

OFFICIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HELD ON THE 16TH  
DAY OF MARCH, 2017 AT 4:08 P.M.,  
MONTAUKETT LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER,  
LECTURE HALL, EASTERN CAMPUS, RIVERHEAD,  
NEW YORK.

PRESENT:

SHAUN MCKAY, College President

THERESA SANDERS, Trustee/Chairperson

JAMES MORGO, Trustee/Vice Chairperson

DENISE LINDSAY SULLIVAN, Trustee

GORDON D. CANARY, Trustee

BRYAN LILLY, Trustee/Secretary

GEMMA DELEON-LOPRESTI, Trustee

E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Trustee

CHRISTOPHER NORTH, Student Trustee

LOU PETRIZZO, ESQ., General Counsel

1 CHAIR SANDERS: Good evening, everyone. I would  
2 like to call the Board of Trustees Meeting  
3 to order. Can you please stand for the  
4 Pledge. I'll ask Trustee Canary to lead us  
5 in the Pledge.

6 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you. All rise.  
7 [AFTER RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF  
8 ALLEGIANCE, THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
9 TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY  
10 COLLEGE WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRWOMAN,  
11 THERESA SANDERS AT 4:08 P.M.]

12 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, everyone. I would  
13 like to have recognition of guests from  
14 Chief of Staff, Carol Wickliffe-Campbell who  
15 would like to introduce our guests.

16 MS. WICKLIFFE-CAMPBELL: Absolutely. Ashley Pope joined  
17 Suffolk County Community College after five  
18 and a half years as an associate at Guercio  
19 and Guercio, an education law firm in  
20 Farmingdale. At Guercio and Guercio  
21 Ms. Pope served as outside general counsel  
22 and labor counsel to public school districts  
23 on Long Island including the Sayville School  
24 District from which the college leases space  
25 for its Sayville Center and several other

1 local school districts that participate in  
2 programs at the College.

3 In her role as outside general  
4 counsel and labor counsel, Ms. Pope advised  
5 and represented Board of Education Trustees  
6 and School District Administrators on  
7 matters including civil rights, students'  
8 rights and discipline, public sector labor  
9 and employment, public contract and  
10 procurement, public finance, construction,  
11 record access and retention, student data  
12 privacy, board governance and policy  
13 development.

14 She also represented public  
15 school districts in litigation, arbitration,  
16 discrimination complaints, disciplinary  
17 hearings as well as administrative hearings  
18 and appeals. Ms. Pope is admitted to  
19 practice law in New York State and before  
20 the US District Court for the Eastern and  
21 Southern District of New York.

22 Ms. Pope received her BA in  
23 history from Barnard College, Columbia  
24 University, Cum Laude and her JD from  
25 Fordham University School of Law. At

1 Fordham she received the Archibald R. Murray  
2 Public Service Award, Magnum Cum Laude in  
3 recognition of having performed over 500  
4 hours of pro bono and community service work  
5 while in law school.

6 In June 2016, she was appointed  
7 to the New York State Bar Association's  
8 Committee on Civil Rights. Please welcome  
9 Ashley Pope.

10 MS. POPE: Thank you. Thank you. I'm very  
11 excited to be joining the College. And I'm  
12 honestly surprised I got the job. Thank  
13 you.

14 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much and welcome,  
15 Ashley. I did speak very briefly with her  
16 before the meeting started and we determined  
17 in case inquiring want to know, she is not  
18 related to Olivia Pope. So, we had to  
19 clarify that. Welcome, Ashley.

20 I would like to request a motion  
21 to adjourn the Board of Trustees and call --  
22 oh, one more guest? Oh, I'm so sorry.

23 MS. WICKLIFFE-CAMPBELL: Doctor Dee -- Dorothy, Dee, Laffin  
24 joined the Ammerman Campus Business  
25 Administration faculty in January of 1980.

1 Previous to coming to Suffolk, she held  
2 faculty and administrative positions at  
3 Prince George Community College, the  
4 University of Maryland, College Park; the  
5 University of Missouri, St. Louis; Forest  
6 Park Community College and the American  
7 Association of Community and Junior Colleges  
8 in Washington, DC.

9 Since 1980, in addition to rising  
10 to the rank of full professor, Dee has  
11 served as Assistant Department Chair,  
12 Department Chair, Division Chair, Assistant  
13 Dean, Associate Dean and currently serves as  
14 the Executive Dean of the eastern campus.

15 Over her 37 year career at  
16 Suffolk County Community College, she also  
17 coauthored the College's first successful  
18 grant to support cooperative education.  
19 Coauthored three successful New York State  
20 vocational and technical education grants  
21 and was actively involved in implementing or  
22 assessing two Title Three federal grants.

23 Based on student nominations and  
24 letter of support, in 1988 Professor Laffin  
25 was selected as faculty member and

1 administrator to be honored as someone who  
2 made a difference.

3 A 2005 recipient of the  
4 Chancellor's Award for Faculty Service, Dee  
5 was described as follows: The kind of  
6 teacher that we all wished we had. She  
7 respects and cares for all her students and  
8 makes every effort to know each one  
9 personally in order to help them achieve  
10 their best.

11 When once asked what type of  
12 legacy that she wanted to leave, Dee  
13 answered, just that I was a good person to  
14 work with and that we had some fun. Please  
15 join me in wishing Dee well in her retirement  
16 and extending our appreciation for all her  
17 contributions to the College. [APPLAUSE AND  
18 PHOTOGRAPHS].

19 CHAIR SANDERS: We are going to present the  
20 plaque. We are not going to read it in  
21 detail but we do want to say thank you so  
22 much for all of your dedication occasion for  
23 us.

24 MS. LAFFIN: This looks like it's from the new  
25 horticulture program. Thank you, everyone.

1                   Please sit down. It's been an absolute  
2                   honor and a pleasure. I have been blessed  
3                   to work here for so many years.  
4                   Unfortunately many of you have figured it  
5                   out, I'm not 38 years old. But, thank you  
6                   so much for your recognition here. I'm not  
7                   sure what to say

8 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Get in middle and we'll take  
9                   photographs. Adele, come on up.

10 MS. LAFFIN:                   Adele, you kept the secret from  
11                   me. Thank you. Thank you, everyone.

12 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Okay, great.

13                   At this point I would like to  
14                   request a motion to adjourn the Board of  
15                   Trustees meeting and call the Board of  
16                   Director Meeting to order. Who moved.

17 TRUSTEE LILLY:                   Move.

18 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Bryan.

19                   Second anyone?

20 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   Second.

21 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you, Jim.

22                   All in favor?

23                   [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
24                   VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
25                   MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY THE CHAIRWOMAN,

1 THERESA SANDERS, AT 4:15 P.M. AND REOPENED  
2 AT 4:19 P.M.]

3 CHAIR SANDERS: We are now sitting again as the  
4 Board of Trustees.

5 I would like the request a motion  
6 for approval of the minutes from the  
7 February 16, 2017 Board of Trustees Meeting.

8 TRUSTEE MURRAY: So moved.

9 CHAIR SANDERS: Moved by Christopher Murray. Do  
10 I have a second?

11 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Second.

12 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Denise.

13 All in favor?

14 Any abstentions?

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

17 CHAIR SANDERS: Okay. Thank you. I would like  
18 to introduce Vice President for Business and  
19 Financial Affairs, Gail Vizzini, to present  
20 the College budget and College financial  
21 records.

22 MS. VIZZINI: Thank you, Madam Chair. All of  
23 you have your monthly expenditure and  
24 revenue projections in your packet with the  
25 accompanying executive summary. As I



1 reported last month, enrollment is a little  
2 less than we had anticipated in this year's  
3 budget and, therefor, we have revenue  
4 shortfall in State Aid, tuition and fees  
5 accumulating to about one point seven  
6 million dollars.

7 We are, however, confident that  
8 we can make up this shortfall by continuing  
9 to monitor other expenses. We are  
10 projecting, as you are aware, surpluses in  
11 light, power and water from our energy  
12 efficiencies, building rentals and employ  
13 benefits.

14 The Budget and Finance  
15 Subcommittee met twice over the last two  
16 weeks to discuss the 2017-18 budget gap as  
17 well as the draft report from the  
18 Legislature's five year budget planning  
19 committee. Although we don't know for sure  
20 what the State budget will provide us, we  
21 have made some assumptions as far as FTEs  
22 and we have received adequate direction from  
23 the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee.

24 And so my staff is in the process  
25 of putting together the 17-18 college

1 operating budget. At the request of Trustee  
2 Morgo, once we know when the five year  
3 budget committee will be meeting, he's asked  
4 that the Budget and Finance Committee meet  
5 again at least once or twice to formalize  
6 the document that will be before you for the  
7 April cycle.

8 Additionally we reviewed the  
9 draft report from the legislative committee  
10 and made some recommended changes which we  
11 hope will go before that committee for their  
12 consideration.

13 There is one budget transfer  
14 before you, item number Two. It's a little  
15 over \$23,000. The purpose of this is the  
16 College would like to move forward to  
17 purchase breech insurance relative to any  
18 potential for a cyber attack. This is a  
19 group rate that SUNY has negotiated for SUNY  
20 affiliated colleges and universities. So  
21 the coverage is fairly decent for that rate.  
22 And we are in discussions with them as to  
23 whether we can get an even better rate.

24 But we would need your approval  
25 to have a transfer and a placeholder so we

1                                   could pay for it.

2   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                    Would you like to address this?

3   MR. AZZAM-GOMEZ:                    Sure, if I could.

4   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                    State your name for the record.

5   MR. AZZAM-GOMEZ:                    Shady Azzam-Gomez Vice President

6                                   for Information Technology and Chief

7                                   Information Officer.   Cyber security

8                                   insurance extremely important for higher ed,

9                                   constantly being attacked.   Over a million

10                                   attacks daily on our systems.   As you might

11                                   have seen in the news, losing any of our

12                                   student data would be catastrophic.

13                                   Nowadays, they are looking at \$150 to \$200

14                                   per record.   Losing 30,000 records, you do

15                                   the math.

16   So having this kind of insurance

17                                   for the amount that it's going to be costing

18                                   us a year is extremely beneficial for this

19                                   institution.   Thank you.

20   TRUSTEE CANARY:                    Quick question.   So what's the

21                                   max coverage this policy is going to afford

22                                   us?

23   MR. AZZAM-GOMEZ:                    \$3 million.

24   TRUSTEE CANARY:                    \$3 million?

25   MR. AZZAM-GOMEZ:                    Yes.

1 MR. PETRIZZO: For the record we are trying to  
2 negotiate a slightly better rate because we  
3 feel that many of the SUNY schools took a  
4 \$50,000 deductible on this and we thought  
5 that given the size of this institution and  
6 our tolerance for that kind of risk, that we  
7 could probably do much better on the premium  
8 if we advance to \$100,000 deductible. So  
9 we're waiting to see what that number looks  
10 like and then we'll recommend our decision.

11 TRUSTEE MORGO: What was the premium?.

12 MR. PETRIZZO: The premium at 50,000 is what's  
13 being quoted here. We're expecting the  
14 premium at 100,000 would hopefully be  
15 significantly less. Thank you.

16 MR. AZZAM-GOMEZ: Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Thank you

18 CHAIR SANDERS: Any other questions? [NO  
19 RESPONSE]. Okay. Thank you, Gail. You  
20 have a question?

21 TRUSTEE LILLY: Yes. Is that per incident, the  
22 three million?

23 MR. AZZAM-GOMEZ: Per incident, correct.

24 TRUSTEE LILLY: So if we had three in one week,  
25 they would be all three separate incidents,

1 correct?

2 MR. AZZAM-GOMEZ: Correct. Provided that they are  
3 not based on the same person that attacked  
4 it.

5 TRUSTEE LILLY: The same site, yes.

6 TRUSTEE MORGO: Yes, it would be out of business.

7 TRUSTEE LILLY: Right. That was it. That was  
8 what happened at the a World Trade Center.

9 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes, scary.

10 I would like to request a motion  
11 for the approval of College Resolutions  
12 2017.13 to 2017.20.

13 TRUSTEE MURRAY: Motion.

14 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. Chris Murray moved.

15 TRUSTEE MORGO: Second.

16 CHAIR SANDERS: Seconded by Jim.

17 All in favor?

18 Any abstentions?

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

21 Is there a question?

22 MR. PETRIZZO: On resolutions or --

23 TRUSTEE LILLY: Yes, this is one resolution --  
24 It was just a question of it was  
25 the additional four million for the project

1 out here.

2 MR. PETRIZZO: Yes.

3 TRUSTEE LILLY: I just wanted to know, since  
4 everyone was within a certain range, is it  
5 going back out to bid or is it just or  
6 you're just going to give it to the --

7 MR. PETRIZZO: The intent of the resolution if  
8 we can get it passed in both the County  
9 Legislature and in the State is to award the  
10 bid to the low bidder and simply increase  
11 the budget for the project. If we cannot do  
12 that, if we cannot get the County to go  
13 along and/or the State, then we're going to  
14 have to look at redesign which will require  
15 a rebid.

16 Once we materially change the  
17 scope of a project then then we have to go  
18 back and out and rebid the project.

19 PRESIDENT MCKAY: But also quite a bit of work went  
20 into reviewing the bids as they were,  
21 looking at the structure. And the Campus  
22 has met several times to take a look at the  
23 footprint of the building and we have made  
24 several different iterations. And the  
25 lowest bidder came in, as Lou will tell you,

1 we spent a lot of work talking to the  
2 County, to the State and others to see if  
3 the numbers are within the realm of  
4 industry.

5 The goal here for us now after  
6 all that work was done, the \$4 million now  
7 would put us right at the footprint of where  
8 we should be for that building to go under  
9 construction. But what's important here is  
10 that we have to get the appropriating  
11 resolution that's here today to the County.  
12 Get the county to come with the 50 percent.  
13 And then we then submit that to the State.

14 We are hoping that we can get our  
15 resolution passed today, get something to  
16 the County and simultaneously get something  
17 to the State before the State wraps its  
18 budget up and come in by April 1. So  
19 there's a timeline that we have here as  
20 well.

21 TRUSTEE MORGO: Dr. McKay and some of the staff  
22 members gave us a background of this  
23 situation, the override, at the March 9  
24 Budget and Finance Committee. And I think  
25 it's important to consider that this is part

1   of a capital budget.

2   SUPERVISOR PETRONE:                Yes.

3   TRUSTEE MORGO:                       And the County would have to, I  
4   guess, pass another bonding resolution.

5   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                    Right.

6   TRUSTEE MORGO:                       And I think that would be the  
7   toughest hurdle. And then I think if they  
8   did, it would be fine with the State. And  
9   frankly the reasons that were given for the  
10    override at the Budget Committee, I think  
11    were really good reasons and they made  
12    sense. So it's just we'll have to talk to  
13    our friends at the County to make sure they  
14    pass this bonding resolution. I don't see  
15    why they wouldn't, but --

16   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                    So you know, the County also  
17    understood because they are experiencing the  
18    exact same things when it comes to  
19    construction. So it's not just the County.  
20    It's the County and the State all throughout  
21    SUNY are experiencing the exact same things  
22    which every construction in the city. So we  
23    have the same experience. So, Trustee Morgo  
24    you are correct.

25   TRUSTEE MORGO:                       Thank you.



1 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. And I'm sure you'll  
2 talk a little bit about that during the  
3 budget discussions. Because we have some  
4 questions about the timing.

5 TRUSTEE MORGO: Yes.

6 CHAIR SANDERS: The impact of operating. So I'll  
7 pause that until we discuss budget so that  
8 will come up again. Any other questions?

9 TRUSTEE CANARY: Just a follow-up on that point.  
10 So we're going to simultaneously go to the  
11 County and go to SUNY with this?

12 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Yes.

13 TRUSTEE CANARY: So telling SUNY we're going to  
14 hope our County sponsor approves this.

15 MR. PETRIZZO: Our County sponsor has to approve  
16 it first and then we have to come to SUNY  
17 with approval from the County.

18 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Right.

19 TRUSTEE CANARY: And we're going to try to get  
20 this done before April 1?

21 PRESIDENT MCKAY: We'll try, yes. Certainly,  
22 that's the goal.

23 TRUSTEE CANARY: I don't know if we're going to  
24 have a budget in place by April 1.

25 TRUSTEE MORGO: We won't. We won't have an

1 operating budget. That's why we want the  
2 County to do it and they can do it with a  
3 CN.

4 MR. PETRIZZO: It's very tight.

5 TRUSTEE CANARY: Okay. I support it. We need do  
6 it, no question about it. Absolutely.

7 TRUSTEE MORGO: Although we had the vote, this  
8 was a good discussion. I glad Bryan raised  
9 it.

10 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Thank you.

11 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. I'm going  
12 to go to committee reports. So we will  
13 start with the Budget Committee since we are  
14 on that topic because this does flow into  
15 the question about that.

16 TRUSTEE MORGO: Well, I was going to call my  
17 report Gail Vizzini part two. Because much  
18 of what I'm saying she's already said. But  
19 I think a trustee's perspective, committee  
20 person perspective is important. But as  
21 some of you know, I tend to focus on the  
22 operating budget and not worry too much  
23 about capital budget because it's borrowing  
24 and it doesn't come directly from us.

25 But the question of timing may --

1                   what we will endeavor to do, I would  
2                   imagine, is to get the County to do CN in  
3                   its next general legislative meeting --  
4                   certificate of necessity. Because I don't  
5                   want them talking about this at the same  
6                   time they are talking about the operating  
7                   budget, right?

8                   Okay. So, that kind of just  
9                   threw me for a loop. As far as what Gail  
10                  said, I'll be repeating that phrase  
11                  frequently. As Gail said, we met twice  
12                  since our last meeting on March 9 and March  
13                  13. And I'm going to try to actually  
14                  summarize quickly.

15                 I would like, however, any of the  
16                 members of the Committee to jump to add  
17                 anything, to correct me if need be. As Gail  
18                 said, we spent considerable time reviewing  
19                 the legislature's five year Budget Planning  
20                 Committee draft report.

21                 The Committee itself was noble in  
22                 intent. Remember, it really came from us  
23                 where we had a particularly contentious  
24                 budget negotiation and we said, doesn't it  
25                 make sense to plan and give everybody some

1                   sense of certainty, particularly the  
2                   students?

3                                 Well, as I said, it was a noble  
4                   intent. I'm not sure how noble it is in  
5                   execution. We requested many changes in  
6                   their draft report. At their last meeting  
7                   on March 3, they at least the head staff  
8                   member, the head of the budget review  
9                   office, pushed for a vote on the draft  
10                  report. The College resisted that push.  
11                  Theresa was there and said she was not about  
12                  to agree to any vote unless the Trustees  
13                  were more fully represented and at least had  
14                  an idea of what was in the report.

15                                There was a lot of language that,  
16                  if read in a particular way or even if read  
17                  directly, could hurt us down the road. And  
18                  I'm not joking now. I want to particularly  
19                  thank Counsel Petrizzo for reading through  
20                  it, for going into the nuances, to digging  
21                  out what could be problematic. And we spent  
22                  the beginning of both the meeting on the 9th  
23                  and on the 13th working on language for that  
24                  report.

25                                And we took a particularly long

1 time on that but I think it's important. We  
2 don't know if our language is going to be  
3 accepted or not. We don't know when the  
4 next meeting of the committee is or not. I  
5 asked Gail as I walked in, do we know. And  
6 she said she hadn't heard anything.

7 One of the things that especially  
8 could be problematic, in their five year  
9 budget plan they put in the report a one  
10 point five percent increase in the County  
11 contribution over the previous year for the  
12 next four years. They arrived at that after  
13 they looked at the historical data and saw  
14 that one point five was the 12 year average  
15 for the County's increase.

16 We, as suggested language, it  
17 hasn't been accepted yet, that would give us  
18 more flexibility. Jeff Tempera came up with  
19 a suggestion for a footnote that really was  
20 very on point. But we don't know yet what  
21 the language is going to be. We don't know.  
22 We haven't decided yet how our approach  
23 would be best.

24 Do we vote against it all and be  
25 a minority vote? What would be the impact

1 of that? So these are all things that as  
2 soon as we know when the next meeting is and  
3 we go to it we'll come back and report.

4 The next thing I want to talk  
5 about is something that Chris Murray did  
6 that I know in the Armed Services they tell  
7 you never to do, he volunteered. He  
8 volunteered to go line by line over -- of  
9 course he couldn't do it for the budget that  
10 we are considering now. He volunteered to  
11 go line by line over the 16-17 budget.

12 And he did. And he got it on the  
13 9th and he came back on the 13th and had  
14 many questions and observations. A really  
15 substantive discussion ensued. There were  
16 responses to his questions. But there  
17 really was not enough time in the meeting to  
18 get a full response; is that about right,  
19 Chris?

20 TRUSTEE MURRAY: Yes.

21 TRUSTEE MORGO: But he then asked the question,  
22 has there been any Trustee input or  
23 involvement in an attempt to look at the  
24 budget and to take make sure that it's  
25 sustainable. The idea of the legislature's

1                   committee was to make the budget sustainable  
2                   and predictable.

3                                 So, but we said no, the committee  
4                   as you all know, would not really start  
5                   meeting until the last month of the first  
6                   month of the year and then we would get into  
7                   crunch time. So one of the things we  
8                   decided that going forward the Budget and  
9                   Finance Committee will meet monthly so that  
10                  we can keep an eye on the budget.

11                                The most time, the most time at  
12                  both of the meetings was spent discussing  
13                  what our recommendation, what our committee  
14                  recommendation will be to you at the April  
15                  meeting. If you want detail minutes of both  
16                  meetings, we have them. They are pretty  
17                  specific. As Gail said, the budget gap is  
18                  approximately \$10 million, one of the lowest  
19                  gaps that we've faced in the last couple of  
20                  years.

21                                But the question is, how do we  
22                  fill that budget gap? You must be getting  
23                  tired because I say the similar things all  
24                  the time. But the thing that is so  
25                  frustrating is the unknowns. We don't know

1                   what the County contribution is going to be.  
2                   Dr. McKay had Carol send around the one  
3                   house bill from the State Senate and the  
4                   Assembly where the State Senate in their one  
5                   house bill is recommending a \$50 increase  
6                   for FTE and the Assembly is recommending  
7                   \$100 per FTE. Hopefully the Senate will do  
8                   what it's traditionally done in the past, go  
9                   up to \$100. We have -- to say friend is an  
10                  understatement. We have a great advocate in  
11                  the chair of the Higher Education Committee  
12                  in the Senate, Senator Lavallo. And I know  
13                  we are reaching out to Senator Lavallo.

14                                 We went over different scenarios.  
15                   We talked about tuition increase. We talked  
16                   about use of the fund balance. As the  
17                   Chairwoman said several meetings ago and  
18                   latched onto it, we don't want to see the  
19                   operating budget exist on the back of the  
20                   students. We considered all kinds of -- we  
21                   looked at fees, importance of symbolism,  
22                   economies of scale, overload savings caused  
23                   by the two plus two agreement, student  
24                   recommendations.

25                                 We look add many different



1 things. We had already talked about the  
2 savings that Gail talked about at the  
3 beginning in her report, the utilities and  
4 the rentals, we have all of that. We noted  
5 that the last four years, tuition has  
6 increased 18 percent. And all of us want to  
7 keep tuition flat, honestly want to keep  
8 tuition flat. More so because of the  
9 increase 18 percent increase in the last  
10 four years. But we also want to be  
11 responsible.

12 As Gail said, we're going to meet  
13 at least once more before we come up with a  
14 consensus recommendation to you. We didn't  
15 think it would make any sense to meet before  
16 the legislature meets because we have to  
17 have some framework. We have to know what's  
18 been accepted and where we're going. I  
19 wouldn't be surprised if we have to two  
20 additional meetings before the next meeting.

21 Because in April, we make a  
22 recommendation to you. Whether you accept  
23 or reject our recommendation and really what  
24 it's going to be, it's going to involve  
25 tuition and use of the reserves. That's

1 really what we're going to be talking about.

2 So that's where we are. And  
3 that's my report. And if there's anybody,  
4 Theresa, Denise, Chris, anybody want to add  
5 anything to it or any observations ?

6 TRUSTEE MURRAY: I think you covered it.

7 TRUSTEE NORTH: You covered everything.

8 CHAIR SANDERS: You were pretty thorough I think.

9 You have a question?

10 TRUSTEE CANARY: Ben, is he here?

11 CHAIR SANDERS: Just stepped out.

12 TRUSTEE CANARY: I'm questioning the Governor's  
13 proposal on free college tuition and how  
14 that's going to potentially impact this  
15 whole situation. I mean, it could throw it  
16 into a major upheaval.

17 TRUSTEE MORGO: I don't know how many meetings  
18 ago it was, Gail, but several meetings ago,  
19 the Budget and Finance Committee said we  
20 don't want to consider hypotheticals that  
21 are never going to happen. So we just said  
22 it's out of the question. You didn't hear  
23 that, Andrew, did you?

24 But, no, we thought it would be a  
25 waste of time to talk about it. We're going

1 to proceed like it's not even out there.

2 CHAIR SANDERS: Today in your e-mail that I don't  
3 know if anyone had a chance to read it but  
4 Dr. McKay sent out, a consolidated version  
5 of the one house bill that was developed by  
6 NYSUT. So instead of us looking through  
7 volumes of stuff in terms of what -- you  
8 know, you're frustrated and just throw it to  
9 the side.

10 This sheet, when you get a  
11 chance, just take a look in your e-mails  
12 because some of the stuff, the Excelsior  
13 program, a lot of that stuff, it's in there  
14 but it's not supported by both sides. I  
15 don't know if you want to talk a little bit  
16 about that, Shaun.

17 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Yes. In the governor's proposal,  
18 because they're still negotiated, there are  
19 moving parts. The senate did not include  
20 Excelsior. The assembly modified language  
21 and increased the base that they expect to  
22 150,000. And they also changed -- what it  
23 had in the Excelsior that you had to take at  
24 least 15 credits per semester. The assembly  
25 came back and said, no, you'll o 12 per

1 semester but you can then take six in the  
2 summer but then you must have a certain GPA.

3 So the parts are moving. And  
4 they haven't agreed yet on a number of major  
5 items in their consensus budget in the one  
6 house bill. SUNY, in the discussion that we  
7 had on the conference call with all 64  
8 presidents, the privates are not included in  
9 Excelsior. And you have some student  
10 campuses now, the four year ops, that have  
11 the rational tuition plan. And the  
12 Excelsior only applies to the baccalaureate  
13 program at a four year campus.

14 So there's a lot of discussion  
15 happening between the senate, the assembly,  
16 and the governor's office hasn't made any  
17 change to his original proposal. So as  
18 Trustee Morgo mentioned, our budgets will  
19 have to be in way before in regards to --  
20 and as Trustee Canary mentioned, they may  
21 not come in at our April 1st bid as they  
22 normally would work towards. We hope they  
23 would but we don't know that.

24 Now, the difficulty that we have  
25 is that in the one house bill they have

1 right now, they are so far apart that we  
2 don't know if they will ever agree on  
3 language and come to terms in regards to  
4 what's in that one house bill. That means  
5 that they may push it down the road and say,  
6 let's revisit that again. And that means  
7 that now the campuses have to look at TAP.

8 The one good thing that they have  
9 done that we have asked for is to make sure  
10 that part-time students have a higher level  
11 of TAP. And they also increased the TAP  
12 eligibility and also the PELL eligibility in  
13 regards to being able to spend PELL towards  
14 the Excelsior. What's different now is that  
15 the Excelsior in the assembly is not a last  
16 dollar bill any more.

17 In essence, in the Governor's  
18 bill, it was the dollar bill that you pay  
19 forward. So there's lot of moving parts.  
20 And I don't believe that it's going get  
21 resolved in this cycle.

22 TRUSTEE MORGO: I want to ask you about something  
23 else, Dr. McKay. The 2020 plan, I know --  
24 just so everybody knows it doesn't apply to  
25 community colleges.

1 PRESIDENT MCKAY: No, it does not.

2 TRUSTEE MORGO: But I thought it was a terrific  
3 innovation. I thought, speaking to people  
4 up at Stony Brook, students up there, loved  
5 it because the they had a set, certain  
6 tuition. It was going to be the same -- I  
7 think it was 300 a year.

8 PRESIDENT MCKAY: They've changed it. It was 250 a  
9 year but then the assembly now it's down to  
10 200.

11 TRUSTEE MORGO: 200?

12 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Yes.

13 TRUSTEE MORGO: Again, you might say, why do you  
14 even care because it doesn't apply to us.  
15 However, that was really the idea of getting  
16 certainty, predictability was the reason  
17 that we pushed for a planning process. And  
18 I was hoping that it would come down to the  
19 community colleges. But, it was really,  
20 except for Stony Brook, a lot of other SUNY  
21 colleges didn't like it at all and were  
22 against it and the assembly killed it last  
23 year. So, where do you see it going?  
24 That's what I'm trying to ask.

25 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Well, that's where they agree

1                   now. That they the senate and the assembly  
2                   agree that they are going to extend it for  
3                   four years. That's in the one house bill.  
4                   That is not finalized yet. And they have  
5                   agreed -- the assembly reduced it from 250  
6                   to 200. So it's not finalized but at least  
7                   they agree they want to continue that into  
8                   the next four years.

9                   They also talked about, because  
10                  you have the hospitals, you have the ab  
11                  techs (phonetic), you have the four year  
12                  campuses. And they have agree that the  
13                  tuition should be no more than the rational  
14                  plan that you have. So whatever you are  
15                  taking on the four years, that's it. So you  
16                  can't raise the tuition over and above that.  
17                  So that's all they are going to have up  
18                  grade in their baseline budget, the \$200 per  
19                  FTE.

20 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   Has there ever been any talk  
21   about having a rational tuition plan on the  
22   state level for community colleges?

23 PRESIDENT MCKAY:                Yes. But it wasn't advanced, it  
24   wasn't advanced.

25 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   It would probably be very

1                   difficult because the 30 community colleges  
2                   are so different, have different means of  
3                   funding, get different contributions from  
4                   their local sponsors.

5   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                What's important in this one  
6                   house bill, they are asking now -- the  
7                   senate is asking us now to all of the SUNY  
8                   and CUNY campuses to do what we are doing  
9                   right now, to have a budget committee that  
10                  will review each budget for the institutions  
11                  to make sure we're doing what's best for the  
12                  institution and to hold costs down and to  
13                  make sure tuition doesn't continue to go up.

14                                    That's in the senate legislation,  
15                                    but not in the Governor's. So I'm not sure  
16                                    how that's going to move forward. It's not  
17                                    in the assembly either, that's in the  
18                                    senate.

19   TRUSTEE MORGO:                 That's interesting. The  
20                   Community Council at Stony Brook, we have no  
21                   budget committee. There's no budget  
22                   committee now that you mention it, yeah.

23   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                So we are ahead of the curve with  
24                   that. But also with the five year budget  
25                   review that we have with the County, no



1                   other community colleges in the State has  
2                   been engaged in that discussion. So I  
3                   believe that we are not only responsive but  
4                   I believe we are taking a closer look at how  
5                   we function as we try to keep tuition  
6                   affordable.

7 CHAIR SANDERS:                   And it is proactive.

8                   Denise.

9 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Dr. McKay, can you explain to us  
10                   what the impact could be for us with regard  
11                   to what they are talking about with  
12                   Excelsior?

13 PRESIDENT MCKAY:                Yes. If the senate remains at  
14                   \$50 per base FTE, 25 of the 30 community  
15                   colleges would have a reduction in the  
16                   funding from the State aid, 25. And that's  
17                   across the entire state. So, we are  
18                   advocating for is for the senate and the  
19                   assembly to come in at least the minimum of  
20                   100. That would put us back to 2009 to 2010  
21                   levels of funding.

22                   So they are still not funding us  
23                   appropriately yet. Then you have the County  
24                   now, they are going into fiscal -- well,  
25                   almost exigency, but a level of difficulty.

1                   And we saw with the five year plan that  
2                   Dr. Lippe (phonetic) was asking for one  
3                   point five percent. So we're not at the  
4                   same place just yet. And we are hoping that  
5                   as Trustee Morgo mentioned to have two more  
6                   meetings. By then we will know before the  
7                   next Board meeting exactly where the State  
8                   will be, where the County will be and then  
9                   we can have a recommendation beyond what we  
10                  discussed at the last meeting.

11   CHAIR SANDERS:                    You know, when you look at where  
12                                        we are in the scope of institutions in our  
13                                        region and institutions on a national level,  
14                                        we do have some best practices that people  
15                                        are picking up on. We might not see it  
16                                        internally, you know, while we're in it but  
17                                        other institutions call for advice or they  
18                                        want to know how you are doing that, what do  
19                                        your models look like?

20                                        So we have move ahead. It's  
21                                        tough but we're moving ahead. And trying  
22                                        our best to keep tuition affordable. Thank  
23                                        you. Any other discussion? [NO RESPONSE].

24                                        Okay. So let's move on to the  
25                                        other committee reports. Thank you so much,

1 Jim.

2 TRUSTEE MORGO: You're welcome.

3 CHAIR SANDERS: And do you know that Jim's  
4 meeting went for about four years, I'll put  
5 that on the record. But it was definitely  
6 worth it. We didn't realize we were in the  
7 room that long.

8 TRUSTEE MORGO: That was the March 9th one.

9 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes. It was very interesting.

10 TRUSTEE MORGO: Tedious.

11 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes.

12 Student Success, Denise?

13 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Student Success. We talked about  
14 a lot of the things in our meeting last  
15 week, one of the them being Excelsior and  
16 Early College Program and how that has  
17 helped us with our FTEs. So the Excelsior  
18 Program, we had 5,460 students taking part  
19 which brought us 608 FTEs. The Early  
20 College Program we had 245 enrolled and 43  
21 FTEs were produced from that.

22 The thing that I personally love  
23 and I know I repeat myself when I say this,  
24 but the more we get students on our  
25 campuses, the more enrollment will go up,

1                   whether those students are 12 years old or  
2                   18 years old, the more exposure they have to  
3                   Suffolk and what it really is, the more  
4                   recurrence we will have with regard to the  
5                   students.

6                                   And the Excelsior and Early  
7                   College Programs prove that. With the  
8                   Excelsior programs, we have a 29 percent  
9                   return rate of students who have taken an  
10                  Excelsior course in high school, 29 percent  
11                  of them will attend our college. And with  
12                  Early College Programs, 30 percent return.  
13                  So it's -- they are very valuable programs  
14                  and it's great opportunity that we are  
15                  giving to our local high school students.

16 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   High school, participation, how  
17                                   are we doing with Suffolk County High  
18                                   Schools?

19 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I think the enrollment is  
20                                   growing. I know I got an e-mail yesterday  
21                                   from one of my guidance counselor saying  
22                                   we're going to get kids into the Early  
23                                   College Program.

24 MS. JOHNSON:                    If I may? We have increased our  
25                                   high school participation and school

1 district participation from 34 in 2015-2016  
2 to 42 this year.

3 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: And that's for Early College or  
4 for both?

5 MS. JOHNSON: That is for Excelsior.

6 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Okay.

7 MS. JOHNSON: I can bring the Early College  
8 next time.

9 CHAIR SANDERS: Great. Thank you.

10 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Eastern Suffolk BOCES alone is 52  
11 districts.

12 TRUSTEE MORGO: Yes, okay. Every district  
13 doesn't have a -- I'm just saying high  
14 schools.

15 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I think there's 126 districts in  
16 Suffolk County.

17 TRUSTEE MORGO: Not all have high schools, but --

18 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: No.

19 TRUSTEE CANARY: 118, 120.

20 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Eastern Suffolk and Western  
21 Suffolk --

22 TRUSTEE MORGO: So far you're doing good, it's  
23 not as good as I thought.

24 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Okay.

25 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, I'm missing some of

1                                   this.

2   TRUSTEE MORGO:                         Sorry, we're having a  
3                                   conversation.

4   CHAIR SANDERS:                         We'll reel them in for you.

5   THE COURT REPORTER:                    Thank you.

6   MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:              The other program that we talked  
7                                   about was the nurses signing the partnership  
8                                   with Stony Brook which I'm sure many of you  
9                                   saw, we did get a lot of press for. Very  
10                                   exciting, 65 seat in the nursing program at  
11                                   Stony Brook. A lot of students. I know  
12                                   Theresa was saying she got calls, I got  
13                                   calls, everybody was all excited about it,  
14                                   rightfully so.

15                                   The other partnership that is  
16                                   currently being worked on is with St. John's  
17                                   College who think they are very intelligent  
18                                   in the approach that they are taking now  
19                                   that they are an open field for competition,  
20                                   they are offering any of our graduates of  
21                                   who have a two point oh or higher at least  
22                                   \$17,000 a year in tuition scholarships.

23                                   So if you get a degree from  
24                                   Suffolk and you go to St. Johns, you'll get  
25                                   \$17,000 scholarship per year which is

1                   amazing. They are also offering a 50  
2                   percent scholarship for our employees who  
3                   would like to go for their doctoral degree.

4 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   You know --

5 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:    Do you want to go for our  
6                   Doctoral degree?

7 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   I don't need it. I hardly need  
8                   it. I was very impressed when I heard 42  
9                   high schools participated but not as  
10                  impressed when I heard how many high schools  
11                  there are. Do you know what we do to get  
12                  the word out to high schools that we have  
13                  the Excelsior Program and that we have --

14 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:   No. But I'm sure somebody in the  
15                  room does.

16 CHAIR SANDERS:                  Sitting right behind you.

17 MS. JOHNSON:                   I believe though, there are a  
18                  little under 60 different districts within  
19                  our county if I'm not mistaken.

20 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:    There's 52 in eastern Suffolk.  
21                  New York school districts.

22 MS. JOHNSON:                   So we have Paul Boden and our  
23                  Assistant Dean Deb Wilson do extensive  
24                  individual outreach to superintendents of  
25                  schools as well as the principal. They make

1 personal face to face contact with these  
2 individuals. They go, they establish a  
3 relationship. What happens after that is an  
4 establishment of credentialing of the high  
5 school instructor because Excelsior occurs  
6 in the high schools.

7 So, we credential the instructor  
8 at the high school, it's a high school  
9 teacher, to be able to deliver the actual  
10 real college course within the high school  
11 during their school day. The difference in  
12 how that course is delivered is it occurs  
13 across the entire academic school year for  
14 that public school student. Whereas, if it  
15 had been on a college campus, it would have  
16 been the fall semester or spring semester.

17 The student receives their  
18 credits as a regular student would at the  
19 completion of their course.

20 TRUSTEE MORGO: Yes, and I'm sure it's a terrific  
21 academic program but as will surprise nobody  
22 what struck my interest is when Denise said  
23 it was the best way of increasing  
24 enrollment. And enrollment has a real  
25 effect on our operating budget. That's what



1 I was particularly interested in. How do we  
2 get the different high schools to  
3 participate.

4 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Trustee Morgo, if you remember we  
5 do have other colleges and universities that  
6 do offer courses here in Suffolk County. We  
7 came to this Board several years ago because  
8 we were charging high schools the same rate  
9 as if they were coming on campus, if you  
10 remember. And we couldn't compete with  
11 other institutions that were coming online  
12 and offering courses.

13 And the rate of \$53 per credit,  
14 we were not able to match what was happening  
15 across, you know, from Nassau County to  
16 Suffolk County. Now we are advertising and  
17 we are doing outreach now into Nassau County  
18 because, Joanne Braxton under Dr. Adams and  
19 the admissions team, we were doing that now.

20 Now, in the SUNY system, so you  
21 know, there's reciprocity here where the  
22 campuses in the SUNY system have language  
23 where they cannot recruit in the each  
24 other's areas.

25 TRUSTEE MORGO: Where they have the same program.

1 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Where they have the same program.

2 CHAIR SANDERS: There you go.

3 PRESIDENT MCKAY: But, we can offer different  
4 programs. For example, when our students  
5 now go to Nassau and FIT -- I am changing  
6 the topic here for a minute, we have 3,955  
7 Suffolk students that are taking courses at  
8 other institutions, not just on FIT or  
9 Nassau campus but all throughout New York  
10 state.

11 When we talked about doing  
12 radiology, dental hygiene, fashion  
13 merchandising, those are new programs coming  
14 on board. Those are the highest enrolled  
15 programs for the students leaving Suffolk  
16 going to Nassau and FIT. That's \$14  
17 million.

18 Now, the fashion merchandising  
19 program does not require intense machinery,  
20 per se. The dental hygiene program Gail and  
21 I talked about that in regards to removing  
22 program of the health sports center to the  
23 LRC, so Dean King, do you mind briefing us  
24 briefly as to where you are.

25 MR. KING: With dental hygiene?

1 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Radiology, sonogram program,  
2 fashion merchandising.

3 MR. KING: So I'll start with the dental  
4 hygiene program. The dental hygiene program  
5 currently used Briarcliff College which as  
6 you know is closing, had that program. I'm  
7 meeting this Tuesday with the director who  
8 has already talked to the accreditor.  
9 Because a lot of these allied high programs  
10 have high accreditation. So we're meeting  
11 on Tuesday to talk about transfer of the  
12 program and then I report back to Dr. McKay  
13 regarding the curriculum as well as some of  
14 materials, supplies and the staffing models  
15 for that program there.

16 Grad tech we met on Wednesday to  
17 talk about some curriculum programs there  
18 about I have updates of that program. That  
19 has a lot more field placement than it does  
20 equipment on campus. So we're talking about  
21 some hospital partnerships and all that we  
22 would need to do for that program.

23 And the last program which is a  
24 little more internal is looking at the  
25 fashion merchandising. And that right now

1 we're benchmarking different schools in  
2 terms of some of the program that they have  
3 in terms of curriculum as well as placements  
4 for internships. So hopefully all of these  
5 programs will have for Dr. McKay first  
6 review in two weeks.

7 PRESIDENT MCKAY: The other part of it, too, that  
8 we are doing now is putting the workforce  
9 development program to go out into the high  
10 schools with both Dr. Boden and Debra  
11 Wilson. What we are doing now because what  
12 we are seeing in the high schools, you got  
13 some of the technical programs but then they  
14 go to BOCES.

15 And we were not recruiting from  
16 the high schools to come onto campus or at  
17 least to do some visualization in regards to  
18 taking the computer models into the  
19 classroom and teaching it based on the  
20 computers being there. So that's different  
21 now. And we are hoping that with the new  
22 approach that we are taking and reaching out  
23 to all of the high schools, now we can  
24 increase the amount of sections and students  
25 that are taking courses right there at the

1 high schools is coming here to the College.

2 Se we have multiple prongs that  
3 are happening all at once. But that's our  
4 enrollment push going in.

5 TRUSTEE MORGO: Two points. The thing that  
6 struck that Denise said is when we get them  
7 on campus or under the Excelsior, she gave  
8 the percentages of those who actually come  
9 here. From the Budget Committee's point of  
10 view, the one variable that we have some  
11 control over is enrollment and it's -- the  
12 decrease in enrollment and the effect on FTE  
13 count and the effect on State Aid is what  
14 really does create the budget holes.

15 So anything we can do for  
16 enrollment. On the matter you mentioned,  
17 creating new programs to attract students  
18 who would otherwise go someplace else, the  
19 Budget Committee, you know, there would be  
20 costs with that. But there's a cliché, to  
21 make money you have to spend money.

22 So those I think are good  
23 directions too. This is the kind of thing,  
24 getting back to Chris Murray that we can  
25 look at on an ongoing basis. And I think

1                   the Budget Committee should look at  
2                   enrollment trends, not just a couple times a  
3                   year but throughout the whole year.

4 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I agree. And I think that, you  
5                   know, what Dr. McKay was talking about at  
6                   our meeting and again today with regards to  
7                   finding programs that students are leaving  
8                   Suffolk County to go to is brilliant.

9 PRESIDENT MCKAY:                   The other part it to, I'll just  
10                   mention for the record. Working with the  
11                   Comptroller's office and working with our  
12                   legislators, if we have those programs here,  
13                   we have the right of first refusal. In  
14                   essence, the County shouldn't be paying out  
15                   of town tuition for students to leave  
16                   Suffolk County to go to any other county or  
17                   any any other institution in this State.

18                                   So that's why we're moving in  
19                   that direction that Dr. King spoke about so  
20                   we can then cut down that \$14 million  
21                   dollars onto a nonexistent number.

22 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: That means if we have the program  
23                   that they want to go to at FIT, then we  
24                   continue have to pay that?

25 PRESIDENT MCKAY:                   No, no.

1 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: That's great. And just so that  
2 everybody is clear that this year, right  
3 just this year \$14 million that we're paying  
4 because people are leaving Suffolk.

5 PRESIDENT MCKAY: That \$14 million has been paid by  
6 the Towns because you had the whole suit  
7 that shifted back to the Towns.

8 TRUSTEE CANARY: I just want to clarify, I used my  
9 handy-dandy Suffolk laptop here and I came  
10 up with the number. 127 school districts on  
11 Long Island. 69 in Suffolk, you said 68.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. Close.

13 TRUSTEE CANARY: 58 in Nassau.

14 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: And of the 69, because I did some  
15 research, too, 14 on my handy-dandy --

16 TRUSTEE CANARY: Where's your laptop? Where's  
17 your tablet?

18 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: It's in my office.  
19 14 do not have high schools of  
20 the 69 in Suffolk County.

21 TRUSTEE MORGO: So we did do well?

22 TRUSTEE CANARY: Extremely well. Look at her  
23 smiling.

24 MS. JOHNSON: I was happy to report.

25 TRUSTEE MORGO: 42 of 55.

1 MS. JOHNSON: I knew she was going to look, so  
2 I did some research as well. Yes, it's 127  
3 for Long Island, so...

4 TRUSTEE MORGO: But we did even better 42 out of  
5 55 not 69.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

7 CHAIR SANDERS: Denise, do you have more?

8 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I think I have helped enough.

9 CHAIR SANDERS: The only thing I will point out  
10 back to student success, the outreach in  
11 getting people onto the campus, students,  
12 parents, that is not relegated to any  
13 particular individual. We are all  
14 ambassadors ourselves. If you have a  
15 relationship, we need to make sure that  
16 those people reach the campus.

17 And so whether it goes directly  
18 to Dr. McKay's office and then he fans out  
19 or assigns individual responsibility, we are  
20 all responsible for advocating for Suffolk  
21 County. Thank you, Denise.

22 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Thank you.

23 CHAIR SANDERS: And we will move to the  
24 governance report.

25 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you, Madam Chairwoman.



1 First I want to thank everybody for enacting  
2 our Board of Ethics resolution. Those of  
3 you who know me, know I hate things that  
4 aren't finished up and hanging out there.  
5 So we got it done. Thank you.

6 TRUSTEE MORGO: Don't take over the Budget  
7 Committee.

8 TRUSTEE CANARY: No, I won't take over the Budget  
9 Committee, rest assured. But anyway, it's  
10 great we have our Board in place and we will  
11 be reaching all to them by letter to notify  
12 them. Although I did notify them verbally  
13 by telephone. So they're all excited about  
14 it. And again, I'm very, very proud and  
15 pleased that we got that done.

16 And our Governance Committee met  
17 for four hours at our last meeting when we  
18 vetted out the candidates.

19 TRUSTEE MORGO: I wasn't bragging about the four  
20 hours. I didn't think it was a good thing.

21 TRUSTEE CANARY: We cancelled our meeting on March  
22 7. I would have been a committee of one.  
23 My other two members couldn't make it. They  
24 were tied up with other things so we had to  
25 cancel. We have our next scheduled meeting

1 on Tuesday, April 11, 3:00 p.m., Sagtikos  
2 Building at the Grant Campus. All are  
3 welcome to participate.

4 And primarily we're going to be  
5 discussing finally the facility rental fees.  
6 So we'll get that on for April. Thank you.  
7 Thank you for that.

8 MS. VIZZINI: Excellent.

9 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you for that, Gail.

10 CHAIR SANDERS: Just a question, Gordon. Have  
11 you thought about the meet and greet for our  
12 new ethics members?

13 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thought about it but haven't  
14 taken it to the next step. But, yes, that's  
15 something else we need to do to get that  
16 done as well. We will be discussing that.  
17 And, again, the official letters will go out  
18 to them that they have been now appointed by  
19 resolution. And, again, thank you for  
20 bringing that up. We had that little snafu  
21 in the original creation of the Board on the  
22 standard terms so we corrected that as well.  
23 That's pretty much it.

24 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much.

25 We'll move to Facilities.



1                   against I think that the more -- like what  
2                   Denise brought up and what Jim had alluded  
3                   to, was the more students that we get  
4                   whether it's through a facility like this or  
5                   an event that we have at the Field House or  
6                   any sort of exposure that Suffolk County  
7                   Community College gets, is usually a  
8                   positive.

9                   You know, and I just ask Denise,  
10                  I'm almost willing to guess that the school  
11                  district I'm in is not participating or  
12                  doing the best that they can with us. Just  
13                  because there's still people out there that  
14                  say, oh it's Suffolk Community is their  
15                  third and fourth choice. Now we all know  
16                  that that's not correct, that the level of  
17                  education is on par with any other  
18                  institution.

19                 The facilities since the last 10  
20                 years have become upgraded, so all the  
21                 maintenance that had been deferred for years  
22                 is being taken care of with the capital  
23                 programs. And we are building. So while  
24                 other schools around us are no longer in  
25                 existence, we seem to be moving forward in a

1 positive way.

2 So I always say that people  
3 are -- people are going to realize that this  
4 is not just the best -- you know, it's an  
5 alternative. It should be a choice. And  
6 projects or whatever we do going forward,  
7 anything that gets the high school -- even  
8 younger students in the population of  
9 Suffolk to the campuses and they get to walk  
10 around and people --

11 Because I remember when I came  
12 here and I had the portable, that's what  
13 some of the parents remember. Until they  
14 come back and go, wow, you have a health and  
15 wellness center, you have this. You have  
16 that. And if they go to, you know, your  
17 example of St. Johns, that, you know,  
18 \$17,000 gift that they are basically giving  
19 out to graduates, makes it -- I'm not going  
20 to say it's affordable affordable but it  
21 makes it an easier jump.

22 And I went -- you know, when my  
23 son was looking at colleges, that was one of  
24 the schools that gave him a lot of money  
25 based on his academics. And we went there

1 and, you know, and it was an alternative.

2 So we're getting these other grandiose  
3 universities or institutions are giving our  
4 students financial aid based on what we are  
5 doing here.

6 So I always look at as, anyway we  
7 can get feet onto our campus, that kind  
8 of -- you know, again, you remember the  
9 campus that you came to years ago. Well  
10 guess what, it's changed. It's changed a  
11 lot. So, any time we can get, whether it's  
12 the new kids that don't have any history or  
13 any memory of the old campuses and their  
14 parents who might have onto the campus, you  
15 know what? We have a good chance.

16 Not a secondary and third. Now  
17 we have moved up the ranks to where it is an  
18 option. Because people all say, well, you  
19 know what, my kid is not ready. That's a  
20 big deal because they remember -- you know,  
21 my generation when we went out, everybody, a  
22 lot of people failed out in the first year  
23 because it was their first time.

24 So I'm going off a little bit on  
25 my facilities. But I'm just saying, we have

1 done -- and in this project and all our  
2 projects out in this campus with this new  
3 health and wellness center, these are things  
4 that bring people to our campus and we get a  
5 chance to show off. And that's, you know,  
6 we're all battling, like Dr. McKay brought  
7 up, we are all battling for a small pool of  
8 candidates. And if we are losing 14 million  
9 and the large majority of that is probably  
10 at FIT, if we are losing them to some other  
11 area around we have a chance to keep them,  
12 it keeps our bottom line and our tuition in  
13 stability so we don't have to raise it.

14 So anything we can do in that. I  
15 don't have -- I don't have a schedule for  
16 another meeting but I think that Gordon and  
17 I will probably schedule something to, you  
18 know, further move on certain projects.

19 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Bryan. You just gave  
20 me a, you know, I just had a brain burst  
21 here. You know when you walk through the  
22 airports and the Long Island Railroad and  
23 you see all of this advertising, perhaps  
24 since our facilities are -- they are  
25 marketing opportunities for us. Because

1                   very often it's, especially in the health  
2                   education center, we have got different  
3                   groups that are coming on and off the campus  
4                   all the time.

5                                 Why the aren't we having  
6                   something, I don't know hash tag this or,  
7                   you know, FaceBook that or some way to  
8                   connect all these visitors that come through  
9                   our campus back to the campus in some kind  
10                  of way where we can continue to market to  
11                  them. But there should be some kind of  
12                  advertising slicks all throughout the  
13                  buildings for guests and visitors.

14                                We have it for the students, but  
15                  what about others passing through, how do we  
16                  connect them.

17    PRESIDENT MCKAY:            Part of that again is  
18                                merchandising and part of it again is, you  
19                                know, for the health and wellness center, we  
20                                do have a policy of naming rights. There's  
21                                a lot of pieces that are out there on the  
22                                policy. The County at one point in time had  
23                                a naming rights policy that before we had  
24                                our own that if the name of the building was  
25                                sold and that goes into the operating



1 budget.

2 Now it's a little bit different  
3 in regards to the Foundation. The  
4 Foundation I believe do have a naming right  
5 policy. The board has a policy on that as  
6 well. So to your point, Madam Chair, we  
7 would take a look at that and certainly  
8 report back to the Board.

9 CHAIR SANDERS: It's, you know, it's not naming  
10 rights. It just just marketing. You know,  
11 it's a way to connect your visit visitors  
12 back to your facility. Especially with  
13 social media now. And I know we do it for  
14 the students but there's got to be some way  
15 from marketing that every visitor that walks  
16 through should log into or have a hash tag  
17 or did you sign up for, some way that we can  
18 create and build that momentum.

19 Because parents bring their kids  
20 here. I know when I go into the health and  
21 sciences center, it's packed. We have  
22 really, you know, good facilities. And  
23 people are coming onto the campuses. So I  
24 just wanted make sure we are taking  
25 advantage of all those groups.

1                                Thank you, Bryan.    We did not  
2                                have a personnel committee meeting this past  
3                                month and we will get back on that.    The  
4                                Student Trustee report.

5 TRUSTEE NORTH:                                Thank you, Madam Chair.    Briefly  
6                                report basically the student Trustee  
7                                election is in full force and progress.    The  
8                                Student Advisory Committee will be  
9                                sponsoring first annual Student Trustee  
10                                debate on March 27 in the Babylon Student  
11                                Center, in the green room, upstairs there  
12                                from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

13                                Questions and answers will be  
14                                there.    And I'm looking around to find a  
15                                moderator to facilitate that event as well.  
16                                Student Government is doing very well.    They  
17                                have their candidates as well.    Actually for  
18                                history, the Ammerman Campus 10 years this  
19                                year is filing every position actually up  
20                                for grabs and actually not where they have  
21                                one position -- two candidates for every  
22                                position basically for up grads for their  
23                                election.

24                                And I also on March 8 I attended  
25                                Advocacy Day for EOP.    I worked along with

1 David Johnson, the Director of EOP and two  
2 other students worked along with me for  
3 Advocacy Dar. Along with that, the next  
4 Student Government Advisory Committee will  
5 be April 14, Carol Presence (phonetic)  
6 conference room.

7 Also to mention, I sent an e-mail  
8 to Dr. Adams, we have actually established a  
9 college wide business statement for Student  
10 Government. We're also looking to bring  
11 that to the Board for a resolution to adopt  
12 it as well. That's the end of my report.

13 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. I would  
14 also like to highlight that there's a very  
15 good article about Christopher North. Was  
16 that Southold?

17 TRUSTEE LILLY: Riverhead.

18 CHAIR SANDERS: Riverhead News. And  
19 congratulations, Chris, because you are out  
20 there and really advocating and being a role  
21 model for students at Suffolk it was a great  
22 article.

23 TRUSTEE NORTH: Thank you.

24 CHAIR SANDERS: Foundation report, Sylvia.

25 MS. DIAZ: So, very quickly, just a reminder

1                   of course that, speaking of student success,  
2                   the work that we do at the Foundation  
3                   contributes positively to support our  
4                   students. Many of you around the room  
5                   contribute to our students. And, you know,  
6                   I just want to quickly say, Dee Laffin, she  
7                   was actually on the committee recommended my  
8                   hiring to Dr. McKay, has been such a  
9                   stalwart supporter of the Foundation and we  
10                  will miss your presence but we will stay in  
11                  touch with you for sure. Thank you so much  
12                  for your support of the foundation.

13                  [WHEREUPON TRUSTEE MORGO RETURNS TO THE  
14                  MEETING ROOM].

15   MS. LAFFIN:                   Thank you.

16   MS. DIAZ:                    Of course our Gala, actually just  
17                                  fresh off the presses. We just got these as  
18                                  I was walking out of the building today.  
19                                  We're mailing out about 2500 of these  
20                                  invitations. I believe they are hitting  
21                                  today. In addition to that we sent out  
22                                  another 350 letters to supporters, past  
23                                  supporters. And of course it's really  
24                                  bustling now, gearing up towards our Gala on  
25                                  May 4th. Randi Weingarten of course is our

1                   honoree and we've got an abundance of  
2                   interest and support out there for our  
3                   students and that's really what it's all  
4                   about. but hope to see you all there on the  
5                   4th. And thank you all. Thank you again.

6 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you, Sylvia.

7 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   Just would like the minutes to  
8                   reflect that I left the room during the  
9                   Facilities report because I don't like to  
10                  listen to Bryan. No. Just have the minutes  
11                  reflect that.

12 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: That's all right, we nominated  
13                   you to moderate the Student Trustee debate.

14 TRUSTEE CANARY:                  March 27.

15 CHAIR SANDERS:                  Thank you, Jim. We'll make sure  
16                   that that's done. Thank you. For the  
17                   Chair's report there were a couple of things  
18                   that -- it's been a very busy last 30 days.  
19                   I have to tell you that in addition to local  
20                   budgets, we have got statewide budgets and  
21                   we have got national advocacy and whole lot  
22                   of stuff. I really enjoy it. I mean, I,  
23                   you know, I crash every once in a while and  
24                   then, you know, an issue, a topic comes up  
25                   and I'm right back out there.

1                   But advocating on behalf of the  
2                   College is really a fun experience. Even  
3                   during the difficult negotiation processes  
4                   sometimes you really get to see what  
5                   leadership is made of. And I'm very proud  
6                   of the fact that how our students have  
7                   become the models when we go out and we're  
8                   advocating and we may have all this stuff to  
9                   say about budgets and line items and numbers  
10                  and who's supposed to say what and pay what.  
11                  And then all of a sudden, a student stands  
12                  up and speaks and the room gets silent.

13                   And our students have been very  
14                   impressive. Over the last 30 days, whether  
15                   we're in Albany, whether we're here at the  
16                   County, wherever we go they have challenged  
17                   sometimes very directly in very personal  
18                   ways, to tell their stories about why  
19                   tuition needs to be affordable, why certain  
20                   policies like free college tuition, nothing  
21                   is free. They don't believe that hype.  
22                   They are students and they will tell any  
23                   policy maker, so, how are we going to pay  
24                   for it?

25                   And it's just being real. So I

1 want to -- all students that are in the  
2 room, where are all the students, come one,  
3 you guys just stand up and give them a round  
4 of applause. Christopher North didn't stand  
5 but he's a student too.

6 But I want to tell you all thank  
7 you for the advocacy. It's been very  
8 interesting and, you know, your efforts are  
9 well noted.. and it will really payoff as  
10 you develop into your professional careers.

11 I also wanted to point out that  
12 there was a Black History Month Program  
13 given by Senator Boyle and our own Carol  
14 Wickliffe-Campbell was an honoree. Because  
15 the original date was snowed out and we had  
16 it on an alternate date, Carol was in San  
17 Francisco with the the ATD Team. And so  
18 Carol quote was Dr. Adams that night and  
19 came up and accepted the award. And it was  
20 very nice. And congratulations, Carol, for  
21 being recognized.

22 MS. WICKLIFFE-CAMPBELL: Thank you, thank you.

23 CHAIR SANDERS: Couple of other things again, the  
24 ATD, again, Achieving The Dream, there was a  
25 group delegation that went out to San

1                   Francisco for additional training. As you  
2                   know, the College made an investment in  
3                   being part of the ATD and we are really  
4                   monitoring, particularly from Student  
5                   Success, we're looking at the fruits of our  
6                   labor for the investment in that program.  
7                   And how we can retain and graduate students  
8                   in a timely manner.

9                                 And so there will be a report  
10                   forthcoming. I know Dr. McKay has some  
11                   comments in his President's Report about  
12                   that. We're still very well engaged with  
13                   Middle States. As you know, we have had a  
14                   turnover in our leadership that will be  
15                   monitoring, that's assigned to us for middle  
16                   states. So we are going to have a visit  
17                   from our new appointee very soon.

18                                 We're ready, the College is  
19                   ready. We're just waiting to see -- we  
20                   understand that there's a good relationship  
21                   already with the new person taking over our  
22                   college in their portfolio for Middle  
23                   States. And, let's see, my last thing --  
24                   oh, two last things.

25                                 The Kevin Foley event, I heard



1                   that we had two new actors who have very  
2                   late in their careers turned to trying to  
3                   get an Oscar. Yes we have Paul Pontieri and  
4                   Jim Morgo who I understand did an  
5                   outstanding routine that evening. Did  
6                   anybody capture it on film?

7 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   I would have loved that except  
8                   for the "very late in their careers," I'm  
9                   not too sure of that.

10 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Well, this is a new career for  
11                   you. But no one captured that on video?

12 VOICE FROM THE AUDIENCE:       No, it was.

13 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   How much do I have to pay?

14 TRUSTEE CANARY:                  I witnessed it in person.

15 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you very much for taking  
16                   the leadership on that. I wasn't able to  
17                   wake make it but I do understand that it was  
18                   a great event. And the recognition was well  
19                   deserved for Kevin Foley.

20 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   Kevin and for his dad. And a lot  
21                   of recognition has to go to Chris, too.  
22                   Because he really put it together and  
23                   followed up with everybody. Remember, we  
24                   got snowed out and they had to do the whole  
25                   thing again. And can I take the opportunity

1 to the enlarge on something you said about  
2 students?

3 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes, you can.

4 TRUSTEE MORGO: You're right on point about their  
5 efforts in Albany. We went up on the 1st  
6 and 2nd of this month. And when you were  
7 saying that sometimes they are very pointed  
8 and they are very direct. And I would just  
9 smile internally when a student would say,  
10 well, Senator, well Assemblyman, you're  
11 supposed to providing the third statutorily,  
12 why aren't you providing the third?

13 And they all were terrific. And  
14 if I just may indulge you and I'm sure I've  
15 talk to much. But I want to talk about one  
16 of the students, and they were all great. I  
17 don't mean to say anything by singling one  
18 out.

19 But there was a great American  
20 moment right in front of the million dollar  
21 staircase in the Capitol. Joan, and I don't  
22 know your last name, I want you to hear from  
23 Joan. But Joan is an immigrant from  
24 Venezuela, I should mention violence torn  
25 Venezuela, that's part of his story. He met

1 Assemblyman Durso from Nassau County, and  
2 Assemblyman Durso is an immigrant from  
3 Italy. And he just got elected this year.  
4 He's 77 or 78 but he's a wonderful guy.

5 Joan and Assemblyman Durso got  
6 into a conversation bout their immigrant  
7 experience. And Assemblyman Durso talked  
8 about the Italian influence from immigrants  
9 to Venezuela. It was a fascinating  
10 conversation. But, Joan, would you mind  
11 telling us all about how got here.

12 MR. BOLANOS MARTINEZ: Thank you -- well, thank you so  
13 much, Dr. Morgo. Well, I came in to United  
14 States 2015. I came to Suffolk without any  
15 English, I just, I came to learn English for  
16 one year in the ESL Program. I just  
17 finished the ESL Program and then enrolled  
18 to the Business Program. And this coming  
19 May, I'm going to graduate from Suffolk.  
20 [APPLAUSE]. Thank you.

21 Well, it was fascinating talking  
22 with the Assembly for Nassau because I just  
23 moved to Nassau six months ago. And it was  
24 really hard because I used to live in Bay  
25 Shore very close to the campus, it's just

1 two miles and then have to drive like 30  
2 miles to get to College was really tough.

3 And I feel like, wow, when I came  
4 here just was looking for the English  
5 courses and then Suffolk open my view about  
6 this beautiful American dream that I am  
7 living right now. I just had an accident in  
8 Venezuela many years ago and I lost my leg.  
9 I am amputee person. So I stopped to play  
10 soccer. And the past year I joined to the  
11 US National Amputee Soccer Team. So that  
12 was like, wow. It was, wow really.

13 Really, it was a connection to  
14 soccer. So I said like wow. So beautiful  
15 thing has happened to me right now. And  
16 then, my former director, Professor Yu  
17 (phonetic) from the ESL department. She  
18 told me like, Joan, because my GPA is kind  
19 of high.

20 She said, Joan, why don't apply  
21 for stay on Long Island scholarship, New  
22 York Presidential Scholarship. I didn't  
23 know that this is this. You know, Suffolk  
24 is working for the students. So, many  
25 people don't realize that Suffolk is just

1                                   one step further to your American dream.

2                                   So, being in Albany, meet the  
3                                   assembly, meet the Senator. I just say to  
4                                   the Senator Flannigan, I asked him like,  
5                                   what do you plan to do to protect the  
6                                   immigrant student? And he was like. Those  
7                                   experience that you live here, you cannot  
8                                   live in another community college. So  
9                                   Suffolk, the work that you are doing right  
10                                  now is changing the life of many, many  
11                                  students and me and immigrant student as you  
12                                  know I am just embracing this culture.  
13                                  Thank you so much.

14 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   I wrote to Mary Lou and I said,  
15                                  this guy could be helpful in recruiting.

16 CHAIR SANDERS:                   He has a great story. He's a  
17                                  great advocate. He's one of the student  
18                                  leaders in Dr. Adams's portfolio of these  
19                                  young people that he's developing. I keep  
20                                  meeting them and they are all amazing. So,  
21                                  you know, there's a lot of work that goes  
22                                  into it and it was wonderful and you're  
23                                  doing a great job with the students.  
24                                  Everyone, the whole team.

25 DR. ADAMS:                        Thank you.

1 CHAIR SANDERS: The last one in my report is the  
2 Kevin Peterman was honored by the Urban  
3 League for his advocacy work. He's another  
4 one that for the past five years he's  
5 participated in Advocacy Day with -- he's  
6 already in Albany with NYSUT but he never  
7 finds it, you know, taken out of his time to  
8 stop and deal with a student. He meets us  
9 when we get up there in the morning.

10 He makes sure we get into the  
11 workshops. He's always advocating. So this  
12 year we did give him an award. And, again,  
13 we were impacted by panic of a snowstorm.  
14 But, I just wanted to acknowledge that Kevin  
15 Peterman, another outstanding person that  
16 works here at Suffolk, but also goes above  
17 and beyond outside of his job description to  
18 do as much as he can for students that go to  
19 Suffolk and students that are just in the  
20 community. I just wanted to make sure that  
21 I recognized Kevin Peterman also.

22 The President's report.  
23 Dr. McKay.

24 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Thank you, Madam Chair. I  
25 remember when I first was approached by

1 Dr. Tom Tyson in regards to mental health  
2 and veterans affairs. College-wide we had  
3 not dealt with that as a system. And not  
4 understanding that the veterans tend to  
5 assimilate to other veterans and some don't  
6 identify and they are in the community. And  
7 then we looked at the mental health issue  
8 across the College. We had no idea how  
9 intense that was.

10 So I then sat with Dr. Tom Tyson  
11 and Dr. Adams and we came up with a plan,  
12 this is all Dr. Tyson and Dr. Adams. So I  
13 invited Shannon and Dr. Tyson to be here  
14 today. We are like a road team. We go  
15 around to the Town Hall meetings with  
16 Trustee North and we talk to the faculty and  
17 staff so they can understand the services  
18 that are available all throughout the  
19 College and the referral process that we  
20 have.

21 So I have Dr. Tyson and Shannon.  
22 Dr. Tyson and Shannon, can you bring us up  
23 to speed as to programs where we are? And  
24 I've got to give them credit also. Shannon  
25 now is getting into grant writing and grant

1 application and, you know, we're hiring  
2 faculty off of grants now, counselors off of  
3 grants now and finding resources. So  
4 Shannon and Dr. Tyson, could you bring us up  
5 to speed?

6 DR. TYSON: Absolutely. Thank you,  
7 Dr. McKay. Appreciate the opportunity and  
8 glad to be here to speak to this group about  
9 what we're doing both of these important  
10 areas, and thanks as always for your support  
11 these last few years making this happen.

12 Speaking of faculty, maybe I'll  
13 start there. So we've had a few things  
14 recently pretty interesting working with  
15 faculty. A few Saturday ago on March 5, two  
16 of the mental health faculty coordinators  
17 with Mental Health Services met with  
18 developmental studies faculty. They  
19 provided training.

20 They did this last year as well  
21 and I think maybe five or seven faculty  
22 showed up. This year was well over 30  
23 faculty came. I think the reason is they  
24 found there was something of value. They  
25 could ask questions, get information and



1           learn more about individuals with different  
2           types of psychological challenges and how to  
3           deal with them in a classroom setting. So,  
4           that was a wonderful event.

5                       Kind of dovetailing on that, the  
6           most recent professional development day  
7           which I thought was wonderful, really  
8           enjoyed the keynote speaker. I was on a  
9           panel with the keynote speaker and two other  
10          faculty members at the College and we were  
11          talking about just this issue; how to work  
12          with faculty and support them. And, you  
13          know, help them resolve issues and problems  
14          dealing with students who maybe acting out  
15          in different ways based upon their  
16          psychological and mental health status.

17                      And it was a wonderful panel,  
18          packed room at the Grant Campus and really  
19          great exchange with faculty. We hope to be  
20          doing much more of that. We feel that's  
21          sort of like the next step for us to be able  
22          to reach out and support our faculty even  
23          more than we have already. So we're going  
24          to continue to work on that effort.

25   PRESIDENT MCKAY:           Dr. Tyson, before you move

1 forward for the Trustees, so you know, that  
2 SUNY has now made this a statewide  
3 requirement. Again, another model where we  
4 are ahead of the curve, another model.

5 DR. TYSON: We also -- another way we are  
6 reaching out, unexpected was how successful  
7 this has been. We reached out to faculty  
8 members and suggested that we might have  
9 something about Mental Health Services when  
10 they develop their syllabus. Faculty have  
11 been exceedingly cooperative with that. And  
12 now I will tell you, most of our referrals,  
13 when we ask students, well, how did you find  
14 out about us? It was on the syllabus and  
15 something came up for me and I knew where to  
16 go. It's been a wonderful, unexpected  
17 effort and we're going to try to further  
18 that even more and try to get more and more  
19 faculty to participate in that.

20 So that's all been great and  
21 we're going to continue to work on that. I  
22 think the other big piece I mentioned when I  
23 was speaking before you in October is our  
24 outreach effort to try to build resilience  
25 and skill sets with all those students who

1 don't come into see us in the centers for  
2 individual help.

3 We'll continue to do that this  
4 semester with wellness Wednesdays, Color  
5 Your Way to Calm that I still haven't made  
6 it to but I will, it sounds really relaxing.  
7 And our Happiness Day coming up on March 20.

8 If you didn't know, it's  
9 International Happiness Day, so wake up and  
10 be happy on that day if you can. And we're  
11 going out to try to further that message on  
12 the campuses including having reinstating  
13 once again or Happiness Flash Mobs. So that  
14 will be happening on Ammerman and East on  
15 the 20th and the 22nd I think is the Grant  
16 Campus, so we'll be getting that effort out.

17 And we have much more going on.  
18 Again, SEC Care is very alive and well and  
19 working very well. To help support that,  
20 it's a brand new initiative. I just met  
21 with Dr. Adams, we discussed that a couple  
22 weeks ago was we're going to be moving  
23 towards developing graduate intern program.

24 That's going to help us in terms  
25 of providing support to students with

1           clinical issues, but even more so to help to  
2           bolster our resources to get out into the  
3           community and work with faculty, staff and  
4           others and reach students wherever they are  
5           so that we can help them to develop those  
6           skills, that resiliency, that they need to  
7           manage their problem and to stay in school,  
8           right? It comes back to enrollment really  
9           when we talk about that, so.

10                         We're looking at, we just started  
11           reaching out to graduate internship  
12           programs -- we're only going to select the  
13           best. Particularity in terms of their  
14           ability to make good judgments in difficult  
15           clinical situations. And we'll be working  
16           with legal counsel as well in terms of  
17           following their guidelines for the  
18           internship program.

19                         So we're very excited about that  
20           and hope to have that off the ground in the  
21           fall. Just a couple of other quick things.  
22           Maggie Marcincuk was here earlier, she  
23           couldn't stay. You know, I gave her a  
24           little bit of last minute notice that to  
25           come and she did. But she had to go off

1                    campus. But she's the faculty coordinator  
2                    here for Mental Health Services on the  
3                    Eastern Campus.

4                                       She's done a number of wonderful  
5                    things, one recent one is she's developed an  
6                    alcohol recovery program for students. So  
7                    that's just begun and gives students an  
8                    opportunity on campus if they are recovering  
9                    from alcohol use to get support for that.  
10                    And so we're very proud of that.

11                                       The very last thing I'll say and  
12                    provide some thanks with this, that we're  
13                    moving forward with our Titanium Schedule  
14                    Software Program that's going to give much  
15                    needed ability electronically to get  
16                    information about all the students we're  
17                    seeing, securely confidentially, only for  
18                    those of us in the mental health area. And  
19                    the IT area has been working very well with  
20                    us and it's moving forward on their end  
21                    technically doing all the things they do to  
22                    make that happen. So I thank the vice  
23                    president for his support and his group's  
24                    support of that.

25                                       And when that happens it's,

1                   again, going to provide us with a much more  
2                   secure way of knowing everything that's  
3                   going on at any moment with all of our  
4                   students. So, you know, we're trying to do  
5                   more. We have five wonderful people working  
6                   in the program for the three campuses and --  
7                   but we're trying to grow it and do even  
8                   more. So we're proud of what we have done  
9                   and I have a great group working for me.  
10                  But we want to make more happen, so...

11   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                And, Tom, publicly I'm going to  
12                                       thank you because this software program will  
13                                       be something very confidential that only Tom  
14                                       and the counselors can use when they meet  
15                                       their students to be able to do their  
16                                       management. And the students will feel  
17                                       confident to return. Because part of the  
18                                       problem is the stigma of discussing it and  
19                                       meeting with students and the  
20                                       confidentiality that's involved.

21                                       So we're moving the program along  
22                                       and hopefully Shady, no pressure, we can get  
23                                       this up and running shortly.

24   MR. AZZAM-GOMEZ:                Right away.

25   DR. TYSON:                         Thank you very much.

1 DR. MCKAY: Shannon.

2 MS. O'NEILL: Well, thank you very much for the  
3 opportunity to speak. Shannon O'Neill, I'm  
4 Director of Veteran's Affairs. I just  
5 wanted to first start off by saying, you  
6 know, special thank you especially to the  
7 Foundation staff and Mary Lou and your staff  
8 as well for your support with the grants.

9 As you mentioned before, over the  
10 last two years we have gotten just about --  
11 actually a little over quarter of a million  
12 dollars that has been given to the College.

13 DR. MCKAY: Hey, hey.

14 MS. O'NEILL: From grant funding. It's truly a  
15 team effort. And that has come in from  
16 several different funding sources, from  
17 private donors, private organizations,  
18 Suffolk County Marathon Fund and most  
19 recently Empire State Development  
20 Corporation. So we're very excited about  
21 that, and fortunate for us, that's allowed  
22 us to open up our Veterans Resource Centers  
23 on each of our three campuses which I am  
24 very proud of.

25 We were able to open them up in

1 the spring semester but weren't able to  
2 fully staff them. As of January of this  
3 year, we have a now a full time professional  
4 assistant on the Michael J. Grant Campus, a  
5 full time person at the Ammerman Campus, and  
6 a part time person on the Eastern campus  
7 along with a graduate student from the  
8 Hofstra Higher Education Program who is a  
9 Marine Corps Veteran and four VA work study  
10 students that are fully funded by the VA.  
11 So we have staff.

12 I'm very excited about that. And  
13 you notice when you walk by the Resource  
14 Center because there's a buzz that's going  
15 on there. As you mentioned before working  
16 with veterans, they need a sense of  
17 community, right? It's what they know, and  
18 when they leave the Service oftentimes,  
19 that's where they tend to fall through the  
20 cracks. And so our focus now has been on  
21 how to recreate that community. And so in  
22 building the foundations, we have been  
23 working with our counseling staff and our  
24 faculty and our student affairs staff as  
25 well a few trainings to make people aware of



1                   what the resources are that we have  
2                   available on the campus.

3                                 Also, we'll be doing outreach.  
4                   So as part of Finish Strong, we're going to  
5                   be doing buddy checks, something that's very  
6                   familiar to service members. Where we'll be  
7                   reaching out to them to let them know about  
8                   the Resource Center. By just saying, how  
9                   can we help you be successful? What can we  
10                  do to help? And how might we might be able  
11                  to meet your needs, whether it's education  
12                  related or something within the community.

13                                 We'll be doing all those  
14                  throughout next week as well. We have also  
15                  partnered with Northwell Health to provide a  
16                  Barracks to Business Program which is a  
17                  resume writing program to our students that  
18                  helps them to translate their military  
19                  training and experience into civilian terms  
20                  we have also been reaching out to local  
21                  organizations like Canon and some other  
22                  local companies that are looking to hire  
23                  veterans. And we're saying, well, we've got  
24                  the veterans so how can we connect with you  
25                  to help with more job placement.

1                   We also, I'm proud to say, were  
2                   able to take a few students and myself to  
3                   San Diego this past January for the Student  
4                   Veterans of America Conference. And a part  
5                   of that was also to meet with the Kisco  
6                   Foundation where we were selected as the  
7                   only organization actually to present on  
8                   what the best practices have been for  
9                   providing services at the community college  
10                  level. That's now also been published  
11                  through CCRC, so through Columbia College.  
12                  So that's a very proud moment for us, too.

13                  We have been able to kind of  
14                  coordinate also with other colleges across  
15                  the country to share what our best practices  
16                  are and now that's kind of created a nice  
17                  synergy. But we definitely have been looked  
18                  at as the leader and oftentimes -- I mean,  
19                  we went to Washington DC over the summer and  
20                  walked into the Whitehouse and they said,  
21                  would you mind if one of your students got  
22                  up and spoke?

23                  And I said sure. And I turned  
24                  around and I was like, please, don't kill  
25                  me, I need one of you to speak. And all of

1                   them got up and were phenomenal. So just  
2                   another really credit to our students.  
3                   We've also been focusing on recruitment  
4                   efforts, right? So we talk about retention  
5                   but recruitment. How do we get more of our  
6                   students to come on campus? So first our  
7                   phase one is go out into to reserve centers  
8                   which we have been doing now for the last  
9                   year and a half regularly at the 106 Air  
10                  Guard in Westhampton as well as the  
11                  Farmingdale Reserve Center. But also  
12                  reaching out to the Northport VA.

13                         We actually had some of our  
14                         student clubs are volunteering for an event  
15                         that's held annually at the Northport VA  
16                         that serves homeless veterans. So our  
17                         students are now kind of collaborating  
18                         across three campuses to be able to do that.

19                         We also have an event that we are  
20                         doing at the Long Island State Veterans Home  
21                         as well as connecting. Another program that  
22                         I'm really proud of is our Incarcerated  
23                         Veterans Program. And so what we have been  
24                         able to do since July is we actually go into  
25                         the Yaphank Facility with -- there's several

1 of us actually. Jim Banks is part of that  
2 as well. And we meet with our veterans that  
3 are incarcerated every other week.

4 Really just to talk to them about  
5 what can we do to help you when you get out  
6 and what's the best way to not go back in  
7 and let's help you get an education so that  
8 make better decisions.

9 And because of that, we have had  
10 several students that have registered with  
11 us for the Work Force Development Program as  
12 well as some other programs on campus. And  
13 we're really excited, actually working with  
14 Sylvia now to see if we can come up with  
15 some scholarship programs for some of those  
16 incarcerated veterans that might not have  
17 the means to be able to pay for that when  
18 they come out.

19 That's been a great success  
20 though. And something that really I'm  
21 hoping that we'll be able to really see a  
22 lot of lives turned around from. And lastly  
23 we have been really focusing on student  
24 programming on campus. Now that we've got  
25 the Resource Centers open, it's about

1 getting the word out so we can provide those  
2 additional services, benefit advisement and  
3 things like that.

4 So we have a great yoga for  
5 veterans program that's offered on campus  
6 and it's free for veterans, that's a  
7 volunteer. It's great, I did it and I  
8 couldn't walk for four days.

9 We also have a garden project  
10 that the three campuses are working closely  
11 on. And this is our student veterans giving  
12 back. We go to the VA Northport, we have  
13 done this for the last few years. Last year  
14 we had over 50 volunteers. And what they  
15 did was they took just a grassy field  
16 outside of the long term rehab facility and  
17 turned it into a beautiful garden where the  
18 residents that aren't able to leave their  
19 room have something beautiful to look at.

20 And those that can have a little  
21 rock garden that they can walk through. So  
22 we'll be doing that again this year and all  
23 are invited, April 29. We've also got  
24 financial planners that work specifically  
25 with veterans. Suffolk County Veteran

1 Service Agencies coming in to go over how to  
2 apply for disability claims and other  
3 benefits beside education benefits. And  
4 Island Harvest comes on campus as well to  
5 provide food to veterans that might be in  
6 need of food.

7 And lastly, you know, one of the  
8 things that our intern has been really  
9 helpful with has been trying to bring the  
10 three campuses together to create a little  
11 bit more synergy. And so now they're  
12 meeting on a monthly basis, the leadership  
13 of the three student veteran organizations.

14 So it's exciting to see how they  
15 are kind of coming up with great ways to  
16 give back to the community. So -- but I  
17 really owe a great deal of gratitude to both  
18 of you first for paving the way and for all  
19 of your ongoing support, of course Dr. McKay  
20 as well for continuing to support our  
21 programs. And to the Board as well. So  
22 thank you.

23 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

24 TRUSTEE CANARY: Question. Did the Suffolk County  
25 courts establish a special veterans part for

1 adjudicating veterans who run afoul of the  
2 law?

3 MS. O'NEILL: So they do have a veterans court.  
4 I have been involved with veterans court on  
5 a minimal basis. One of the things that I  
6 approached them with, I guess back in July,  
7 was to say could we be almost like an  
8 alternative to incarceration program. So  
9 it's similar to what they have like with  
10 drug treatment courts. So they're doing  
11 that right now with veterans courts.

12 We actually have, I know of  
13 personally about six of our current students  
14 that are working through veterans court  
15 because usually they need a letter from me  
16 kind of vouching for them that we'll be  
17 working closely and we give updates to the  
18 Judge as well. I would like to get more  
19 connected there, although I think they are  
20 the little hesitant. I think it's happening  
21 sort of organically and I would love to see  
22 that happen more formally, so. And they  
23 also have one in Nassau County which some of  
24 our students are part of as well, so...

25 TRUSTEE CANARY: That's great. Thanks for all

1                   your great work. Last question, did you  
2                   file a Workers' Comp claim for the yoga  
3                   injury?

4   MS. O'NEILL:                   I should. It was actually great,  
5                   though.

6   PRESIDENT MCKAY:               Trustees, I must commend  
7                   Dr. Tyson and Shannon just under two years  
8                   and seeing this program from being  
9                   nonexistent to where it is is commendable.  
10                  And for an institution our size, not knowing  
11                  that we should have been doing this much  
12                  sooner. And to see how much you have done,  
13                  we commend both of you. So thank you.

14                                   Also, we just got some news this  
15                                   week. Always we have the Coca-Cola Scholars  
16                                   and New Century Scholars. And for the past  
17                                   several years we have been having scholars  
18                                   in that area. We were just notified by  
19                                   Coca-Cola that we have a New Century  
20                                   Scholar, that's Sean Deery. That was one --  
21                                   by the way --

22   DR. ADAMS:                   From the Eastern Campus.

23   MS. LAFFIN:                   Phi Theta Kappa, too.

24   PRESIDENT MCKAY:               There are over 1800 applications  
25                   and we have Sean Deery right here over --



1 and thank you, Dee. We also we have Anthony  
2 Mercurio, he's a Silver Scholar at \$1,250.  
3 And Lauren Bury won a Bronze Scholar, won a  
4 \$1,000. Three across the country. I know,  
5 Dee, that's yours as well.

6 MS. LAFFIN: We're going show off when we can,  
7 Dr. McKay.

8 PRESIDENT MCKAY: But, again, across New York State  
9 not too many of the campuses do have the New  
10 Century Scholars. So it's commendable to  
11 the faculty, staff and students that go  
12 through this process to make sure that they  
13 can compete, complete and be recognized for  
14 their work. And nationally they will be, I  
15 believe it's going to be Tennessee.

16 DR. ADAMS: Tennessee for the Bronze and  
17 Silver. And the All USA will be in New  
18 Orleans.

19 DR. MCKAY: New Orleans. So part of it, the  
20 College will be sending Dr. Adams and Tom  
21 Law as chaperons with the students to both  
22 locations. And he doesn't know that yet but  
23 I just said that.

24 DR. ADAMS: The Big Easy.

25 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Also, I would like to report to

1 the Board that Jim and I serve on the  
2 LIREDC, two different committees but one big  
3 group. And I'm on the Workforce, Education  
4 and Veterans Work Group. I cochair that  
5 with John Durso, John Lombardo. And our  
6 next meeting will be on April 27 as we try  
7 to drum up support for what we believe will  
8 be the next round of funding, which is what,  
9 the 5th, Jim?

10 TRUSTEE MORGO: Well, it's dependent on the State  
11 budget. So hopefully if we get a budget by  
12 April 1, which is problematic this year, it  
13 will be right after that. The applications  
14 will be do probably at the end of June.

15 PRESIDENT MCKAY: In June. So that's a lot of work  
16 between now and June.

17 Middle States, as the Chair  
18 mentioned, we have been in contact with the  
19 chair of the Middle States Committee,  
20 someone who we know who used to be in the  
21 SUNY system. He will be here, that's  
22 Dr. Quentin Bullock from Allegheny County  
23 Community College. He was at Schenectady  
24 before in the SUNY system. So Dr. Kleinman  
25 and I spoke and he was selected so he will

1                   be here November 7 for a site visit to meet  
2                   with us.

3                                 And on that on site visit, we  
4                   will determine the members of 15 -- we have  
5                   to agree to the members, which is a  
6                   wonderful thing. Because, you know, being a  
7                   multi campus system in SUNY and the largest  
8                   in the system, you really want to have  
9                   members who understand how complex an  
10                  organization we are. And at the same time,  
11                  we would like to look at the history of the  
12                  members that are suggested to make sure that  
13                  they understand compliance and understand  
14                  what it means to be in the Middle States  
15                  System.

16                                 So, on the 7th we will be talking  
17                  about that and he will be meeting with the  
18                  team. Now on March 18 through the 21st,  
19                  2018 is when the site visit will occur. We  
20                  will get some dates, these dates out to you.  
21                  Because certainly they will want to talk to  
22                  the Trustees. But we already set the dates  
23                  now for 2018. So we will get that to you  
24                  via e-mail the next go round.

25                                 Madam Chair, I also want to

1                   thank you for a wonderful evening. And we  
2                   celebrated with Kevin at the Urban League to  
3                   be recognized. To have the students who  
4                   were there in the room to say what it meant  
5                   form them to be in Albany at the same time.  
6                   To have NYSUT come down and recognize Kevin,  
7                   and to have us as peers recognize his work  
8                   at the College was really, really a  
9                   wonderful evening. And the food was great  
10                  so thank you.

11                                 The College was also notified  
12                   that we have 13 nominees for the  
13                   Chancellor's Award, 13. The most by any one  
14                   institution the SUNY system. They will be  
15                   honored at a special ceremony April 5 in  
16                   Albany, 13. The Office of Civil Rights  
17                   compliance, Lou, do you want to speak a  
18                   littler or Alicia? Alicia is chairing that  
19                   up.

20   MS. O'CONNOR:                         Sure. Next week we have a  
21                   representative from NYSUT coming with a  
22                   colleague. He is coming on Monday. Coming  
23                   for four days and is going to be conducting  
24                   a civil right compliance review which will  
25                   entail meeting with various members of the

1 college community, administrators, faculty,  
2 students to determine whether the College is  
3 basically in compliance with civil rights  
4 requirements regarding the Americans with  
5 Disabilities Act, with respect to our  
6 policies, antidiscrimination, et cetera.

7 So he is going to looking at our  
8 facilities. He's going to be looking at our  
9 programs, getting student's insights,  
10 getting faculty members' insights. And we  
11 have been in touch with him throughout the  
12 last four months providing him with a lot of  
13 our documentation, our policies, our  
14 procedures.

15 So he has a good sense of what we  
16 do here. And we're going to be going from  
17 campus to campus. So Paul Cooper who is our  
18 Director of Facilities has provided him with  
19 a tremendous amount of information with  
20 respect to our facilities. And again, all  
21 of our offices provided me with  
22 documentation about what our procedures are  
23 and I forwarded them onto him.

24 And he's going to be speaking  
25 with us and just kind of getting a sense of

1                   what we do. The anticipation is that in  
2                   some respects we may not be completely in  
3                   compliance but that can be expected because we  
4                   have old buildings. But what happens with  
5                   the compliance review is that you enter into  
6                   an agreement post the visit and then there's  
7                   a period of time within which you work  
8                   towards coming completely into compliance.

9                   So it's not an audit per se  
10                  because it's not really adversarial, but  
11                  it's just an opportunity for the State Ed  
12                  Department to take a look at what we are  
13                  doing. And it was kind of our turn because  
14                  the last that our College was reviewed was I  
15                  think in the 1980s. So it really kind of  
16                  just, you know, luck of the draw. It was  
17                  time for them to come and take a look at our  
18                  campus. And they do it all over the State.

19                  So, again, not adversarial. It's  
20                  been a very pleasant relationship with the  
21                  gentleman at the State Ed Department and  
22                  we're looking forward to meeting with him  
23                  and next week and showing him what we do.

24    PRESIDENT MCKAY:                Thank you, Alicia. And, again,  
25                                        thank you for the work at the legal

1 department. It's a lot of paperwork and a  
2 lot of coordination and I do look forward to  
3 the visit because we should be proud of who  
4 we are. We have made a lot of strides in  
5 regards to, you know, ensuring that the  
6 facilities we have could then serve all  
7 students that we have and meet the needs of  
8 all faculty and staff. Because as you know  
9 the rules have changed continuously when it  
10 comes to ADA requirements, disability  
11 requirements.

12 All of those things have changed.  
13 The 504, those things have all changed. But  
14 we kept up to speed with that. And if there  
15 are areas of improvement, we will gladly  
16 address those right away.

17 Just this morning as you know we  
18 had an alum who is going to be a  
19 commencement keynote speaker, Hoot Gibson.  
20 He's going to be here for commencement. And  
21 the a flag that he took into space back then  
22 he took it and all of the pictures he had  
23 and all of the emblems that he had coming  
24 out of space, he made it into this nice  
25 plaque for us. And Mary Lou, do you want to

1 speak to that?

2 MS. ARANEO: Sure, absolutely. Commander  
3 Robert, Hoot, Gibson Class of 66, Suffolk  
4 County Community College, he'll be eel  
5 joining us. Many of you who have been  
6 affiliated with the College for quite some  
7 time may recall that Commander joined us for  
8 the Fiftieth Anniversary as one of our most  
9 distinguished alumni and presented remarks  
10 at that time time.

11 He's very, very excited to be  
12 coming back to visit us. I spoke with him  
13 several times this week and the excitement  
14 is just coming through the phone. He  
15 cannot wait to get here. And he's very  
16 honored to be able to present this framed  
17 remembrance to the College. It measures  
18 three feet by three feet.

19 And he sent me a photo and it's  
20 very impressive. It features photos of him  
21 in space with the Suffolk pennant over his  
22 head. I mean, there's several photos that  
23 are like that as well as him in his  
24 astronaut garb. So he is very excited about  
25 the opportunity to come, as I stated. We



1                   asked him if he would be willing to extend  
2                   his stay by a day to hold a special session  
3                   for our students.

4                                 He indicated that that was  
5                   wonderful. Unfortunately he can't do it  
6                   before commencement because he has things to  
7                   do at NASA, go figure. But he's very happy  
8                   to stay an extra day, so if you want to mark  
9                   your calendars, it will be Monday the 22nd,  
10                  we'll be putting together lunch or dinner  
11                  whichever fits in with his travel plans.

12                                Our expectation is that we would  
13                  be able to invite about 25 STEM step, C step  
14                  scholars from the across the College. I'm  
15                  working with Nona Lenhart (phonetic ) and  
16                  Dr. Candace Foley to extend those  
17                  invitations.

18                                And he will talk about how he got  
19                  his start at Suffolk, how it brought him to  
20                  become an astronaut. And then he'll take  
21                  questions and answers from the students. So  
22                  it will be an exceptional program. And he,  
23                  as I said, I think we'll have to take him  
24                  down off the ceiling because he can't wait  
25                  to get here.

1     PRESIDENT MCKAY:                     And also, Shannon, we would like  
2   to get a couple of veterans there as well.  
3   And for the Trustees, with that date if you  
4   are available, please let us know, because  
5   it will be great for him to meet a few of  
6   the Trustees as well.

7   Madam Chair, that concludes my  
8   report.

9     CHAIR SANDERS:                     Thank you very much, Dr. McKay.  
10    We are now at round table.

11    TRUSTEE NORTH1:                    Yes. One other thing I forgot to  
12    put in my report. The initiative from  
13    Dr. McKay, I want to thank you for coming to  
14    the immigration session that we held on the  
15    eastern campus. We have a Student  
16    Government Association on the Eastern Campus  
17    and the coordinator of that is Jerome Boss.  
18    I want to thank him for the time and effort  
19    he he put into doing that, having the  
20    attorney general here, talking about the  
21    issues that are going on in our federal  
22    government, basically.

23    There is another one on the Grant  
24    Campus they are hosting on May 22, 3:30 in  
25    the Health Education Center, Room 105, 3:30

1 p.m.

2 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Theresa.

3 CHAIR SANDERS: March 22?

4 MS. WICKLIFFE-CAMPBELL: Yes.

5 MS. LAFFIN: Trustee North, I know you want to  
6 let Jerome stand.

7 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Jerome.

8 MS. LAFFIN: Thank you.

9 CHAIR SANDERS: Any other round table items?

10 There is one. There's a SOMOS Conference in  
11 Albany on Friday, March 24, Albany again.

12 We may as well have a Suffolk office in  
13 Albany. But it is an collegiate conference.  
14 So it's networking. There are going to be  
15 employers there, some workshops. We are  
16 co-hosting. Urban League and Assemblyman  
17 Phil Ramos is co-hosting a bus to go up for  
18 the day and come back. It is a Friday.

19 So any college age students, it's  
20 appropriate for them or even high schools  
21 that are getting ready to go to college. If  
22 you have anybody that's high school age that  
23 you think we could do the Suffolk pitch  
24 with, please put them on the bus, there's no  
25 cost. But you have to let me know because

1                   there are waivers that have to be signed and  
2                   parent release forms and things like that.

3                                 So if you have anyone, let me  
4                   know or talk to Dr. Adams, he's going to try  
5                   to coordinate at least 20 students to go up.

6                                 Any other roundtable items? [NO  
7                   RESPONSE]. No. We are moving to public  
8                   comments section. And we're moving right  
9                   along, not too bad.

10                                So we have -- our first speaker,  
11                   we do have two. We have our first speaker,  
12                   Marc Fellenz. Marc Fellenz, thank you.  
13                   Marc, the floor is yours.

14 MR. FELLEENZ:                 Thank you, Madam Chair. My name  
15                   is Marc Fellenz. I'm a professor of  
16                   philosophy at Grant Campus and I'm also the  
17                   Chair of the Academic Assembly. And I  
18                   wanted to address the Rough Riders Soccer  
19                   Stadium proposal. The assembly is --

20 CHAIR SANDERS:                Bye, Jim. One second, please.  
21                   Trustee Morgo has to leave.

22                                 [WHEREUPON TRUSTEE MORGO LEAVES THE MEETING  
23                   ROOM.]

24 CHAIR SANDERS:                The Assembly is grateful to  
25                   Trustees Canary and Lilly for having the

1 presentation, the forum on February 22.  
2 Not all the Assembly members were available  
3 then and some that were available had some  
4 concerns about some of things that they  
5 heard. So my constituents asked me to try  
6 to bring forward some of their concerns and  
7 cautions about the proposal directly to the  
8 board and you can consider whether to go  
9 forward with it.

10 I'll just wing it since we don't  
11 have the Power Point. Some of the concerns  
12 that several faculty brought forward are  
13 kind of the obvious practical, logistical,  
14 legalistic concerns, some that you  
15 yourselves raised when the presentation was  
16 first made; the strain on parking, the  
17 additional traffic on campus and surrounding  
18 the campus, the introduction of alcohol and  
19 tobacco to the campus and attending problems  
20 that might come with that in terms of  
21 increased vandalism with littering and so  
22 forth.

23 Other concerns, these concerns  
24 are all fairly obvious and as I said many of  
25 you raised it when the proposal was first

1           made to you. Some of the faculty at the  
2           forum had additional concerns about those  
3           concerns. The proposer was sensitive to  
4           those concerns. But any clear way of  
5           addressing those concerns seemed to be  
6           relayed to the future. There's a lot of  
7           unknowns with a big project like this, with  
8           bringing a commercial enterprise into the  
9           campus. And therefore some faculty felt it  
10          was unwise to proceed in kind of a cloud.

11                        We don't have absolute clarity  
12          about the full implications of the proposal  
13          yet we're being asked to dedicate a lot of  
14          space, a lot of resources from the campus to  
15          this commercial venture.

16                        Another concern that was raised  
17          the proposer made clear -- the proposer  
18          tried to make clear that the use of the  
19          stadium and the space by the commercial  
20          organization would be limited in its impact  
21          because most of the events would take place  
22          evenings, weekends, during the summer.

23                        We run classes evenings, weekends  
24          and summers. There are already strains on  
25          parking and facilities that effect our

1 students during our classes when outside  
2 events happen at HSEC. This could  
3 complicate that situation. The proposer  
4 tried to assure that overlap with the fall  
5 and spring semesters would be minimal, the  
6 season of the team might overlap with the  
7 beginning of the fall semester in September,  
8 the end of the spring semester in May. So,  
9 from the outside it would look like it would  
10 have a minimum impact on the number of class  
11 meetings that would happen.

12 Be we need to consider that those  
13 evening classes that happen are populated by  
14 a fairly vulnerable population. A lot of  
15 those students are post-traditional  
16 students. They are taking evening classes  
17 because they have full-time jobs, family  
18 obligations that necessitate that they only  
19 take classes in the evenings. They are more  
20 mature than our traditional students but  
21 they are also on under a lot of stress.

22 And that we know from experience  
23 that that makes them very vulnerable. It  
24 could be just one negative experience that  
25 makes a difference between them deciding to

1 stay at the college or not. So imagine a  
2 student showing up beginning of the  
3 September schedule, beginning of the fall  
4 semester, they just worked eight hours, they  
5 are coming for the first day of class they  
6 are they are an hour late because there's a  
7 thousand cars showing up for a soccer game.  
8 We may lose that student.

9 Likewise, a student trying to  
10 finish up successfully his or her first year  
11 late to a final exam in May because of a  
12 soccer event, we could lose that student and  
13 effect that student's success. Other  
14 concerns that faculty raised involved  
15 questions of optics, how this actually  
16 appears in terms of College and Campus  
17 priorities.

18 A few years ago you recall we had  
19 the potential proposal to have solar  
20 carports installed at the Grant Campus. And  
21 one of the concerns that was raised at that  
22 time was, why is this being delivered to the  
23 Brentwood campus, why is this campus being  
24 targeted? The campus is supposed to be a  
25 fundamentally an academic space that we are



1 presenting to the community that we serve.

2 The opportunity for a transformative

3 educational experience.

4 We're concerned about student

5 success, student completion, student

6 retention. To put large amounts of space,

7 large amounts of energies into a commercial

8 enterprise like this, may not necessarily be

9 perceived by the community as a positive

10 thing. May amount to sending mixed messages

11 about what the priorities are for the

12 campus.

13 The final set of comments that

14 were brought to my attention involve

15 aesthetics of the campus and the overall

16 learning environment. Folks in

17 environmental design and architecture use a

18 term, aesthetic welfare. How do people feel

19 supported and valued by their environment.

20 And there's evidence to suggest that that's

21 a very significant concern for academic

22 success.

23 The students feel that they are

24 being treated and valued by their

25 environment as prepared for a serious

1                   academic work. When President McKay was  
2                   Executive Dean McKay at the Grant Campus, he  
3                   made the aesthetics of the campus a high  
4                   priority. His successor Dr. Keene had done  
5                   done the same. And you see from these  
6                   comments that many faculty and students have  
7                   felt the improvement of the academic and  
8                   surrounding environment of the campus  
9                   because of that attention.

10                                   And there are some concern that  
11                   having, again, a private venture serving  
12                   alcohol put into the middle of the campus,  
13                   undoes some of that important work. I'm  
14                   getting the hook from Lou, so I'll move  
15                   along.

16                                   One additional area of concern,  
17                   we know there are these costs, these  
18                   problems. We're an academic institution.  
19                   If there are academic benefits, well we can  
20                   try to balance those against those costs.  
21                   The proposal referenced certain programs  
22                   already existing at the campus, at the  
23                   College, at the Ammerman Campus that might  
24                   be benefitted.

25                                   Programs like fitness specialist,

1 physical therapy assistant, radio television  
2 production. If you look at our current  
3 enrollment numbers in those programs, each  
4 of those programs combined full time part  
5 has fewer than a hundred students. These  
6 are fine programs, not a knock against them.  
7 You see the numbers are fairly consistent  
8 with some dip following the general trends  
9 of the College.

10 We're not seeing huge growth and  
11 we're not seeing evidence in these numbers  
12 that there's huge demands for these programs  
13 that could be augmented by one or two  
14 instructional spaces at the soccer stadium.  
15 If we were to develop a new program in  
16 Sports Management that was mentioned, we're  
17 a SUNY school. And curriculum development  
18 is a very complex process.

19 If we were to develop that  
20 program, we would need to demonstrate that  
21 it could successfully transfer to a four  
22 year SUNY institution. There's only six  
23 schools in SUNY, four year schools that  
24 offer bachelors programs in sports  
25 management. If you look at things that we

1                   would have to consider like the transfer pat  
2                   courses, core courses that would guarantee  
3                   the student could successfully transfer as a  
4                   junior to a four year school.

5                   You see that that could be  
6                   completed with courses that already exist in  
7                   our curriculum. Accounting, macro, micro  
8                   economics, principles to marketing or sports  
9                   marketing. The or is important. Students  
10                  successfully transfer into a program like  
11                  this without any sports courses. You need a  
12                  core business curriculum which we already  
13                  offer.

14                  Certainly, students that are  
15                  interested in this field, the academic  
16                  justification for providing a program  
17                  certainly doesn't match the claims for a  
18                  commercial sports stadium on the campus. If  
19                  you look at the numbers at Farmingdale that  
20                  have this bachelors level program, you see  
21                  that they started recently and they have  
22                  graduated last year 56 students, which is  
23                  respectable. But, again, not evidence of a  
24                  huge demand of this kind of program.

25                  And, finally, this is dated from

1                   2009 and the situation has certainly changed  
2                   economically but an article in New York  
3                   Times about students who go through Sports  
4                   Management educational programs. Just as  
5                   student athletes may have dreams of being  
6                   the next Tom Brady or Michael Jordan,  
7                   students going through the Sports Management  
8                   dreaming they are going to be the next Jerry  
9                   Maguire.

10                                 There are very few openings like  
11                                 that and a lot of students go through these  
12                                 curricula and you see the glamorous world of  
13                                 sports management there. This person up  
14                                 there completed the program at Columbia and  
15                                 you see he's sweeping up the locker room  
16                                 there.

17                                 So all told, there are concerns  
18                                 that faculty at the campus have. There are  
19                                 questions about the academic justification  
20                                 for having a space like this on campus.  
21                                 There needs to at very least be a lot more  
22                                 consultation with the faculty coaches at the  
23                                 College before we saw this as fundamentally  
24                                 an academic advantage to the institution.

25   I thank you for your time. If I

1                   could do anything to facilitate further  
2                   conversation about this with the faculty at  
3                   the Grant Campus, I would be happy to do so.

4   CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you very much, Marc.   Just  
5                   for protocol, as you should know, public  
6                   comment is not a question and answer  
7                   session.   So it's an opportunity for the  
8                   public to get up and give comments on the  
9                   record.

10                                   We do have one more person, Sean  
11                   Tvelia from the Faculty Association.

12   MR. TVELIA:                   Good afternoon.   Unfortunately  
13                   Kevin Peterman couldn't be here.   He's  
14                   currently at an NEA Higher Ed conference  
15                   down in Dallas.   But I did forward your  
16                   comments to him so he would know that you  
17                   did acknowledge him here.   He's a tireless  
18                   advocate of the College and I just want to  
19                   get up here and say thank you on behalf of  
20                   Kevin.

21                                   Make sure Jim doesn't come back  
22                   in the room.   You know, in terms of the  
23                   stadium, I could just say ditto.   There are  
24                   concerns that the Faculty Association does  
25                   have with this facility on the campus.   Not

1 to mention everything that Marc has gone  
2 over. From a facility standpoint, we're  
3 looking really at the law of unintended  
4 consequences. It looks like it's a great  
5 facility, similar to what we would see at  
6 the event hall.

7 Unlike the event hall though,  
8 this is a facility we're going to bringing  
9 in 2,000 or 3,000 to 5,000 people. So it  
10 would almost be like having graduations.  
11 And that turns into a traffic nightmare for  
12 the campus. And every semester we do  
13 receive calls usually about traffic on  
14 campus, parking spaces. Not to mention  
15 what's going to happen after the events when  
16 all of these people are leaving the event.

17 We do have an open campus. Where  
18 are they going to go? What's going to  
19 happen in terms of our buildings, in terms  
20 of our facilities. With events now we have  
21 to deal with litter, we have to deal with  
22 graffiti, and that's going to strain our  
23 facilities, it's going to strain our staff.

24 And we're really concerned about  
25 what that might do going forward, especially

1 in light of the budget discussion that  
2 happened earlier. It's just going to be  
3 added costs to what we are dealing with.

4 From a personal standpoint  
5 looking as a faculty member, I do have a  
6 real big concern about alcohol on campus.  
7 And I know that means I'm getting older, a  
8 few years ago it would have been great.

9 But I am concerned because I do  
10 every year have students in my class that  
11 struggle with alcoholism and drug abuse.  
12 And I'm very concerned about having a  
13 facility on campus where we're going to  
14 allow alcohol. So, that's just a big  
15 concern.

16 And on top of that, any time we  
17 have a sporting event that does have  
18 alcohol, we have to deal with tailgating and  
19 the issues that are going to be coming with  
20 that kind of event on campus and what that  
21 might do. Personal feeling is any time we  
22 have a large crowd, I think 3,000 to 5,000  
23 definitely stands as a large crowd, we have  
24 problems. Add alcohol to that, we have  
25 bigger problems.



1                                   So the Faculty Association does  
2                                   have our concerns and I hope they are  
3                                   addressed. Thank you.

4 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you very much. I  
5                                   appreciate both of your comments.

6 MR. TVELIA:                     Thank you.

7 CHAIR SANDERS:                   I would like to request a motion  
8                                   to enter into executive session to discuss  
9                                   the medical, financial, credit or employment  
10                                  history of a particular person or  
11                                  corporation, the terms of a contract,  
12                                  matters leading to the employment,  
13                                  employment, promotion, demotion, discipline,  
14                                  suspension, dismissal or removal of a  
15                                  particular person or corporation.

16                                  There will be no further business  
17                                  conducted the executive session.

18 TRUSTEE NORTH:                  So moved.

19 CHAIR SANDERS:                  So it's been moved by Trustee  
20                                  North.

21                                  Seconded by?

22 TRUSTEE CANARY:                 Second.

23 CHAIR SANDERS:                  All in favor?

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

1 CHAIR SANDERS: Meeting adjourned.

2 Thank you very much.

3 [WHEREUPON THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
4 TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY  
5 COLLEGE WAS ADJOURNED BY THE CHAIRWOMAN,  
6 THERESA SANDERS, AT 6:15 P.M.]

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OFFICIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE  
SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HELD ON  
THE 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2017 AT 4:15 P.M.,  
MONTAUKETT LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER,  
LECTURE HALL, EASTERN CAMPUS, RIVERHEAD,  
NEW YORK.

PRESENT:

SHAUN MCKAY, College President

THERESA SANDERS, Member/Chairperson

JAMES MORGO, Member/Vice Chairperson

DENISE LINDSAY SULLIVAN, Member

GORDON D. CANARY, Member

BRYAN LILLY, Member/Secretary

GEMMA DELEON-LOPRESTI, Member

E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Member

CHRISTOPHER NORTH, Student Member

LOU PETRIZZO, ESQ., General Counsel

1 CHAIR SANDERS: I would like call for the  
2 approval of the minutes of the February 16,  
3 2017 Board of Directors Meeting.

4 MEMBER MORGO: So moved.

5 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Second?

6 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

7 Any abstentions?

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

10 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. I would like to  
11 introduce Vice President of Student Affairs,  
12 Dr. Christopher Adams, to present the  
13 Association financial reports.

14 DR. ADAMS: Good afternoon, Chair Sanders and  
15 Members of the Board of Directors. You have  
16 your budget report from the Association,  
17 September 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017. And  
18 your packet was also e-mailed today you  
19 yesterday afternoon. We are doing  
20 relatively well on all of our accounts in  
21 the Association.

22 As you know, the Association  
23 contributes to Student Affairs and the  
24 activity fee that comes to the Association  
25 to sponsor all the activities and events and

1 everything else from athletics to the  
2 Association.

3 One thing that I would like to  
4 bring to your attention happens to be the  
5 student accident insurance. You'll notice  
6 that we're running in a deficit. The reason  
7 we are running in a deficit is that the bill  
8 came for the student accident insurance. We  
9 paid for it, but we're still waiting for the  
10 disbursement from the College which will be  
11 coming soon.

12 As you know, the student accident  
13 insurance covers our students in case  
14 there's anything that happens to them  
15 whether they're on campus with events or  
16 athletics. Obviously it's very important to  
17 pay those premiums. The College collects,  
18 just like the student activity fee, collects  
19 the student accident insurance fee and then  
20 transfers the money to the Association where  
21 we then pay the bill.

22 So that's why there's a deficit.  
23 It will be cleaned out by the time the March  
24 report is delivered at the April meeting.  
25 Any question? [NO RESPONSE].

1                                   One thing that I wanted to just  
2                                   bring to your attention. You have Finish  
3                                   Strong pin that you have at your table. I  
4                                   wanted to explain that begins a program that  
5                                   we began last Spring. Basically, we're  
6                                   asking every administrator, staff person.  
7                                   Faculty member to wear a Finish Strong pin  
8                                   beginning next week in honor of Finish  
9                                   Strong.

10                                   We want to encourage all of our  
11                                   students to finish strong this semester.  
12                                   Whether it's finishing strong in the  
13                                   classroom. Whether it's finishing strong  
14                                   thinking about what they are going to be  
15                                   doing over the summer as far as a job or an  
16                                   internship. Whether they are going to be  
17                                   graduating, what are they going to be doing?

18                                   Are they going to be transferring  
19                                   to a four year institution or going out to  
20                                   the workforce? We want them meet and speak  
21                                   with every member of our community to learn  
22                                   about all of our services and everything  
23                                   that we have to offer to help them with  
24                                   their transition.

25                                   And if they are a continuing

1 student, we want them to register for  
2 classes. Priority registration begins on  
3 March 27, a Monday. We want to encourage  
4 them to speak with their advisors or speak  
5 with a faculty member as much as possible to  
6 be able to move to the next level.

7 So that's why we're asking you to  
8 wear your Finish Strong pins next week in  
9 honor of our students. And we thank our  
10 students being here. That's the end of my  
11 report. Are there any questions? [NO  
12 RESPONSE]. Okay. Thank you.

13 MEMBER MORGO: Thank you, Chris.

14 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. I would like to  
15 request a motion to adjourn Board of  
16 Directors meeting and call the Board of  
17 Trustees to order.

18 MEMBER MORGO: So moved.

19 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Second

20 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

21 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
22 VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE MEETING OF THE  
23 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS ADJOURNED BY THE  
24 CHAIRWOMAN, THERESA SANDERS, AT 4:19 P.M.]

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