

11 Gail acknowledged the concerns  
12 and pledged that there will be a continued  
13 effort to reduce expenses. Gail will  
14 provide a full picture so that we can give  
15 our direction for the development of this  
16 17-18 operating budget. In addition to some  
17 of discussion about what the governor was  
18 going to propose, the members of the  
19 committee decided it was judicious to  
20 disregard the governor's call for tuition  
21 free community college.

22 It was also mentioned that the  
23 county legislature's long-term budget  
24 planning committee will again be meeting on  
25 this Tuesday and its report is expected in

1 the winter. Ben Zwirn told us and Gail  
2 confirmed it, that what we'll probably get  
3 are various models with various  
4 contingencies and with variables based on  
5 past performances.

6 So we'll see how valuable that  
7 is. I want to emphasize that is was the  
8 trustees who originally came up with this  
9 idea of this long range planning. We passed  
10 a resolution, what, two or three years ago.  
11 And it's meeting. I'm still hopeful that it  
12 will achieve its goal so that we could have  
13 a rational and predictable look at tuition  
14 and use of our reserves.

15 The next meeting of the committee  
16 is Friday, February 10. And Gail will  
17 probably have a better feel for the spring  
18 semester enrollment figures at the time.  
19 That's my report.

20 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much, Jim.

21 MEMBER CANARY: Chair Sanders, may I be allowed a  
22 question?

23 CHAIR SANDERS: Go ahead.

24 MEMBER CANARY: Gail, the issue of the governor's  
25 proposal for free community college tuition,

1                   have you had any discussion with some of  
2                   your fellow community college financial  
3                   directors in terms of the accuracy of some  
4                   of these estimates? I mean, I see it's kind  
5                   of creeping up now, and now it's like maybe  
6                   a hundred and six six million --

7   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                   It's more than that.

8   MEMBER CANARY:                   -- predicated on so many  
9                   numbers. And how you even generate a  
10                  number, I mean, it's really pie in the sky.  
11                  How are you going to figure out how many are  
12                  going to actually take advantage of it.  
13                  Have you guys had any discussions or do you  
14                  have any feel for that?

15   MS. VIZZINI:                   Not really. We rely a lot on,  
16                  you know, the interpretation of the  
17                  governor's budget from SUNY central and, you  
18                  know, we had the conference call the other  
19                  day and there will be many conference calls  
20                  after that. Each community college is in a  
21                  somewhat different but yet precarious  
22                  situation in terms of enrollment,  
23                  competition from other surrounding privates  
24                  and nonprofit entities.

25                                   So we're -- and we all know that

1                   it's not over until the legislature has  
2                   its -- vets the whole thing and determines  
3                   whether it is going to be or not in the  
4                   adopted budget. So I really can't comment.

5                   We have an idea of how many of  
6                   our students who submit FAFSA forms, which  
7                   are those financial aid forms, for in terms  
8                   of income guidelines but not everybody  
9                   submits those types of forms either. So I  
10                  really couldn't.

11   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                The other part, Trustee Canary,  
12                                       is we are an open access institution which  
13                                       means that we don't check for folks that are  
14                                       coming to us that either are citizens or  
15                                       not. We take in GED. We take in students  
16                                       that come to us. The other part of it is  
17                                       this, when the governor mentioned the first  
18                                       year of 163 million. The second year as a  
19                                       community college, we don't graduate  
20                                       students in two years. They normally  
21                                       graduate in three or maybe they transfer in  
22                                       two.

23                                       So then they transfer into a four  
24                                       year population that now the governor has  
25                                       mentioned that the four year is going to be

1 funded as well. So then we got a group  
2 that's moving up. Then you in the second  
3 year, first year students coming into this  
4 college in their first year. So it  
5 compounds.

6 You know, so the numbers keep  
7 growing. In the third year, let's say they  
8 graduate in the third year, where are they  
9 graduating to? The four year colleges. So  
10 that's a different number. So I'll say  
11 this, it's a laudable goal but until we have  
12 the details on how this is going to be  
13 funded and how we are expected as an  
14 institution to respond to that, then you  
15 have the outcomes base part of that which is  
16 they want to have students graduate in two  
17 or three years.

18 Well it's not applicable to us.  
19 So there's some legislation that has to be  
20 done. There's -- Trustee Morgo mentioned  
21 four parts to the funding and I'll go back  
22 to three parts. Really it's students, it's  
23 the county and it's the state. The  
24 Foundation, in regards to what we do for  
25 scholarships is going to be always there.

1                   But what we do on the fund balance is  
2                   something that right now, I look at the  
3                   number yesterday, we are down to eight point  
4                   nine nine percent. We should be between 10  
5                   to 15 percent and that's a Middle State  
6                   issue.

7                                 So we are going to have to  
8                   address that before they come into town.  
9                   So, again, when it comes to the state and  
10                  what they are doing, I hope the governor can  
11                  give us language that we can follow and then  
12                  that he works with both sides of the house  
13                  so then he can that approved. Until such  
14                  time, we got to go back to what Trustee  
15                  Morgo said in regards to budget. It's going  
16                  go come under three houses. It's going to  
17                  come under student, fund balance and it's  
18                  going to come down to the state.

19                                The county, we don't know what's  
20                  going to happen with the county as we know.

21   MEMBER CANARY:                One last question again. I go  
22                                back to you, Gail. Do we have an idea from  
23                                our present facilities and the amount of  
24                                faculty and support staff that we now have,  
25                                what would be the maxed out number of

1 students that our three campuses could  
2 totally handle? Has anybody ever tried to  
3 figure that out?

4 MS. VIZZINI: There are so many permutations to  
5 that.

6 MEMBER CANARY: I know.

7 MS. VIZZINI: Just to comment in terms of the  
8 Excelsior Program, you have to be full time  
9 and you have to take 15 credits. I'm sure  
10 we could get the date, but I don't even know  
11 how many of our students are taking 15  
12 credits. I know the average number of  
13 credits which I think is 12 that our  
14 full-time students take and the average  
15 number that our part-time students take from  
16 our enrollment reports.

17 But -- and there's just --  
18 there's a lot of things that go into how  
19 many credits -- you may sign up for 15. If  
20 you don't attend or you drop, your  
21 eligibility for the Excelsior goes away.

22 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Let me answer that. 60 percent  
23 of our students are part time, 60 percent.  
24 So they are not taking 15 credits. So what  
25 do we have now? We have a proposal on the

1 table with the governor saying that you got  
2 to take 15 credits and then you are going to  
3 have a certain threshold in regards to  
4 salary and income earning.

5 The EFC -- it goes back to under  
6 the proposal for financial aid, PELL, SEOG,  
7 and TAP from the state first and foremost  
8 are the three things coming in. Then he  
9 said last dollars, meaning that then we fund  
10 last dollars. Now, they have not talked  
11 about part-time students.

12 It impacts me -- well, us, I'm  
13 sorry, the largest proportion of students  
14 that come to Suffolk are part time right  
15 now. He's not talking about that.

16 MEMBER CANARY: You bring up a really good point.  
17 If we get into a situation where we are  
18 forcing the students to take 15 credits and  
19 they can't handle it and then they falling  
20 behind and falling out, that hurts our  
21 numbers. So, I mean, it's like whoa.

22 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Chair Sanders, can I just ask  
23 Gail. At the Budget and Finance Committee  
24 Meeting, we were told that the reserves were  
25 up by \$10 million from last year.



1 MS. VIZZINI: The reserves are at --

2 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: It was up to 24 million.

3 MS. VIZZINI: Correct.

4 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: And this time last year we were

5 at 14 million.

6 MS. VIZZINI: No, that can't be.

7 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I have it in my notes.

8 MS. VIZZINI: That doesn't mean it's accurate.

9 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Well, I think I take pretty good

10 notes.

11 MS. VIZZINI: I'm sure you do.

12 MEMBER MORGO: I have the same note.

13 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: It was at the Budget and Finance

14 Committee Meeting.

15 MS. VIZZINI: You maybe mixing what I said

16 versus the fund balance. The fund balance

17 is a result of the financial statement.

18 It's the difference between the assets and

19 the liabilities and it changes. But what is

20 usually presented at Finance is a budget gap

21 with assumptions. If we use it, it will go

22 down to this number. If you use more of it,

23 it will go down to an even smaller number.

24 The fund balance has not been at

25 \$14 million dollar in quite some time.

1 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Didn't you just tell us it was 24  
2 million?

3 MS. VIZZINI: Correct.

4 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Then what do you mean it hasn't  
5 been 14 million in a long time? Did we --  
6 how much money do we --

7 MEMBER MORGO: She means that low.

8 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: That low?

9 MS. VIZZINI: Yes. It's 24 now.

10 MEMBER MORGO: She means it hasn't been as low  
11 as 14.

12 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: That's what you told us last  
13 year.

14 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Madame Chair, if I can, and  
15 Gail --

16 MS. VIZZINI: Probably in the budget gap  
17 scenario where if we used it, it would go to  
18 certain numbers.

19 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Here (handing).

20 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Madame Chair, if I can, for the  
21 board's indulgence and for the record.

22 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes.

23 PRESIDENT MCKAY: In 2008 the Middle States said to  
24 us that we were not at the appropriate level  
25 for fund balance. In the fund balance, so

1                   you know, there's a portion of that that is  
2                   accounts receivable. It's not all liquid  
3                   cash. There's an accounts receivable  
4                   portion there and then there's an allowance  
5                   for dollar for account that the auditors are  
6                   saying to Gail, you to the write off. You  
7                   can't keep that on your books for two,  
8                   three, four years because you can't collect  
9                   it.

10   For the allowance for dollar for  
11                   account is also a portion of that. So I  
12                   think the question that Trustee Sullivan is  
13                   asking is how much is liquid cash --

14 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:    No, that's not what I'm asking.

15 PRESIDENT MCKAY:                   Let me just finish. What Middle  
16                   States is talking about is liquid cash. If,  
17                   for example, let me say this, we came before  
18                   this board several years ago and let's say  
19                   everybody wants to retire at this college,  
20                   we can't even fund it. There is no money in  
21                   the budget to fund that. So part of it --  
22                   let's say there is an emergency where a  
23                   building, you know, the roof crashes or  
24                   whatever it is, where is the money going to  
25                   come from? We come back to you. We can't

1 go to the county, we can't go to the state.

2 That's why we have a fund reserve  
3 and a fund balance. So again, what Gail --  
4 I got to say this, that we need to have  
5 between 10 to 15 percent of our budget in  
6 reserves. If our budget is \$219 million, we  
7 got the get liquid cash of \$22 million.

8 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: That's what Middle State says,  
9 that it has to be liquid? Liquid?

10 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Liquid cash.

11 MEMBER MURRAY: And how much do we have now?  
12 Like dollar figures.

13 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Gail told us \$24 million.

14 MEMBER MURRAY: How much?

15 PRESIDENT MCKAY: No, no, the \$24 million is not  
16 liquid cash.

17 MEMBER MURRAY: Right. So how much --

18 PRESIDENT MCKAY: The 24 includes accounts payable,  
19 allowance for dollar for debt and all of  
20 that.

21 CHAIR SANDERS: And what is the liquid cash  
22 number? That's the question? Does anybody  
23 know?

24 MEMBER MURRAY: Approximately.

25 CHAIR SANDERS: Approximately.

1 MS. VIZZINI: Well, it will vary depending.  
2 But there's about \$7 million or so in  
3 accounts receivable.  
4 MEMBER MORGO: Unpaid tuitions.  
5 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Unpaid, yes.  
6 MS. VIZZINI: Unpaid. Most of it is unpaid  
7 tuition from students who regrettably either  
8 lost their financial aid or just did not  
9 make the last two TTP payments. So each  
10 year, it's, you know, reviewed by the  
11 auditors as to whether the methodology to  
12 gauge how much of that, those receivables we  
13 would actually be paid back. So that's part  
14 of the, you know, difference between some  
15 liquidity or the asset value versus the  
16 receivables.  
17 MEMBER MORGO: May I ask.  
18 MS. VIZZINI: And Trustee Sullivan, if you give  
19 me the date of your notes, I'd be happy to  
20 try to --  
21 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I tried to.  
22 MS. VIZZINI: Just the date.  
23 MEMBER MURRAY: Not receivables but cash in the  
24 bank.  
25 MS. VIZZINI: Cash in the bank, that also

1 depends on whether we just received \$12  
2 million from the state which has to be  
3 funneled through to Student. It does not go  
4 to our operating budget, but that's a bump.  
5 We have that cash in the bank.

6 You'll see all of this when you  
7 review the financial statements which it  
8 takes a picture August 31 ending 2016.

9 MEMBER MURRAY: Right. But do you have like a  
10 reserve account, like do you have --

11 MS. VIZZINI: We have accounts with several  
12 banks. We are only -- our investments are  
13 limited by what we're allowed to do as a  
14 public entity.

15 MEMBER MURRAY: Okay.

16 MS. VIZZINI: So we have accounts, fluid  
17 accounts to make the payroll and to pay the  
18 vendors.

19 MEMBER MURRAY: Right, right. But do you have  
20 like a separate account, this is what our  
21 reserve is, we're not touching this except  
22 for emergency and it's X amount of dollars  
23 in money markets, stocks, whatever,  
24 something that's liquid rather than --

25 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Right.

1 MS. VIZZINI: Gail when we talk about the fund  
2 balance or the reserve, it really is the  
3 difference between our assets and our  
4 liabilities.

5 MEMBER MURRAY: So that's the only way you gauge  
6 it?

7 MS. VIZZINI: Yes.

8 PRESIDENT MCKAY: And that's how we have move funds  
9 around, yes.

10 MS. VIZZINI: It's different than you asking me  
11 how much cash do we have in the bank today.

12 MEMBER MURRAY: Well, yes. But I have been on  
13 other boards where they will have a board  
14 fund, and they'll have \$4 million in a board  
15 fund that we won't touch.

16 MS. VIZZINI: We don't have dedicated -- our  
17 reserves are not dedicated for particular  
18 purposes unless the board were to choose to  
19 do that. And the only thing we have is  
20 maybe some monies encumbered in anticipation  
21 of a purchases that we made that we expected  
22 but didn't --

23 MEMBER MURRAY: So reserves is just assets minus  
24 liabilities.

25 MS. VIZZINI: Yes.

1 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Right, right. Jim?

2 MEMBER MORGO: A couple of things. I don't want  
3 to lose sight of the points that Gordy made  
4 and Shaun answered that the metrics to judge  
5 how we're doing because it's very  
6 complicated, we really do need some reform  
7 at the way community colleges are looked at.  
8 I'm not going to repeat all the things that  
9 were said.

10 But on this question of reserves,  
11 a couple of things. It was said as Denise  
12 mentioned that our operating budget is  
13 approximately \$216 million, you talk about  
14 grants and everything that goes up to \$220  
15 million. And our reserve right now which  
16 Chris we saw is a very fluid term, is \$24  
17 million. They have been much lower than  
18 that in the distant past.

19 I would strongly advise not to  
20 use the Middle States crutch. Because some  
21 of you were at the county meeting where we  
22 were asked to show in writing where Middle  
23 States has this hard and fast rule that it  
24 should be 10 percent of the operating  
25 budget. There was some general vague



1 language. And whether it's liquid or not,  
2 again, that's -- we should not be depending  
3 on Middle States and say, well, we got to do  
4 this because Middle States says so, because  
5 it doesn't. It doesn't say so. What we  
6 should be talking about is it's sound fiscal  
7 policy?

8 PRESIDENT MCKAY: There you go.

9 MEMBER MORGO: -- to have a 10 percent reserve.  
10 That's what we should be looking at and not  
11 be looking at someone else. We are the ones  
12 who come up with the operating budget.

13 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Yes.

14 MEMBER MORGO: And then we have to decide, and  
15 again we don't control our own fate because  
16 it's the state and the county, we have to  
17 decide where we're going to fill the gap.  
18 We have to look at the operating budget and  
19 say, are these justified costs? Is there  
20 any place we can cut? And then we have to  
21 say, do we take it another year from  
22 tuition, do we dip into our reserves?

23 And those are the decisions we  
24 have to make.

25 MEMBER CANARY: Dr. Peterson, Middle States, on

1                   this issue of reserves.

2   DR. PETERSON:                   Actually, it's not a Middle  
3                   States issue. Middle States holds us  
4                   accountable to the State Education  
5                   Department. The State Education Department  
6                   requires that for a local community College  
7                   you have to five -- between five and 15  
8                   percent standard.

9                   However, because we're a large  
10                  institution, the State Education Department  
11                  who would want us to have at least 10  
12                  percent. Middle States holds us accountable  
13                  to that rule. So Middle States as an  
14                  accreditor is saying, you have to follow  
15                  what the state says. So the State Education  
16                  Department is really mandating that we have  
17                  10 percent --

18   MEMBER CANARY:                That's what I thought. So thank  
19                                    you for that clarification.

20   MEMBER MORGO:                 The language from Middle States  
21                                    doesn't even say that but that's a good  
22                                    clarification.

23   PRESIDENT MCKAY:              Let me just say this --

24   MEMBER MORGO:                 More than that, we should talk,  
25                                    it's good policy.

1 MEMBER LILLY: It's good policy.

2 PRESIDENT MCKAY: For Nassau County Community  
3 College, Erie Community College and others,  
4 Erie is down to four percent. Again, folks,  
5 remember, 2008 we can go back to the minutes  
6 when Middle States was here, we were at four  
7 percent and then they sanctioned us and said  
8 you're not appropriately carrying a fund  
9 reserve for the size of your institution, so  
10 they sanctioned us for that.

11 And here we are again, we are --  
12 we're talking about the reserves and we're  
13 talking about tuition and fees, we're  
14 talking about the county, we just saw the  
15 governor saying we're defunding community  
16 Colleges and then he is saying went to have  
17 more employees coming out of community  
18 colleges.

19 MEMBER CANARY: A little contradictory.

20 PRESIDENT MCKAY: And then he says, we're going to  
21 have free tuition. Division how are we  
22 paying for this?

23 CHAIR SANDERS: And I want to make sure that we  
24 are conscious and very cautious that we have  
25 take into consideration what Middle States

1                                    says even if it's not a written mandate --

2    PRESIDENT MCKAY:                    Yes.

3    CHAIR SANDER:                      -- that we can point to because  
4                                    they are an accreditor. And the problem  
5                                    that we have, we only need to look at  
6                                    Dowling, we only need to look the trouble  
7                                    that Nassau is in. Accreditation is our  
8                                    lifeline. We're out of business if we don't  
9                                    get accredited. So we do have to be pay  
10                                   attention and be concerned that they feel  
11                                   that we are adhering to even some of their  
12                                   unwritten rules and policies that do back  
13                                   into state education. Because we do need  
14                                   accreditation to operate as an institution.

15   MEMBER MORGO:                      We definitely need accreditation,  
16                                   nobody is questioning that. My only point  
17                                   was we were frankly embarrassed when we were  
18                                   asked to prove to Middle States and we  
19                                   couldn't. So, and it I think gives us more  
20                                   responsibility and credibility if we say  
21                                   we're going because it's good fiscal policy.

22   CHAIR SANDERS:                      Yes. Thank you. And we will  
23                                   shift to Facilities, Brian.

24   MEMBER LILLY:                        Okay, a couple of things. On the  
25                                   10th, last Tuesday, they had the Facilities

1                   Committee Meeting, Fiscal Resources  
2                   Subcommittee Meeting. And they went over  
3                   the projects, you know, all the department  
4                   heads came together with their lists of  
5                   their wants and needs. And, you know, one  
6                   thing I would like to say in this time there  
7                   was nothing superficial brought up,  
8                   everything was a need right now.

9                   You know, a lot of times you see,  
10                  oh, my department I would love to have this,  
11                  I would love to have. No, this was stuff  
12                  that needed to be done in a timely fashion.  
13                  It was nothing out of the ordinary and all  
14                  the department heads should be commended  
15                  about that.

16                  They identified issues that need  
17                  to progress their departments and that's  
18                  what they are asking for, nothing more,  
19                  nothing less. I mean, everything that was  
20                  asked for was more than needed. There was  
21                  some talk about moving some of the funds  
22                  into some infrastructure, advancing some of  
23                  the funding for 2018 to 2017 because there  
24                  was going to be some funding shortfalls and  
25                  there's a lot of infrastructure projects

1                   that need to be done in a timely manner so  
2                   if we can get them done quicker, that would  
3                   be a good thing.

4                   I would like to say though, I  
5                   have been on the board for, I don't know six  
6                   almost seven years. When I came here,  
7                   Theresa, when we walked that first time  
8                   around the campus and we saw some of the  
9                   facilities and the lack of maintenance and  
10                  upgrading that had to be done, it was long  
11                  past their usefulness. It made the 14 year  
12                  old vehicle look like a shining showroom.

13                  And John and his crew and Paul  
14                  and everybody that's involved in that, has  
15                  identified things. I mean, there were  
16                  things that were totally out of compliance,  
17                  safety issues that have been addressed. In  
18                  this time, you know, Gordon and I were just  
19                  talking about some of these -- the  
20                  governor's proposal, these pie in the sky  
21                  proposals, every dollar that we get and we  
22                  have gotten a lot for our infrastructure we  
23                  get, we spend wisely.

24                  We get a return on our  
25                  investment. Any of our new construction,

1                   and I don't think that both local and state  
2                   government understands that every dollar  
3                   that's spent at Suffolk Community has a  
4                   multiplier effect in the local community.

5   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                   Right.

6   MEMBER LILLY:                   I mean, the construction projects  
7                   that we have that are being built that come  
8                   in on budget -- but we are going to discuss  
9                   one of our resolutions -- on budget and on  
10                  time, those that are being employed -- you  
11                  know, by being built by local labor, those  
12                  people are our neighbors. Those are  
13                  students. Those are, you know, family  
14                  members of students. And there's a  
15                  multiplier effect.

16                                    It doesn't seem to be -- it gets  
17                                    lost in the mix that, yes, it's a lot of  
18                                    money that's being fronted to the college  
19                                    but there's a lot of money that goes back  
20                                    into this community and Suffolk County in  
21                                    the realm of sales tax and income tax and  
22                                    just the general economy that doesn't get  
23                                    highlighted enough.

24                                    And that was brought up. Like I  
25                                    said, the committee was addressing there was

1 no real major capital, new capital projects  
2 being proposed. They are being pushed until  
3 2018 because it made sense because of some  
4 funding shortfalls.

5 One thing that I was discussing  
6 with someone, the lack of online courses for  
7 a facility this size that we -- you know, we  
8 talk about and Gordon brought up where's the  
9 threshold, where's the number that how many  
10 students can this facility handle? And that  
11 might be somewhere where, you know what, an  
12 online course might be, you know, might add  
13 some revenue to a tuition that might not  
14 stress our physical infrastructure.

15 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Yes, yes.

16 MEMBER LILLY: So we have to address that.  
17 Because going forward I know that you're  
18 going to be competing not only with your  
19 local community colleges and states, but  
20 you're going to be competing with, you know,  
21 we see them on TV all the time, what is it,  
22 SNHU?

23 PRESIDENT MCKAY: New Hampshire.

24 MEMBER MORGO: For profit schools.

25 MEMBER LILLY: Yes, the for profit schools that



1           are embracing the online courses. And I  
2           mean, it's another avenue that we should be  
3           looking at. Because, say you go to another  
4           institution and you need the take a class in  
5           your intermission between winter break or  
6           summer break, this might be an alternative.

7                         And we're always going to have to  
8           unfortunately due to our funding restraints,  
9           we're always going to have to look for other  
10          avenues to get funding for the College. And  
11          that also seques into last month we had a  
12          presentation from the Rough Riders and  
13          Rechler about a proposal. So we should be  
14          discussing that, you know, next meeting  
15          having some sort of direction because they  
16          are probably looking at us to say, okay, we  
17          have a timeline. Whether it's hard timeline  
18          or not we don't know, I don't know.

19                        You know, they didn't tell us  
20          that we need know by this date. But we  
21          can't kick the can down the road because  
22          that's a proposal that would be beneficial  
23          to the school I think. And it's at least  
24          something that we should consider pushing  
25          forward or at least discussing what we're

1 going to do, we can't leave them going. So,  
2 hopefully between today and the next  
3 meeting, I'll have -- Gordon and I will  
4 schedule some sort of facilities meeting and  
5 also we're going to as a board have to  
6 discuss what we are going to do with that  
7 presentation, what we need to move forward,  
8 so...

9 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. I was going to ask  
10 you, Brian, if that could be added to your  
11 next meeting's agenda so that it could be  
12 vetted in committee. Because you are 100  
13 percent right, very often people come to us  
14 and they make proposals. We need a formal  
15 response. And the board is obligated to do  
16 that. So thank you very much to making sure  
17 that you're going to add that to your agenda  
18 along with the policy for vehicle  
19 replacement.

20 MEMBER LILLY: Oh, yes, I'll look at it. I  
21 think I got the answer though. I think I  
22 really did. I mean, you know, I think Gail  
23 gave a very good answer.

24 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes.

25 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Madam Chair, if I can surmise

1                   that we go back and we look at how the solar  
2                   panels and the solar discussion took place  
3                   at the college and then our faculty had a  
4                   voice.

5                   I must say that before we move  
6                   forward with any discussion about the  
7                   Suffolk situation that on the record, that  
8                   the president of the college is asking that  
9                   the faculty have a voice in that situation  
10                  and then we go to facilities, we go to  
11                  governance, we go to all the groups. And as  
12                  you said, we should be talking about this in  
13                  committee meetings. So as president I am on  
14                  the record asking that this go back to the  
15                  faculty to make sure that this -- and the  
16                  students by the way, that they have a voice  
17                  in this discussion.

18 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Absolutely.

19 PRESIDENT MCKAY:                 Thank you.

20 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you very much. Thank you,  
21                   Brian, appreciate it. And I do want to  
22                   acknowledge, I don't want to embarrass him,  
23                   but Brian's son is here. I just said, is  
24                   that a student over there, because I always  
25                   want to acknowledge students. But, Brian,

1                                   introduce your son.

2   MEMBER LILLY:                                   That's my son Daniel is here. He  
3                                   goes to a local University down the road  
4                                   Stony Brook. And I figured, you know, wake  
5                                   him up and show him what happens at one of  
6                                   the meetings. And you know maybe --

7   MEMBER CANARY:                                   You taking notes? Are you going  
8                                   to get extra credit for attending this  
9                                   meeting.

10   CHAIR SANDERS:                                   Thank you very much, Brian.  
11                                   Thank you for attending, Daniel. We'll have  
12                                   the student trustee report now.

13   MEMBER NORTH:                                   Thank you for the opportunity,  
14                                   Madam Chair. What I have been working on  
15                                   from the beginning of my term of office is  
16                                   the Student Governance Advisory Committee.  
17                                   Basically, this committee has been meeting  
18                                   monthly. We have discussions about  
19                                   concerned issues, things that are going on  
20                                   around the around campus, what student  
21                                   government has been up to.

22   Last meeting we met we discussed  
23                                   things that we can work on with SGA, going  
24                                   over the constitution, looking at the  
25                                   student trustee election, working with

1 Dr. Adams on those areas. And being a  
2 discussion and also having -- automatically  
3 will be the student trustee will be the  
4 chair of this committee working with  
5 Dr. Adams as advisor of this committee.

6 The next meeting will with be  
7 February 10 at 1:30 p.m. in this room. Al  
8 Board of Trustees members are invited along  
9 with Dr. McKay as well. On the agenda for  
10 the next meeting, we'll be discussing  
11 about -- Dr. Adams will be talking about the  
12 student trustee elections. I want to make  
13 some changes to that and any other agenda  
14 items that the SGA will come to me and  
15 request it, and we'll have discussions.

16 What SGA has been working on is  
17 working about both the Albany trip,  
18 discussions about what their senators, how  
19 to speak, how to discuss their stories and  
20 the importance -- what I told them, the  
21 important thing is, every year when I go up  
22 is tell them your story. Tell your  
23 assembly, your state senator, what Suffolk  
24 does for you and how this can help get you  
25 the extra money. And that's the end of my

1 report.

2 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much, Chris. And  
3 thank you for all the meetings that you have  
4 made this month in the last 30 days. You  
5 have definitely showed up at a lot of the  
6 meetings and representing the students.

7 MEMBER CANARY: If I may, a follow-up question  
8 for Chris. Chris, you mentioned that you  
9 wanted to make some changes to the student  
10 trustee election process, like what kind of  
11 changes.

12 MEMBER NORTH: Couple of changes where they have  
13 actually -- because for now, what they do is  
14 they go and have -- there's no actual  
15 format. They basically they have questions  
16 and they don't get the format. So what I  
17 wanted to do is actually have -- each  
18 candidates have a separate debate time and  
19 the students will actually get to ask  
20 questions, how do you feel on this decision,  
21 how do you make certain decisions?

22 Because being on this board, you  
23 have various decisions you have to make.  
24 And you're a student but you are also a  
25 trustee. So that what I feel that having

1                   this, instead of me going around saying,  
2                   please vote for me. Let's get you around a  
3                   podium with a discussion with students and  
4                   have them answer and see why are you  
5                   qualified to be on this board.

6 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:       That's the most important thing.

7 MEMBER CANARY:                 Very good, thank you.

8 MEMBER MORGO:                 That's good.

9 CHAIR SANDERS:                 Great. Thank you very much,  
10                   Chris. We will move onto Foundation report.

11 MS. DIAZ:                     Yes, good morning. Sylvia Diaz.  
12                   Thank you, Madam Chair, President McKay.  
13                   Happy to report that briefly in terms of our  
14                   finances, the campaign is nearly at \$6  
15                   million of the \$7 million expected to  
16                   complete this campaign. So we're in the  
17                   homestretch so to speak. Our year to year  
18                   comparison, last year, prior fiscal year, we  
19                   raised about one point one million dollars.  
20                   In the last fiscal year, I'm happy to report  
21                   that we raised almost one point nine million  
22                   dollars, a very very significant increase in  
23                   funding.

24                                 Overall the faculty staff  
25                   campaign came in on target this year. We

1                   had a slight decrease. We tend to have a  
2                   little bit a decrease during negotiations.

3   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                   How many faculty members are in  
4                   the room? You got to increase your  
5                   donations. I'm kidding, I'm kidding.

6   MS. DIAZ:                   But we think this year will be  
7                   good. I know a lot of the discussions have  
8                   settled or are in that stage at this point.  
9                   The Gala of course is scheduled for May 4 of  
10                  this year and our wonderful honoree, Randi  
11                  Weingarten who has been very very busy the  
12                  last couple of weeks. I have had some  
13                  difficulty connecting with her office.

14                                   We had planned to have her out  
15                                   later this month but we are rescheduling  
16                                   that. But she she's very very excited, her  
17                                   team is very very excited to be  
18                                   participating and recognized at Gala this  
19                                   year. We're going to have a wonderful  
20                                   representation from our labor community  
21                                   thanks to Kevin Peterman of course who is  
22                                   working very, very hard to ensure that that  
23                                   happens. And our labor partners have  
24                                   already expressed great interest in  
25                                   supporting Gala this year.





1                   closely with Mary Lou's marketing team to  
2                   ensure that we had the best possible  
3                   representation in our e-mails and the  
4                   construction of the e-mails. We're doing  
5                   some data collection with that and we'll be  
6                   able to report back on that, the results of  
7                   that over the next couple of weeks.

8                   And I won't to talk about golf  
9                   because we're still talking about Gala. But  
10                  we're in conversations in planning that golf  
11                  event as well. Nothing -- we don't sleep at  
12                  the Foundation but thank you to my fellow  
13                  team members for helping out, and, of  
14                  course, to the board leadership.

15 PRESIDENT MCKAY:                So, Jim, if you want to be the  
16                                    honoree for golf --

17 MEMBER MORGO:                    I get on because I'm old.

18 MS. DIAZ:                         That's good enough.

19 MEMBER MORGO:                    I do want to make a comment,  
20                                    Sylvia, and a suggestion.

21 MS. DIAZ:                         Sure.

22 MEMBER MORGO:                    The choosing Randi Weingarten  
23                                    considering the current national context, I  
24                                    don't know whose choice it was but I think  
25                                    it was brilliant. Because the storm clouds

1                   that are gathering for public education when  
2                   you see who was nominated to be Secretary of  
3                   Education, not exactly a booster of public  
4                   education and disrespect and disregard for  
5                   one of the foundational principles of this  
6                   country of democracy. So that's my comment.  
7                   And as I say, I don't know who was  
8                   responsible for choosing Ms. Weingarten but  
9                   I think it was a great honoree.

10                                   And I also think in promoting the  
11                   Gala that this should be mentioned. That  
12                   not only is she being honored for her  
13                   achievements but also it's a statement where  
14                   we stand on the importance of public higher  
15                   education. And I think you might get people  
16                   to show up who would not otherwise.

17                                   For example, I think every local  
18                   teachers union should have someone there.  
19                   So I'm very pleased that it was she.

20   MS. DIAZ:                                   Well, I hope I'm not embarrassing  
21                   anyone, but of course Dr. McKay really was  
22                   instrumental working with Kevin Peterman to  
23                   make that happen.

24   MEMBER MORGO:                            I figured Kevin would take credit  
25                   anyway.

1 DR. PETERMAN: No, I won't take credit.

2 MS. DIAZ: I'm not sure when the idea, but  
3 it was Dr. McKay called me and he had  
4 already spoken to Kevin and they made it  
5 happen. So certainly give credit where  
6 credit is due. This was a phenomenal, for  
7 us I think the great coup to get someone at  
8 her level.

9 MEMBER MORGO: And she's a resident of Suffolk  
10 County.

11 MS. DIAZ: She is a resident. She is a  
12 resident.

13 MEMBER CANARY: I would urge caution as a  
14 follow-up to Jim's point on how that would  
15 be worded. I wouldn't want Suffolk  
16 Community College in a Presidential Tweet.

17 CHAIR SANDERS: At midnight.

18 MEMBER MORGO: It would get us more  
19 contributions.

20 MEMBER CANARY: Be careful. You don't think he's  
21 monitoring this stuff.

22 PRESIDENT MCKAY: And 140 characters.

23 MEMBER CANARY: A lot can be said in 140  
24 characters.

25 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: As we know.

1 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. I'm going  
2 to Executive Committee Report and then move  
3 right in Chair report because, you know, it  
4 kind of flows. We have our Executive  
5 Committee Meeting usually the Monday before  
6 the board meeting and, of course, at that  
7 meeting present was Jim Morgo and myself  
8 along with some executive cabinet. And of  
9 course Dr. McKay -- Dr. McKay could not be  
10 at the meeting that day.

11 But we did go over -- we reviewed  
12 the resolutions that are presented at the  
13 board meetings and we also had a  
14 presentation regarding public safety. Under  
15 my chair's report I do want to talk a little  
16 bit about, it's a whirlwind sitting in this  
17 position. Some days I don't know how I make  
18 so many committee, subcommittee meetings,  
19 sometimes I make them by phone but I try to  
20 make them. We came out of holiday season so  
21 there were holiday parties and community  
22 events in which I represented the college.

23 And for those of you that don't  
24 know and I just found this out yesterday  
25 evening, today is actually a very special

1                   day that's being promoted by the American  
2                   Federation of Teachers: It is a Nationwide  
3                   call for Sanctuary Campuses. And I'll just  
4                   defer, there is a quote that I have, but  
5                   maybe you could do more justice to kind of  
6                   describe real quick, Kevin, what this day  
7                   means. Sorry to put you on the spot.

8   DR. PETERMAN:                   That's okay.

9   CHAIR SANDERS:                  What this day means.

10   DR. PETERMAN:                  Well, speaking of Randi  
11                   Weingarten, AFTA has made this a day of  
12                   national -- to get attention nationally for  
13                   some of the things that we talked about as  
14                   far as supporting public education. And  
15                   also making sure that our colleges -- that  
16                   students perceive colleges to be a place  
17                   that it's safe to be at.

18                                   Depending on what their  
19                   persuasion is, that they should feel safe at  
20                   the college I know there's some discussion  
21                   about using the term "sanctuary." I know  
22                   there's been some political discussion about  
23                   that.

24   CHAIR SANDERS:                  Oh, yes. Rabbi Moss --

25   DR. PETERMAN:                  I think that we have -- I hope

1                   that we all have the goal of making sure  
2                   that all of our students, staff, faculty  
3                   realize that this is a place to learn, a  
4                   place to discuss. And also, more  
5                   importantly, a place to feel safe.

6                   So there is a national campaign  
7                   going on. I know there are many  
8                   demonstrations going on. For higher ed  
9                   people, obviously, faculty and students are  
10                  not here this week, so I would rather just  
11                  have a discussion. But I know some of the  
12                  K12, rather large demonstrations will be  
13                  going on today.

14                  But it's national effort to get  
15                  attention for public education.

16 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you very much.

17 MEMBER CANARY:                  Open, safe, accepting absolutely;  
18                                   sanctuary, just nah.

19 DR. PETERMAN:                   I didn't use that word.

20 MEMBER CANARY:                  I know you didn't. I'm just  
21                                   saying, unfortunately the term --

22 DR. PETERMAN:                   I understand.

23 MEMBER CANARY:                  -- is just a powder keg.

24 CHAIR SANDERS:                  Yes, yes.

25 PRESIDENT MCKAY:                And, Madam Chair, if I can say

1                   this, that as an institution, I will defer  
2                   to the Board of Trustees for direction.  
3                   When it comes to the State University of New  
4                   York, the State University of New York has  
5                   not opined on this.

6 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Exactly.

7 PRESIDENT MCKAY:                So I will ask that Lou and  
8                   Alicia, based on what you are seeing in  
9                   regards to the legal doctrine that comes  
10                  from the state, that we then confer with  
11                  Gordon maybe on Governance and others and  
12                  come back to this body in regards to the  
13                  word "sanctuary."

14 CHAIR SANDERS:                 And we're -- you know, I just  
15                  want to make it clear, we're not adopting  
16                  anything. I just wanted to share  
17                  information that I received that the  
18                  American Federation of Teachers are  
19                  participating in this. It will probably  
20                  come across in a more formal way for boards  
21                  to take a look at this. By that time I'm  
22                  sure the language is going to change by the  
23                  time it reaches for anything that we have to  
24                  adopt as an institution.

25                                   Also, I just wanted to point out



1 the Unity Day activities in advance and  
2 Rabbi Moss had mentioned this in his  
3 comments when we were introducing guests and  
4 I want to highlight that again.

5 Because the general atmosphere  
6 nationally and locally and the role that  
7 education institutions are going to play in  
8 terms of community stability, making sure  
9 that learning is safe, it happens from K  
10 through 12, through colleges and  
11 universities, even corporate education and  
12 corporate institutions. People have to feel  
13 that we are inclusive of everyone.

14 Regardless of messaging by a  
15 small few we know that for the greater good  
16 it's going to be important for us to make  
17 sure that there's a level of understanding.  
18 So the Unity Day teaching, you know, middle  
19 schoolers and high schoolers what that means  
20 and making sure that we reinforce that at  
21 college and even corporate levels, that is  
22 our responsibility to continue that.

23 The other piece is that as we all  
24 heard the governor had a great press  
25 conference and talked about free college

1                   tuition and everybody kind of looked at each  
2                   other and said, so, what does that mean  
3                   financially? You know, who is really going  
4                   to pay? Because, free is not free. There  
5                   are expenses to operating a college and an  
6                   institution.

7                                 And so, you know, while we  
8                   understand that that was a press conference,  
9                   we want to keep that in mind, it was a press  
10                  conference and it does have implications.  
11                  Because what happens is, student and parents  
12                  then call the college and go, so when am I  
13                  gets free tuition.

14                                And so we have to be truly  
15                  prepared to answer, not disparage, our  
16                  governmental leadership. But I have heard  
17                  some state senators and a whole lot of  
18                  people using very choice words about this  
19                  concept of free college tuition. And we are  
20                  just standing in the gap waiting for the  
21                  details, the devil is always in the details.  
22                  And there are no details coming so far.

23                                So we just -- I just wanted to  
24                  point it out because I know everybody heard  
25                  about it and I was approached by several

1 parent and students, like, is it going to  
2 have next semester. And I'm like, I have no  
3 idea what you are talking about.

4 So, back to the advocacy piece,  
5 this is a good time as we're talking about  
6 FTEs, as Jim eloquently speaks about paying  
7 fair share that we have to make sure we keep  
8 up that pressure. We have two advocacy  
9 activities coming up. One is during the  
10 black and Puerto Rican caucus where we take  
11 students up and Dr. Adams, you know, works  
12 with me and the community on this piece.

13 Because when we go up, our  
14 students have to make sure that there's  
15 an -- there's an advoc -- there's a message.  
16 Why are we coming up there and what are we  
17 saying? So we're going to be very careful  
18 to craft that message on not only that trip  
19 that's going to be February 18, also our  
20 next advocacy date March 2.

21 So we have two upcoming  
22 opportunities and those that want to engage  
23 with the students. I know Chris North has  
24 gone each year with us. But this is our  
25 opportunity to put the students in front of

1 the people that are making the decisions.

2 And last in my report, we also  
3 have two new trustees that have volunteered  
4 to go through training with the ACCT during  
5 the legislative conference which is February  
6 13 through 16. And they will be attending  
7 the new trustee academy. So if there are  
8 any other new trustees or even sitting  
9 trustees that feel that they want a  
10 refresher course, this is one of the best  
11 conferences.

12 The ones that are hosted in  
13 Washington, it's going to be very  
14 interesting. I think last year, Gordon, you  
15 came and Bergre attended. Excellent  
16 training, excellent training. So I thank  
17 you again, Chris Murray and Chris North for  
18 volunteering to go through the new trustee  
19 academy. And that is the end of my report.

20 We will now move to the  
21 President's report.

22 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Madam Chair, members of the Board  
23 of Trustees I thank you for your  
24 deliberations. I know we said quite a bit  
25 this morning. I do hope that our governor

1 will be like we do as a board, please don't  
2 write that, but give us more details when it  
3 comes to positions that have implications.  
4 I must say that for our college, that \$163  
5 million is not a true number for the state.

6 And I mentioned earlier when Jim  
7 was giving his report on the budget, Gail  
8 and I have the arduous task of trying to  
9 come before you in regards to numbers.  
10 Numbers move all the time. They are  
11 projections. And budgets are projections.  
12 We just went with the county. Jim, you were  
13 at several meetings, I was at one this past  
14 week, you know, whatever. They had to start  
15 with -- Dr. Lipp (phonetic) is trying to get  
16 him to agree on what the formation of the  
17 committee was about.

18 And Jim and I talked about that  
19 with him and also with the presiding officer  
20 and members of that committee. If we can't  
21 project forward -- budgets are projections.  
22 If Gail and I cannot project forward,  
23 everything else goes awry. When we talk  
24 about not increasing tuition, SUNY has  
25 just -- in the governor's budget so you

1 know, the governor passed rational tuition.  
2 Jim, you asked for that, he passed it.  
3 Which means that this board could say zero,  
4 100, 150, 200, 300. This board can approve  
5 that.

6 Now, there's something what we  
7 call a budget gap and I mentioned that when  
8 Jim spoke. When I ask the Guild and I ask  
9 the faculty association to give back and the  
10 exempts to give back, we still have a gap.  
11 So somebody's got to pay for that gap. We  
12 cannot use the reserves the way we are doing  
13 it. We're going to end up like Erie and  
14 Nassau and others and then we are going to  
15 be tasked by the accrediting agencies as to  
16 not having appropriate reserves.

17 The other part of it is, that I  
18 must state for the record that when you look  
19 at the number that says reserves, that  
20 number is not fluid cash. And Gail could  
21 speak to that again, but that's not fluid  
22 cash. If I come to the board and say I have  
23 an emergency, there's building down, Sandy  
24 Storm whatever, there's a building down. I  
25 come to you for emergency approval. The

1 executives of the board, that's Jim, that's  
2 Brian and that's the Chairwoman, Theresa.  
3 And then it comes back to the full board at  
4 the next meeting.

5 That's how we function and that's  
6 why GASBY (phonetic) and Middle States and  
7 the state and others say to us, you got to  
8 be functionally, functionally, fiscally  
9 sound. The only way we can do that is the  
10 policies we pass at this board. Now, as  
11 president I do not want to see an increase  
12 in student tuition, none of us do. But you  
13 got three legs of the stool. Reserves is  
14 not one of them, Jim.

15 It's state, county and student,  
16 that's it. And if we go to reserves, we're  
17 going to have to find ways in which we have  
18 to repay the reserves to make sure that we  
19 are strong and fiscally sound. I have to  
20 tell you that this past year, you know, Gail  
21 and I have struggled, you know, to make sure  
22 we come in on budget.

23 For the last five years, for this  
24 board, for the last five years we have come  
25 in on the budget for the last five years.

1                   When it comes to savings, that's keeping the  
2                   lines open and when you fail lines and all  
3                   of that, Gail and I were, you know, playing  
4                   that little card where we have to go in and  
5                   see how we fund positions, when we fund  
6                   positions and who needs to be filled. We  
7                   have done that.

8                   Jeff, will you come for a second.  
9                   I want Jeff to talk to you little bit about  
10                  what we are doing here. Rabbi Moss could  
11                  come. I want you to stand next to Jeff.  
12                  Because we are getting ready to do something  
13                  here that we have never done, that we have  
14                  never done before. Multicultural affairs  
15                  has never been discussed in the sense of the  
16                  Center for the Holocaust, never been done  
17                  before.

18                  And now what we're doing is we  
19                  got retirements and then we have now a  
20                  merger in what we're trying to do for the  
21                  college. Jeff, do you want to speak and  
22                  Rabbi Moss?

23   MR. TEMPERA:                  We have got -- we have a couple  
24                                   of searches going on right now. The  
25                                   Holocaust Center, the director, the



1 long-term director has retired. While I  
2 won't deal in specifics because we do have a  
3 confidentiality policy with regard to  
4 searches, the search is ongoing. The job  
5 description has been reviewed, has been  
6 updated in consultation with the board.

7 And that process we have met with  
8 the search committee, the search committee  
9 has been charged. The search will be  
10 conducted in accordance with the procedures  
11 we adopted that work through the faculty  
12 association contract. And that committee  
13 will move forward. And we're trying to move  
14 as expeditiously as possible to move that to  
15 fruition.

16 Obviously there's a need at the  
17 board and we recognize that and we'll be  
18 working with the board move that process  
19 along. We also have two multicultural  
20 affairs positions on the campuses. The one  
21 out east has been filled. It's being held  
22 by James Banks. There was a retirement at  
23 the Grant Campus, Norm Daniels, and that  
24 position is currently up and being filled.  
25 In the position on the Ammerman Campus had

1                   been vacant, had been in the budget in the  
2                   past, it had been vacant and it's being  
3                   moved forward. So each of the campuses have  
4                   a multicultural affairs assistant director.

5                   You know, we've talked about it  
6                   all day, about the -- all morning, about the  
7                   current state of affairs and the pressure  
8                   that's being put on the students. And the  
9                   focal point I think with these three  
10                  positions in moving them forward is to make  
11                  sure a students have a point of access and  
12                  have someone that they can work with and  
13                  work towards the goal. Rabbi Moss.

14 RABBI MOSS:                   Well, I didn't know I was going  
15                   to be speaking on this but if I may say, as  
16                   some of you might know, I'm the Chief of  
17                   Chaplains at Suffolk County Police  
18                   Department. And when I go to the PBA  
19                   meetings and they ask me to sign in at the  
20                   meeting and it says union rep, and I put  
21                   down God. So, let me say to you, I have  
22                   never had --

23 MR. TEMPERA:                   Who we refer to as Goldy Gerolmo.

24 RABBI MOSS:                   Okay.

25 MR. TEMPERA:                   I'm sorry.

1 MEMBER CANARY: You're going to hell.

2 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes.

3 RABBI MOSS: I only wanted to say that only  
4 because in my life, being chair of the human  
5 rights commission of the county in 22 years  
6 has been a whole nother story learning about  
7 civil rights. But now -- civil service  
8 rather. But now I'm learning about unions  
9 and colleges which is whole nother learning  
10 curve for me.

11 But I hope that you understand,  
12 what we're trying to do now, I guess why  
13 President McKay would like me to speak about  
14 this, what you're doing here, what we're  
15 trying to do here apparently is hybrid I  
16 guess you would call it, which is very  
17 unique for the college. And that is the  
18 search community is going to be selecting a  
19 person, who is, yes, within the academic  
20 realm.

21 But we are so desperate in need  
22 of someone who can lead our center in the  
23 very fine manner that Steve Schrier  
24 (phonetic) did because we have a lot of  
25 incredible programs. Everyone of our

1 programs ultimately benefits the college.

2 I'm sitting here, I said, if  
3 there's some committee here in dealing with  
4 enrollment enhancement. At our unity day  
5 program, we had 600 students there last  
6 week. I don't know how many of them are  
7 graduating seniors. But we really should  
8 have had there a booth or something on --  
9 with I don't know, with applications. I  
10 don't know how this is done with colleges.

11 But, you know, you should have a  
12 booth there about the college. Because  
13 everyone of those 1200 are potential  
14 students. So what we're doing is incredible  
15 and I hope -- and I have been informed of  
16 the involvement of the board of the Center  
17 myself and our vice chair Veronica Treadwell  
18 in terms of the movement of this process.  
19 But it's really something very exciting  
20 because it's creating something for the  
21 future of the college that has not ever been  
22 before by the way. Thank you.

23 PRESIDENT MCKAY: I want to stand and thank Rabbi  
24 Moss as we move forward here. This college  
25 has not looked at multicultural affairs, it

1                   the Center for the Holocaust in ways in  
2                   which we have should have done in the past.  
3                   We have not done that. And then hiring  
4                   after the retirement of individuals that the  
5                   funding were in the budget, we are  
6                   collectively now looking at things  
7                   differently.

8                   So you may see more programming,  
9                   you may see more. I know Dr. Adams who  
10                  oversees enrollment management certainly is  
11                  going to be talking to Rabbi Moss in regards  
12                  to the high schools and the students and the  
13                  districts that it came from. But I must  
14                  thank Rabbi Moss again for understanding  
15                  that as an institution, we're not like the  
16                  county we can hire somebody off like that.

17 RABBI MOSS:                   Yeah, right. Sure.

18 PRESIDENT MCKAY:             But we have to go through a  
19                                   process and I want to thank you for that.  
20                                   So thank you.

21 RABBI MOSS:                   Thank you very much.

22 PRESIDENT MCKAY:             Madam Chair, currently we are  
23                                   going through budget presentations for our  
24                                   call centers and the call centers are  
25                                   advancing a zero based budget as we sent

1 out. We do have the governor's budget which  
2 he has defunded community colleges. The  
3 number that he has put out is lower than the  
4 number we are going to be advocating for.  
5 So I wanted to, you know, talk to Kevin on  
6 the record, Kevin?

7 MR. PETERMAN: Yes.

8 PRESIDENT MCKAY: And to our student trustee that  
9 we have work to do. If the county is saying  
10 zero and the state has defunded us, we have  
11 nowhere to go. Which becomes back to,  
12 again, how do we fund the budget gap? And  
13 that's something that we have not advanced  
14 to you yet because we're trying to see how  
15 we're going to end this year and what's  
16 going to happen with the reserves and all of  
17 that.

18 But I must say this, if we  
19 advance no increase in tuition and we know  
20 the other two parts are saying zero, we're  
21 going to have a greater gap. And that's  
22 something that we're going to have to  
23 address as a board. It's difficult. When  
24 the governor said that, you know, he  
25 approves, you know, what Jim has been asking

1                   for on the SUNY side, on the four year side,  
2                   you know, rational tuition, that comes back  
3                   to we have to increase. So that means that  
4                   we're going to have to adjust to that. Jim?

5   MEMBER MORGO:                   No, I'm just -- Denise asked me a  
6                   question. I'm talking about the rational  
7                   tuition plan where there is a modest  
8                   increase in tuition every year and it gives  
9                   certainty and predictability. But as Shaun  
10                  said, it was only for the four year schools  
11                  and the legislature got rid of it.

12   MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:    Is the county saying --

13   MEMBER MORGO:                   No. The county isn't saying -- I  
14                   was going to say that, too. We don't know  
15                   what the county is saying now. And last  
16                   year was unexpected kind of certainty. We  
17                   got the two point five percent increase from  
18                   the previous year and that took away a lot  
19                   of the sturm und drang and anxiety and  
20                   having to go to the different legislators  
21                   and going back to the executive.

22                                    We don't know what is going to be  
23                   suggested. As indicated Robert Lipp is  
24                   proposing all these different models where  
25                   he'll say zero, one point five, one point

1                   eight, two percent. So we don't know what  
2                   that is yet. And that's why it is such a  
3                   fluid process.

4                                 Just one thing, Dr. McKay, I  
5                   would like to mention clearly we understand  
6                   your reluctance to talk about the reserves  
7                   as a source.

8   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                 Sure, sure.

9   MEMBER MORGO:                    But at the risk of being Captain  
10                   Obvious here, we have in the past gone to a  
11                   tuition increase the last three years in a  
12                   row and we have taken from the reserves. So  
13                   we have done that. Whether that's good or  
14                   not is the question. But we do know where  
15                   our reserves are now, it's at \$24 million.  
16                   It's something that we'll have to consider.  
17                   And we'll get to it. It's a process. And  
18                   then you finally make a decision when  
19                   there's a gap and the county and the state  
20                   are not giving theirs, where do you get the  
21                   remainder?

22                                 Do you get it from another  
23                   tuition increase, do you get it from using  
24                   the reserves or do you do a combination?  
25                   That's where we are. But it's premature to



1 talk about it now because we don't even know  
2 what the gap is.

3 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Thank you.

4 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

5 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Thank you. And from chair of the  
6 budget committee, again, as we look at the  
7 operation, we'll continue to keep you  
8 apprised of where we are operationally and  
9 where we project when it comes to enrollment  
10 and when it comes in regards to a fiscal  
11 awareness at the college. And I think Gail  
12 and I, you know, we meet twice a week on  
13 that and certainly we will get to you more  
14 updates as we end the year.

15 MEMBER MORGO: We have the next meeting February  
16 10.

17 PRESIDENT MCKAY: I know. I know. This Friday,  
18 January 20, we have the college's English as  
19 a Second Language Program commencement.  
20 They're going to have that at the Grant  
21 Campus at the VanNostrand Theatre at 7:00  
22 p.m. And I'll ask that if board members are  
23 available, that they do attend that session.

24 I'm working currently with the  
25 Chair and I'll ask for board members to

1 volunteer. We're looking at a program that  
2 we can then advance across Suffolk County  
3 that was kind of a brought forward from my  
4 Town Hall Meetings we heard at Grant in  
5 regards to students that feel as though they  
6 were not empowered and they felt threatened.

7 And we dealt with that I believe  
8 at the Board of Trustees and Board of  
9 Directors Meeting when we had a retreat. We  
10 talked a little bit about it. But as an  
11 institution we have not done anything about  
12 it. So, it's an area that is of concern and  
13 it's an area that we hear quite a bit about.

14 I mean, I know Chris Adams hear  
15 most of it. But I ask that the board would  
16 support this endeavor. Carol, could you  
17 just update us as to where you are with  
18 that.

19 MS. WICKLIFFE-CAMPBELL: Actually, our committee met  
20 earlier this week, Chris Vargas, Dr. Adams,  
21 Joanne Braxton. There's a number of members  
22 that are part of the committee that are  
23 looking at issues that the college has been  
24 facing and we can address that on a  
25 programatic level through various layers and

1 needs with our faculty, working together  
2 with our faculty and how we can really  
3 provide a very comprehensive approach so  
4 that students feel that they are hear and  
5 that they are included and that we are  
6 looking at all of the issues that are being  
7 faced.

8 So, we continue to meet. It's a  
9 huge task because we want to take into  
10 consideration the director of multicultural  
11 affairs, groups that have been working on  
12 these issues like the center already and  
13 make sure that we are including all of their  
14 ideas and thought and are just providing  
15 programs and information at all levels.

16 So, we continue to meet. It's a  
17 huge task but we think that we have a lot of  
18 good input. We are looking to include  
19 everybody who would have a voice in this  
20 area. And, again, to, you know, provide  
21 resources and programs and information at a  
22 very broad level. Our next meeting is next  
23 week on 24th.

24 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

25 PRESIDENT MCKAY: And we just inducted Rabbi Moss

1 to be on the committee, so you know.

2 MS. WICKLIFFE-CAMPBELL: That's great.

3 PRESIDENT MCKAY: And he said yes.

4 MS. WICKLIFFE-CAMPBELL: Great.

5 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Also, I must mention to the board  
6 that thanks to the Foundation, you know, we  
7 attended the LIA breakfast where I was  
8 honored by the Coverdales and I must tell  
9 you that the Family Life Center and what  
10 they have done -- we got students who  
11 received scholarships directly from that  
12 foundation and they come directly here. And  
13 as a preacher's kid, you know, I, you know,  
14 I was asked to give a keynote speak at the  
15 center.

16 And I got to tell you that the  
17 number of students that came through that  
18 center receiving scholarships direct funding  
19 that did not come from us, but direct  
20 funding from the community and the fact that  
21 they recognize the college, I have to say  
22 that I want to thank members of my team,  
23 Mary Lou and Sylvia and others who have  
24 then, you know, made this happen.

25 The last thing I want to say is

1           that publicly, I have, you know, and I have  
2           said this to each of you individually, that  
3           yes, I did apply for a position in Tennessee  
4           and that position was a promotion. It was a  
5           promotion because I had an opportunity,  
6           which is a recommendation, by a national  
7           colleague unbeknownst to me. And when the  
8           governor of the state of Tennessee would  
9           call you, that's different and it's because  
10          that he was the chair of the search  
11          committee.

12                         Now I responded and I have shared  
13           that with my board chair along the way. And  
14           nationally what's required is that until  
15           such time that you are a finalist, you don't  
16           announce that to anyone else. And then you  
17           sign confidentiality forms which means you  
18           are bound by the forms. And at the point in  
19           time where -- I kept my chair informed, that  
20           I was down to the final two. It's kind of  
21           like you're playing basketball, you know the  
22           Final Four, you know?

23                         All the way down final two I  
24           kept my chair informed. And then when I  
25           returned, I then spoke to my board members

1 before the announcement was made in  
2 Tennessee. Let me say this, I have a  
3 contract with this board. I have a contract  
4 with this college. I work with my  
5 governance groups, I work with this board  
6 and I'm making a public statement today that  
7 I am bound by that statement.

8 It's in Newsday, you read it  
9 before and I'm making it public at this  
10 point. Madam Chair, I thank you. Members  
11 of the Board, I thank you for working with  
12 me and I look forward to the next years  
13 ahead through my contract of 2020. Thank  
14 you.

15 CHAIR SANDERS: Great. And thank you, Shaun.  
16 And I want to thank you. And I again, I  
17 have said publicly, you know, these are  
18 personal professional endeavors and in this  
19 current climate that we are in, it is not  
20 going to be unusual to see a president  
21 pursued. As board members, we're going to  
22 be pursued. We have presented and I have  
23 just been present at some meetings and then  
24 after that receiving calls to go to  
25 California to present for the ATD.

1                   Because people see this college  
2                   as a model. And so, it is normal that you  
3                   will be pursued professionally. We went up  
4                   to Albany with Kevin Peterman and after that  
5                   the flurry of calls started coming again  
6                   because they like the way that we work as a  
7                   team in terms of the faculty, the president,  
8                   the board.

9                   So it is not unusual. And that's  
10                  why I always encourage attendance at these  
11                  ACCT conferences et cetera, you meet  
12                  colleagues and not only are you promoting  
13                  Suffolk, but, you know, we have got a good  
14                  team of people sitting around this table.  
15                  You are promoting yourself professionally.  
16                  And people have lot of respect in terms of  
17                  the things that we have been able to  
18                  accomplish, whether it's getting our  
19                  facilities up to par.

20                  And when you start talking to  
21                  people across the country about their own  
22                  institutions, you would be surprised at some  
23                  of the horror stories, you know, from  
24                  budgeting, from the facilities, just down to  
25                  relationships that they have with their own

1 president and their faculty.

2 So we really do have a lot that  
3 we appreciate. Sometimes when you're in it  
4 you don't see it, but sometimes step out,  
5 take an opportunity the go to some of these  
6 trainings and really get the exposure in  
7 terms of what's happening across the  
8 country. You come back home and you're a  
9 little more appreciative of what you have.

10 So thank you for all of that.  
11 And I just wanted to make sure I highlighted  
12 that there were two events; the Long Island  
13 Association which is the LIA at their  
14 legislative breakfast and Suffolk had a  
15 table there. And as we sat there, we were  
16 listening to the assistant lieutenant  
17 governor, right?

18 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Yes.

19 MEMBER MORGO: Lieutenant governor.

20 CHAIR SANDERS: And then the icing on the cake  
21 was --

22 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Was Flanigan.

23 CHAIR SANDERS: -- yes, when Flanigan got up,  
24 when I talk about Suffolk Community College  
25 commercial, that's really what it turned



1                   into, when he started talking about the  
2                   community college and really just pointing  
3                   out our role in this community.

4   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                   And he specifically highlighted  
5                   Suffolk County Community College.

6   CHAIR SANDERS:                   Yes. Out of all the colleges in  
7                   the room.

8   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                   How many times do we have a  
9                   public figure that don't mention our name?  
10                   He did.

11   CHAIR SANDERS:                   He did. Absolutely.

12                   And then there's the Martin  
13                   Luther King piece and I want to get back to  
14                   that as the last follow-up to your comments.  
15                   The Reverend Coverdale, their church First  
16                   Baptist of Riverhead, right? First Baptist  
17                   of Riverhead has a huge community  
18                   development project that they're doing now.  
19                   And it took them 20 years but they are  
20                   getting to that point.

21                   And they recognized Dr. McKay as  
22                   one of their honorees at their breakfast  
23                   event. And again, Suffolk had three tables  
24                   there. Two filled, basically with students.  
25                   Basically our students come, they network.

1                   And Christopher North was there also. But  
2                   it was a great opportunity for us to get the  
3                   exposure for our students. To understand  
4                   what networking is and, you know, what that  
5                   looks like when you get in front of the  
6                   public.

7                                   And I was very proud of the  
8                   students and thank the faculty and staff  
9                   that took the time to come and attend those  
10                  events. So thank you.

11                                   We're moving to roundtable.

12   MEMBER MORGO:                I want to tell my fellow trustees  
13                   about an effort that's being quarterbacked  
14                   by Dr. Adams and the sports metaphor is  
15                   appropriate because it's an effort to name  
16                   our gymnasium here after Coach Kevin Foley.  
17                   And it's a combination effort to create a  
18                   scholarship in the name of his dad, John  
19                   Foley.

20                                   I served with John on the Suffolk  
21                   County legislature and he was also a member  
22                   of the Board of Trustees. So as a kickoff  
23                   to it, on February 9, beginning at 4:30,  
24                   there will be a tailgating. Well, it's  
25                   really not a tailgating, it's a pregame

1 cocktail party prior to the Suffolk versus  
2 Nassau Community College Women's basketball  
3 game. Obviously everybody is invited to  
4 stick around for the basketball game.

5 I think a lot of you will  
6 remember there was a time where we didn't  
7 come to a trustees meeting without Kevin's  
8 accomplishments being mentioned. There was  
9 one right after another and he really is an  
10 extraordinary coach and teacher. And for  
11 those of you who knew John, he was an  
12 amazing man. One time at the legislature I  
13 made the mistake of referring to him as  
14 Monsignor Foley because he had that bearing.

15 And he let me know he wasn't a  
16 monsignor, but there was nobody who had a  
17 greater commitment to education and what  
18 education does for young people. So  
19 February 9, 4:30 here. I hope you'll make  
20 it and all the trustees are going to be  
21 advise about it, too.

22 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Jim. Any other  
23 roundtable? Yes.

24 MEMBER NORTH: To add to my report also, I  
25 was -- I did attend -- I was one selected by

1 the school to speak at the school as a  
2 graduate. And I spoke as a graduate from  
3 coming as a school member and represent  
4 Suffolk proudly. We, a lot of the students  
5 from my school in Greenport are coming here  
6 because of leadership I had and the  
7 community I have been part of and they  
8 appreciate my leadership skills.

9 CHAIR SANDERS: Great. Congratulations. Thank  
10 you. Any other roundtable?

11 MEMBER CANARY: Yes. Under the subject of  
12 Suffolk Community College Trustee who shows  
13 up someplace and when somebody finds out  
14 that you're connected to the college, and  
15 they're like, whoa, wait minute, you're in  
16 Suffolk Community College. And that  
17 happened to me. I mentioned this to Shaun,  
18 we had a discussion and as well as John  
19 Lombardo.

20 Suffolk County Comptroller  
21 Kennedy called me up back in August and  
22 asked for help with a business constituent  
23 of ours in West Babylon who employs 200.  
24 It's a high-tech precision machine shop,  
25 Check-Mate Industries. And they had a

1                   problem with the Town of Babylon, fire  
2                   damage, huge pile of fire damage, hadn't  
3                   been cleaned, just fell off the radar  
4                   screen. And it was causing -- potentially  
5                   causing some health -- ill health effects  
6                   for her workers, her being Regina Viewig,  
7                   owner and operator of the Check-Mate  
8                   Industries, so...

9                                 Trying to make this long story a  
10                   lot shorter. So we got the Town of Babylon  
11                   involved and we got it cleaned up finally.  
12                   It took a few months of the Town convincing  
13                   the property owner to do the right thing,  
14                   under threat. But it got cleaned up. So,  
15                   John, Comptroller, Kennedy, said, you know,  
16                   Phil. I would really like to get Phil over  
17                   and lets' take a tour of their facility, I  
18                   hear it's really great.

19                                 And we did that. So we scheduled  
20                   a tour of the facility, Phil and myself,  
21                   Senator Boyle, and who greets us at the door  
22                   but Jamie Moore. And I'm like, Jamie, did  
23                   you know we were coming? He said, now,  
24                   we're here trying to help Check-Mate  
25                   Industries develop training programs,

1                   develop some funding sources, et cetera, et  
2                   cetera. So, we sat around the table and we  
3                   talked about their needs. And their needs  
4                   are more training programs.

5                   And, again, when they found out  
6                   that I was a trustee, they were like, you  
7                   guys, what you're doing at Suffolk Community  
8                   College, we need more of it. Now, again, a  
9                   lot of what they need is beyond our  
10                  capability because it's tool and die making  
11                  and that is an apprenticeship, that is a  
12                  career, that is a long term thing. It's not  
13                  a short term let's do a 10 week program,  
14                  let's do a six month program.

15                  But as we walked through the  
16                  factory, I asked the question, I noticed  
17                  that there are quality control people. I  
18                  said, your quality control people are  
19                  trained, where did they get training? Do  
20                  they certificates? They said, no, we do it  
21                  all in-house. We would love somebody to be  
22                  able to do quality control training. You  
23                  know, that's another thing you guys should  
24                  think about.

25                  The point of the story being that

1                   again -- and then what was interesting was  
2                   the article that appeared in Newsday about  
3                   that very subject of much more training.  
4                   How the industries on Long Island need more  
5                   trained people. And, again, just one more  
6                   reason why we need to do more, that we need  
7                   to think outside the box.

8                                   And, again, whether it be our  
9                   STEM Center, all this new industrial  
10                  training. And, John, again, I'm sorry I  
11                  missed your event that happened last  
12                  Tuesday -- the Tuesday before. I was  
13                  actually on the plane flying down to Puerto  
14                  Rico. Can you tell us a little bit about  
15                  how that went.

16   MR. LOMBARDO:                   Yes. We held an event last  
17                                   Thursday, Manufacturing Past, Present and  
18                                   Future. Focus of the event was to thank all  
19                                   of the industries that have supported us  
20                                   over the past eleven years and most recently  
21                                   with the tech hire grant. We had about 32  
22                                   companies that were actively involved in  
23                                   participating in the grant, helping us with  
24                                   development and new programming.

25                                   As a result of the grant, we are

1           able to develop four new programs not  
2           currently on our books, one of which is tool  
3           and die making and quality control. We have  
4           a human resource committee for talent  
5           development and we also have a cost  
6           estimation committee.

7                         At the meeting the results were  
8           that all four committees have been filled by  
9           industry members. We had 52 companies  
10          there. Our partner, Stony Brook  
11          University's MEP which is they are funded  
12          under a manufacturing extension partnership,  
13          and another partner WDI, which is the  
14          Workforce Development Institute which also  
15          funds programs in companies like Check-Mate  
16          for very specific training programs.

17                        Interesting you mention  
18          Check-Mate was also quoted in a Newsday  
19          article yesterday. East West Industries who  
20          was on ABC News most recently hiring two  
21          veterans who were saved by their ejection  
22          seats that they make, they came out of the  
23          military and East West hired them. So the  
24          programs you're talking about, including  
25          tool and die making, are on the books and



1                   the committees will begin meeting next  
2                   month.

3                                   And we did a history which we  
4                   like to do referring back to when Dr. McKay  
5                   and I met back in 2005, I wasn't with the  
6                   college yet. And we have been raising  
7                   money, this two point nine million, the  
8                   largest grant in the history of the college?

9   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                   Yes, yes.

10   MR. LOMBARDO:                   And prior to that the first grant  
11                   that launched was two point five million for  
12                   just manufacturing then another one point  
13                   seven and another five point four for the  
14                   building, so...

15   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                   And John wouldn't say this to  
16                   you, I just advanced at the Work Force  
17                   Development Technologist Center doesn't have  
18                   enough stations to serve the needs of the  
19                   industry. So we're going the punch that out  
20                   in the capital program to help what John is  
21                   doing. When I traveled and I saw what  
22                   others are doing, John only has six fuming  
23                   hoods for welding.

24                                   Now, if I ask him how many people  
25                   are needed in welding in the industry in the

1 region, he can't even train them.

2 MR. LOMBARDO: No.

3 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Because he doesn't have the  
4 capacity to do that. So, you'll see that  
5 coming forward and, you know, John is  
6 smiling here. But I got to tell you that  
7 he's been in my hair for quite a while and I  
8 think now we're going to punch this out in  
9 the new building. Mary Lou, do you want to  
10 speak while John is here.

11 MS. ORANEO: Yes. Mary Lou Oraneo, Vice  
12 President for Institutional Advancement.  
13 One of the other outgrowths from the meeting  
14 was that it was attended by Legislator Kara  
15 Hahn and Presiding Officer Gregory. So they  
16 have been speaking to us over the last  
17 couple of years. We have had several  
18 meetings actually with Legislator Hahn. So  
19 at the conclusion after she heard about the  
20 grant and the new training that will be  
21 available through that program, she's very  
22 interested in resuscitating our conversation  
23 specifically as it relates to IT.

24 So we have a meeting that's  
25 scheduled in Hauppauge, I believe it's next

1 Friday. So we're looking forward to that in  
2 continuance of conversation with them. She  
3 feels that this like the next area that we  
4 should highlight similar to what we have  
5 done with advanced manufacturing.

6 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you so much.

7 MR. LOMBARDO: Just, I want to mention one more  
8 thing if I might. Within this tech hire  
9 grant there is an allocation for free  
10 training and veterans are included. We have  
11 reached out the Shannon regarding that.  
12 Fully paid within the grant. And recently  
13 we just received another unemployed worker  
14 grant for another \$100,000 that we'll be  
15 able to navigate the veteran's community was  
16 well. So thank you.

17 MEMBER CANARY: John, thank you very much.  
18 Again, Suffolk Community College leading the  
19 way on a critically important endeavor here  
20 to get more training.

21 And the last thing I'll leave you  
22 with on this tour of the Check-Mate  
23 Industries is I was introduced to two  
24 gentleman, both estimators. And you brought  
25 up the term estimators, that's what reminded

1 me of this.

2 One gentleman they moved him from  
3 North Carolina, the other gentleman, they  
4 moved him from Tennessee. Both of them were  
5 about 60 years old. And they said, Gordon,  
6 this is how desperate we are. These are  
7 experienced estimators. And I don't have to  
8 tell anybody who has been in manufacturing  
9 and industry right, you don't get the  
10 numbers right on your estimates and bids,  
11 you're screwed.

12 So that's how important these  
13 guys are to the entire process. And here  
14 again, estimation. So I was really pleased  
15 to hear you say that as well. And I'm going  
16 to shut up now.

17 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Madam Chair, if I can just say I  
18 asked Mary Lou and her entire team with Lori  
19 Pipczynski to put together a working  
20 document that we look at the LIA, the HIA  
21 and all of the different industries and what  
22 we need for Long Island. Under the REDC I  
23 serve as co chair with John Boso (phonetic)  
24 on the Workforce. Jim, you serve on --

25 MEMBER MORGO: I'm on the actual REDC.

1 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Yes. So Jim is on the overall  
2 committee. So what we have done is to look  
3 at where do we need to go at Suffolk in  
4 regards to workforce. And there are three  
5 states we are looking at and I mentioned  
6 that earlier; Tennessee. We're ear looking  
7 at also Atlanta. And we're looking at Ohio.  
8 And we're going to have a group that's going  
9 to go visit and then come back.

10 Because we have a plan that's  
11 going to be done which is funded by the  
12 state and the county to look at how we move  
13 forward as an institution and in what  
14 programs we need to have, it's going to be  
15 on the economic side. But we need to have  
16 the Board of Trustees to see what's  
17 happening around the country and where we  
18 need to go and how we, you know, attach  
19 ourselves to this region. So I'll have that  
20 to the board members.

21 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

22 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Mary Lou, I'm not dating you but  
23 soon?

24 MS. ORANEO: I've got that now.

25 PRESIDENT MCKAY: We'll have that to the Board

1 Members.

2 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. I'm going  
3 to request a motion to enter into executive  
4 session to discuss the medical, financial,  
5 credit or employment history of a particular  
6 person or corporation in terms of a  
7 contract, matters leading to the  
8 appointment, employment, promotion,  
9 demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal  
10 or removal of a particular person or  
11 corporation and to discuss a pending  
12 litigation matter.

13 MEMBER NORTH: Make a motion.

14 CHAIR SANDERS: Motion. Who seconds?

15 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Second.

16 CHAIR SANDERS: Seconded by Denise Lindsay.

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

19 CHAIR SANDERS: Okay. Thank you, everyone. No  
20 further business after that.

21 [WHEREUPON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF  
22 THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAS  
23 CLOSED BY THE CHAIRPERSON, THERESA SANDERS,  
24 AT 11:25 A.M.]

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