

OFFICIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HELD ON THE 21ST  
DAY OF JUNE, 2018 AT 10:10 A.M., AT  
SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, EASTERN  
CAMPUS, CULINARY ARTS CENTER, MEDIA ROOM,  
20 EAST MAIN STREET, RIVERHEAD, NEW YORK.

PRESENT:

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

DENISE LINDSAY SULLIVAN, Trustee

GORDON D. CANARY, Trustee

BELINDA PAGDANGANAN, Trustee

E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Trustee

JEROME BOST, Student Trustee

GEMMA DELEON-LOPRESTI, Trustee

THERESA SANDERS, Trustee/Chairperson

JAMES MORGO, Trustee/Vice Chairperson

1 CHAIR SANDERS: Good morning, everyone. We would  
2 like to call the Board of Trustees Meeting  
3 to order to and start with the Pledge.

4 Trustee Canary.

5 [AFTER RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF  
6 ALLEGIANCE, THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
7 TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY  
8 COLLEGE WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR,  
9 THERESA SANDERS, AT 10:10 A.M.]

10 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you. Happy first day of  
11 summer everybody.

12 CHAIR SANDERS: Okay. We are going to move right  
13 into welcoming our newest Trustee, hi  
14 Belinda. And we're going do that formally,  
15 and we're going to have a swearing in. And  
16 so we will move to the front of the room  
17 and, Bel, you can come up and we will do a  
18 formal introduction.

19 MR. PETRIZZO: The County Clerk is here to swear  
20 her in.

21 [WHEREUPON TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN WAS SWORN IN  
22 BY THE SUFFOLK COUNTY CLERK].

23 COUNTY CLERK: Congratulations, good luck.  
24 Thank you, everyone.

25 CHAIR SANDERS: We're going to give Bel a few

1 minutes to just say hello to us and if you  
2 would like to say anything special, you  
3 cannot run back now. This is it. Got you  
4 on camera, signature, you're all in. But  
5 welcome, Bel.

6 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: Thank you so much. And I'm very  
7 happy to be here and I'm looking forward to  
8 working with everyone on the Board and all  
9 of the members of the administration. And  
10 hoping that I can contribute and be able to  
11 share all the experiences to make this a  
12 College and experience.

13 CHAIR SANDERS: Great. Thank you so much and  
14 welcome again. We're going to move to the  
15 recognition of guests.

16 MS. WICKLIFFE-CAMPBELL: Yes. I would like to recognize  
17 Mr. Tom Lupo from Comptroller Kennedy's  
18 office.

19 MR. LUPO: I'm family, by the way. I was on  
20 the phone with John about 15 or 20 minutes  
21 ago. He's out east. I did everything in,  
22 my power to move him over to Riverhead  
23 because he does have to sign some documents  
24 today in Riverhead. But I apologize, I  
25 couldn't get him here.

1 TRUSTEE MORGO: We're happy to have you.

2 MS. WICKLIFFE-CAMPBELL: Thank you.

3 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. And yes,  
4 you are family. I would like to request a  
5 motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees  
6 Meeting and call the Board of Directors  
7 Meeting to order.

8 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Motion.

9 TRUSTEE BOST: Second.

10 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

11 All in favor?

12 Any opposed?

13 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
14 VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE MEETING OF THE  
15 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY  
16 COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:15  
17 A.M. BY THE CHAIR, THERESA SANDERS AND  
18 REOPENED AT 10:24 A.M.]

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1 CHAIR SANDERS: We are now sitting as the Board  
2 of Directors. I would like to request a  
3 motion for the approval of the minutes of  
4 the May 17, 2018 Board of Directors meeting.

5 TRUSTEE CANARY: Moved.

6 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Second.

7 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

8 All in favor?

9 Any opposed?

10 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
11 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

12 I would like to introduce Vice  
13 President of Student Affairs,  
14 Dr. Christopher Adams to present the  
15 Association's financial report and approval  
16 of the Association Resolutions Number  
17 2018.A2 to 2018.A4. Dr. Adams.

18 DR. ADAMS: Thank you. Good morning, Members  
19 of the Board of Directors and Chair Sanders.  
20 Thank you for the opportunity to, number  
21 one, present the financials currently for  
22 the 17-18 year up to May 31, 2018. And then  
23 also present the three resolutions that we  
24 have on the agenda.

25 So the financial report was

1 e-mailed to you yesterday, you should have  
2 in your packets. It goes from September 1,  
3 2017 to May 31, 2018. I'm very happy to  
4 report in all the various cost centers of  
5 the Association we are operating in the  
6 black. I would like to let the Board of  
7 Directors know, however, that there was a  
8 lot of activity during the month of May  
9 including our commencement ceremonies,  
10 athletic competitions where our athletic  
11 teams completed nationally. Obviously we  
12 are renowned throughout the Country in our  
13 athletic programs. We came in number three  
14 in the country for the NJCAA which is a  
15 really nice thing.

16 So our athletic program, our  
17 graduation ceremonies, leadership activities  
18 throughout the month of May, our Association  
19 was incredibly active in campus activities.  
20 All three campuses had leadership banquets.  
21 So the numbers you'll see in Column Six will  
22 go down the next time I present at the  
23 August meeting will be up until July 31st.  
24 So those number s will go down  
25 significantly.



1 child care centers, our athletic programs,  
2 all of our student activities, our theatre  
3 program throughout the economic year  
4 including our Association employees that are  
5 hired to really do payroll and to organize  
6 all the business operations of the  
7 Association.

8 So it's really, as I have said  
9 many times, a microcosm of what the College  
10 does, albeit a much smaller less than five  
11 million dollar budget that we have. So this  
12 year with being consistent with the College  
13 and understanding that enrollment is  
14 levelling off because of the population  
15 trends, there are less Student Activity Fees  
16 coming into the Association. So we gave  
17 guidance to each of the campuses to reduce  
18 their budgets accordingly across the three  
19 centers including athletics and all of our  
20 programs.

21 How the budget is put together,  
22 our College Associate Deans across the three  
23 campuses -- there's an Associate Dean of  
24 Student Services that really is responsible  
25 for the Association budgets on each of the





1 for the Fall:

2 DR. ADAMS: For enrollment? Currently right  
3 now as of the last report about 9.8 percent  
4 down.

5 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Wow.

6 DR. ADAMS: However, it's still early in the  
7 summer. We recognize that we have, you  
8 know, a couple of months to go before  
9 enrollment.

10 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Historically are we? I don't  
11 ever remember hearing a number that high.

12 DR. ADAMS: Well, historically compared to  
13 where we were last year we are at that  
14 number.

15 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: So it was a similar number at the  
16 time?

17 DR. ADAMS: No, we are compared to where we  
18 were last year at this time we are down.

19 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: So we're 9.8 percent lower than  
20 we were at this time last year?

21 DR. ADAMS: Correct, yes.

22 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you.

23 DR. ADAMS: You're welcome.

24 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Any other questions? [NO  
25 RESPONSE].

1 DR. ADAMS: Okay. So, Item Two and Item One  
2 go along with reappointing the Association  
3 employees for the 2018-19 year. As you  
4 know, we have child care center directors,  
5 we have teachers, we have our business  
6 operations person. So that's all in there,  
7 Item Number Two.

8 And then Item Number One, there's  
9 three employees in the Association, are two  
10 child care directors and our business  
11 operations that are at the top step. And as  
12 tradition, we have always given them a three  
13 percent increase which is comparable to what  
14 a step would be in the Association. So  
15 those are the three items that we have on  
16 the docket.

17 And again, Denise, I'll be able  
18 to -- I certainly will answer any other  
19 enrollment questions when it comes to, you  
20 know, the budget that's presented with  
21 Trustee Morgo.

22 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Thank you.

23 DR. ADAMS: Okay. Thank you.

24 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Dr. Adams.

25 I call for a motion for the

1 approval of Association Resolutions 2018.A2  
2 to 2018.A4.

3 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Motion.

4 TRUSTEE MURRAY: Second.

5 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

6 Any opposed?

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

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

13 TRUSTEE MORGO: So moved.

14 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Second.

15 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

16 All in favor?

17 Any opposed?

18 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
19 VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE MEETING OF THE  
20 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SUFFOLK COUNTY  
21 COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAS CLOSED BY THE CHAIR,  
22 THERESA SANDERS, AT 10:24 A.M.]

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1 CHAIR SANDERS: I would like to request a motion  
2 of the approval of the minutes of the May  
3 17, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting.

4 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Motion.

5 TRUSTEE MORGO: Second.

6 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

7 Any opposed?

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

10 Everybody must be excited about  
11 the first day of summer, moving right along.  
12 This is where we slow down. I would like to  
13 introduce the Vice President of Financial  
14 Affairs, Gail Vizzinito present the college  
15 budget, college financial records.

16 MS. VIZZINI: Thank you, Madame Chair. As far  
17 as 2017-2018 operating budget all of you  
18 have the revenue and expenditures  
19 projections. They are through May 31. The  
20 revenue projections as similar to my  
21 previous report. Overall revenue shortfall  
22 is projected at a little bit higher,  
23 \$388,000.

24 Primarily enrollment generated  
25 revenue, State Aid, tuition and fees are a

1           little bit less than we had anticipated. As  
2           far as expenditures as previously reported  
3           as shortfalls in health insurance due to the  
4           increases in the planned rates for the EMHP  
5           plan, the Workers' Compensation bill that  
6           you authorized was a little bit higher than  
7           anticipated due to some retroactive  
8           settlements.

9                         But we're confident that with  
10           these numbers we can be fiscally prudent.  
11           We can manage these shortfalls through our  
12           programs and some of the other efforts we're  
13           engaged in to full extent. There are a few  
14           resolutions I would like to bring your  
15           attention to. Item Number One is the  
16           monthly sponsor services payment for the  
17           health insurance for our employees. This  
18           month it's two point three million dollars  
19           for June. It's a little bit lower than  
20           previous months because this includes the  
21           quarterly credit for the Medicare premium  
22           reimbursement.

23                         So those bills, fortunately,  
24           those bills four times a year are little bit  
25           lower. Item Two are the budget transfers.

1                   There's a \$41,000 transfer to Enrollment  
2                   Management to address a shortfall. It's for  
3                   the purchase of improvement in enrollment  
4                   items to promote and market the College.  
5                   There is also a shortfall in Public Safety,  
6                   \$22,800 -- that's for its contracted  
7                   maintenance services related to our fire  
8                   safety system.

9                                 That's a combination of the  
10                    additional buildings, some cost escalation  
11                    and some increased standards as far as the  
12                    fire safety standards that increase that  
13                    amount for that line. As far as the  
14                    2018-2019 Operating Budget, I would like to  
15                    defer to Trustee Morgo to give us some  
16                    highlights.

17 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   Well, I thought we would do that  
18                                 under the committee.

19 MS. VIZZINI:                    Oh, okay, you would prefer not to  
20                                 say anything right now?

21 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   Yes.

22 MS. VIZZINI:                    Okay. That's all. Any  
23                                 questions?

24 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you. That moved quicker  
25                                 than I thought. Thank you very much, Gail.

1 I would like to request a motion of the  
2 approval of College Resolutions 2018.37  
3 through 2018.42.

4 TRUSTEE BOST: Motion.

5 CHAIR SANDERS: So moved.

6 TRUSTEE MORGO: Second.

7 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

8 TRUSTEE MORGO: Do you want to say something  
9 about the Item Six, the 42, the Virgin  
10 Islands, Puerto Rico? Somebody want to say  
11 something about that?

12 CHAIR SANDERS: You can.

13 TRUSTEE MORGO: Well, I actually would defer to  
14 Lou Petrizzo. The Resolution Number Six,  
15 Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

16 MR. PETRIZZO: Okay. Yes. This is a resolution  
17 that you actually passed last year or last  
18 semester. It comes about as a result of the  
19 governor and the SUNY Board of Trustees  
20 adopting resolutions authorizing this action  
21 for all of the State operated campuses and  
22 actually encouraging the community colleges  
23 to take similar action as well.

24 It allows any of our students who  
25 were impacted by the hurricanes or displaced



1 by the hurricanes that struck Puerto Rico  
2 and the US Virgin Islands, and that would be  
3 Hurricane Maria, Hurricane Irma, to come to  
4 Suffolk and to pay resident tuition as  
5 opposed to having to pay out of State  
6 tuition expenses.

7 So, we're treated them  
8 essentially as residents of the County and  
9 they are paying County tuition rates. It  
10 hasn't effected a great deal of our  
11 students. Christopher --

12 DR. ADAMS: We have approximately these  
13 individuals.

14 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Approximately three, yes.

15 DR. ADAMS: But I believe, again, you know  
16 it's the public relation aspect of being  
17 aligned with what SUNY is doing and SUNY. I  
18 wish that they had when they originally  
19 adopted that gave guidance to all the 64  
20 campuses, that they would have extended it  
21 for a longer period of time instead of  
22 capping it. Nevertheless, we're coming back  
23 to the Board asking to extend it.

24 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: So the extension will be for the  
25 next academic year only. And then we'll

1 see, you know, what the governor and the  
2 SUNY Board determines after that.

3 TRUSTEE MORGO: And that's why I wanted to have  
4 it explained. No one thought that the  
5 Puerto Rican recovery would take as long as  
6 as it has. And I also wanted to emphasize  
7 that the fiscal impact is de minimis. Three  
8 students you said. I didn't even know. I  
9 thought I had might have been even fewer so  
10 that's why I wanted to get it on the record.

11 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Okay.

12 DR. ADAMS: Thank you.

13 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Jim.

14 It's been motioned and seconded.

15 All in favor?

16 Any opposed?

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

19 Thank you. Okay. So we will now  
20 move to committee reports. Okay. We'll  
21 start with the Student Trustee report today.

22 TRUSTEE BOST: Chair Sanders, members of the  
23 Board, I held meetings with outgoing members  
24 of student government and I'll with the  
25 board speak again with the incoming student

1 government officers. And, you know, met  
2 with Mr. Adams to speak about next year and  
3 the future goal's and stuff of that sort.  
4 So I have nothing else to report.

5 CHAIR SANDERS: Great. Thank you. And  
6 congratulations on a successful semester.

7 TRUSTEE BOST: Thank you.

8 CHAIR SANDERS: It's not easy being a student and  
9 a trustee so I commend you for keeping all  
10 those balls in the air.

11 TRUSTEE MORGO: And a member of the budget  
12 committee.

13 TRUSTEE BOST: Let's not forget.

14 TRUSTEE MORGO: It's not easy.

15 CHAIR SANDERS: He claims everybody.

16 TRUSTEE CANARY: You get an extra stipend for  
17 that.

18 TRUSTEE MORGO: You can get twice what I get.

19 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Easy.

20 CHAIR SANDERS: Double zeros.  
21 Let's move to the Governance  
22 report. Gordon.

23 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you, Madame Chairwoman.  
24 Governance Committee met on June 18 at the  
25 NFL Building. Myself, Jim Morgo, Jerome,

1 Dr. Adams, Alicia, Gail and Chairwoman by  
2 phone. Meeting called to order. Dr. Chris  
3 Adams discussed with the Committee that the  
4 Governor Cuomo that the SUNY Board of  
5 Trustees is extending the In-State tuition  
6 for students displaced by Hurricanes Maria  
7 and Irma for the 2018-19 academic year.  
8 Dr. Adams asked the Governance Committee to  
9 consider putting before the full board at  
10 the June meeting a resolution extending  
11 In-State tuition for students displaced by  
12 those events.

13 Dr. Adams explained the need to  
14 do it as soon as possible to allow for a  
15 smooth transition and scheduling process for  
16 the start of the Fall semester. Suffolk  
17 Community College's original resolution  
18 2017.63 was approved by the Board on October  
19 19, 2017. Committee agreed that this  
20 resolution would be in the best interest of  
21 the students recommending it to go to the  
22 full board for approval and we just did. I  
23 love how that works out.

24 The next item on the agenda was  
25 the employee social media policy that the

1                   general counsel, Alicia O'Connor distributed  
2                   an updated policy and reported draft of the  
3                   policy and reported that she had met with  
4                   Mary Lou Araneo, Vice President for  
5                   Institutional Advancement. Drew Biondo,  
6                   Director of Communications to finalize the  
7                   draft social media policy. In the police  
8                   there is a link to a social media account  
9                   request form.

10                                   DGC O'Connor proved the Committee  
11                   with a copy of that form. It was explained  
12                   that this will be the process used for  
13                   departments to request social media site  
14                   development. The request would go to Drew  
15                   Biondo but that once approved, it is up to  
16                   the Department to manage their own pages  
17                   following the guidelines and procedures.  
18                   The procedures will include the College's  
19                   graphics standards guides which governs the  
20                   kinds of designs, such as the College logos  
21                   which must be used on those site s.

22                                   Content guidelines and procedures  
23                   will be developed by Vice President Araneo  
24                   and Director Biondo and reviewed annually by  
25                   the President's cabinet. Discussion was had

1                   about developing a social media policy  
2                   applicable to students. Student Trustee  
3                   Bost explained that there are honor  
4                   societies that are required to have FaceBook  
5                   pages as part of their chapters and that  
6                   many student clubs use FaceBook is a way to  
7                   increase attendance at their functions.

8                   DGC O'Connor is going to research  
9                   with Dr. Adams about the best way to address  
10                  this information. DGC O'Connor asked the  
11                  committee to review the employee social  
12                  media policy and share with her any comments  
13                  and revisions. The final draft will be  
14                  distributed to the committee prior to the  
15                  August committee meeting and is expected to  
16                  be recommended to go to the full board for  
17                  approval at the August 16 meeting.

18                  The committee then moved onto  
19                  discussion on the whistleblower policy. DGC  
20                  O'Connor distributed an updated draft of the  
21                  employee fraud and whistleblower policy to  
22                  the committee. DGC O'Connor also  
23                  distributed a copy of a form that will be  
24                  utilized for reporting suspected fraud,  
25                  waste or abuse. The final draft will be

1 distributed to the committee prior to the  
2 August committee meeting, expected again to  
3 be a recommendation to go to the full board  
4 for approval also at the August 16 meeting.

5 Agenda items for the August  
6 Governance Committee meeting include a  
7 review of the final draft of the employee  
8 social media policy, review of the final  
9 draft of the employee fraud and whistle  
10 policy. Do you think we'll have the student  
11 policy ready to go at that time.

12 MS. O'CONNOR: I would hope so.

13 TRUSTEE CANARY: So that included as well. Due to  
14 a conflict, the next Governance Committee  
15 meeting is being rescheduled from Monday  
16 August 13 at 4:00 o'clock to Monday August 6  
17 in the board conference room at the LRC on  
18 the Michael J. Grant campus. I am the  
19 problem. I am the reason why we're doing  
20 that. I have a trip to Sardinia planned to  
21 meet my daughter on the Island of Sardinia.  
22 So we'll be there from the 14th to the 24th.  
23 So I apologize for that.

24 And also note that this will be  
25 the very first Board of Trustees meeting I

1 will be missing in my four and a half years  
2 as a board member. It pains me. Don't we  
3 have a special reward?

4 Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.  
5 and I am so proud of the great work this  
6 committee is doing and Alicia, thank you  
7 very much. Your hard work is very much  
8 appreciated. And we are moving forward with  
9 some good things. Again, I'm very -- we --  
10 Jim and I are excited about the  
11 whistleblower policy because it sends an  
12 important message.

13 TRUSTEE MORGO: Really. And when you consider  
14 the previous policy, let me just say, it  
15 needed some reform.

16 TRUSTEE CANARY: Yeah, just a little bit. But,  
17 again, we want to establish that to all of  
18 our employees that it will not be tolerated  
19 and we all have an obligation to report it  
20 if seen. And, again, it's just going to be  
21 a good thing. And when we do have it  
22 finally adopted, we'll let everybody know.  
23 Thank you.

24 CHAIR SANDERS: Do a whole see something say  
25 something campaign.



1 TRUSTEE BOST: So, one thing we actually  
2 discussed in Governance Committee too was  
3 that situations in where you may have a  
4 director and an employee and let's say  
5 employee may see a wrong action maybe their  
6 director and not necessarily feel  
7 comfortable with reporting it. I was more  
8 concerned knowing, you know, what privacies  
9 are set in place to protect that employee.  
10 So that's something we're looking at as  
11 well. So thank you.

12 TRUSTEE CANARY: But, again, Jerome, the whole  
13 point of the policy is to ensure absolute  
14 protection to the reporting individual. So  
15 that's why, again, we kicked around the  
16 ideas about keeping it anonymous but that  
17 defeats the whole purpose of having this and  
18 having employees feel absolutely comfortable  
19 and confident that there are not going to be  
20 any retribution against them for reporting.  
21 And what we want them to do, step forward  
22 and report.

23 CHAIR SANDERS: Okay.

24 TRUSTEE CANARY: That's my report.

25 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. There's a

1 lot of work that goes on in Governance.

2 We'll move onto student success, Denise.

3 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: We did not meet this month. June  
4 in the K-12 world is insane. But we will be  
5 meeting on August 13 at 9:00 a.m. here on  
6 the eastern campus.

7 CHAIR SANDERS: Okay. Thank you very much. Then  
8 we'll leave Budget and Finance for last.  
9 Gemma, do you have anything to report under  
10 Personnel Committee?

11 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: No.

12 CHAIR SANDERS: Nothing. Okay, great. And that  
13 leaves our own Jim Morgo report out Budget  
14 and Finance.

15 TRUSTEE MORGO: Thank you, Madame Chairwoman.  
16 I'm going to ask both Gail Vizzini and Ben  
17 Zwirn to participate in my report. First of  
18 all, to give you some context, as you  
19 remember, we passed a resolution requesting  
20 a four percent County increase in its  
21 contribution. The County Executive  
22 recommended 1.84 percent. The legislature  
23 this past Tuesday night passed 18 to zero,  
24 unanimously, a two point five percent  
25 increase.

1                   Now it depends on your point of  
2                   view whether that's a victory or not.  
3                   Getting a point and a half less than we  
4                   requested I don't get terribly excited  
5                   about. However, it did a couple of -- some  
6                   good things. It was 18 to nothing so we  
7                   don't have to worry about veto, as Gordon  
8                   pointed out.

9                   It puts to rest, seriously, it  
10                  puts to rest I hope, forever that the  
11                  committee's one point five was anything more  
12                  than a template, it was not a recommendation  
13                  for future years. This is a precedent that  
14                  came up to two point five so that's a good  
15                  thing, too. So, but the there are things  
16                  we're going to have to do.

17                 Now I am going to ask that, just  
18                 as Gordon pointed out in his report, when  
19                 the committee makes a recommendations and  
20                 then we act on it, it's a smoother process.  
21                 So I'm going to ask for the Budget and  
22                 Finance Committee to get together again and  
23                 Vice President Vizzini examines our options.  
24                 And hopefully we'll come to a consensus.  
25                 And we have to get that done before the

1 beginning of August.

2 So I'm going to ask Gail's staff  
3 to try to put together -- I always think an  
4 in person meeting is better but if we have  
5 to do it as a conference call we have to do  
6 it as a conference call. But I would like  
7 first ask Ben give us a little more  
8 insight -- oh, yeah, one other thing I  
9 wanted to mention. And this is probably the  
10 most important.

11 The advocacy work, the trustees,  
12 the Faculty Association, the students, the  
13 putting together the talking points,  
14 hopefully that will be something that we  
15 replicate whenever we have to. So that was  
16 a positive. So I can think of three  
17 positives, but I still don't like the idea  
18 of having to come back and revisit and look  
19 at a higher tuition increase ever again.  
20 So, so that's it's few things in life are  
21 one way or another though so. But a three  
22 things that I mentioned already, putting to  
23 rest the one point five, the advocacy and  
24 the 18 to nothing vote were all positives.

25 Okay, Ben, do you want to quickly

1 give a look at what happened?

2 MR. ZWIRN: Thank you. Is vote was this last  
3 Tuesday, it was 18 to zero. It was really  
4 quite remarkable, Executive Vice President  
5 Petrizzo came out and joined joined Gail and  
6 I. The Legislature that day had the  
7 Community College Budget Working Group met  
8 and we all met with Chairman Donnelley that  
9 afternoon. And he came to us and said he  
10 had reached a consensus across the aisle for  
11 two point five percent increase as opposed  
12 to the four percent that we requested and I  
13 considered that a huge victory for the  
14 College.

15 The County is facing, you know,  
16 major budget problems. To get a two point  
17 five percent increase in this climate was  
18 remarkable. The County Executive was not  
19 happy. He was working the phones, he tried  
20 to get the vote delayed to July. And that  
21 very possibly could have happened, it did  
22 not. Chairman Donnelley worked, again,  
23 across party lines to get this done which  
24 was really a credit to him because he's a  
25 freshman legislator so we have a lot to be

1                   thankful for.

2                   The 18-zero vote is sound veto  
3                   proof but I would have to wait the 15 days  
4                   to see. Because there's going to be a lot  
5                   of pressure brought to bear upon  
6                   legislatures to change that. The thing that  
7                   was very helpful that VRO pointed and out  
8                   and we have pointed out was that it was not  
9                   under the two percent cap. We don't even  
10                  know what the two percent cap means in the  
11                  County Budget because they are just starting  
12                  their process now.

13                  We also mentioned the fact that  
14                  they said the were going to cover the 30  
15                  million dollar savings on healthcare benefit  
16                  plan. Nobody knows what that plan is. We  
17                  cannot take it into account because if it  
18                  doesn't happen, we would be facing, you  
19                  know, millions of dollars more in the budget  
20                  deficit. So that we got questioned by some  
21                  of the members of the legislature. It did  
22                  not go without some challenges.

23                  But then the final moment it was  
24                  an 18 to zero vote which is credit to the  
25                  College, to all the advocacy that you made.

1                   We worked very hard behind the scenes to  
2                   talk to legislators, to remind them of all  
3                   of the benefits that this College brings to  
4                   the County and its residents. And I think  
5                   the final analysis was that the two point  
6                   five increase is really a credit to all the  
7                   work that you do here on the Board of  
8                   Trustees, you know, with no remuneration at  
9                   all. So it was just a great --

10 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   Ben, you'll let us know if  
11                   there's any threat of a veto so we could  
12                   continue the advocacy.

13 MR. ZWIRN:                   Absolutely, we'll get ahead of  
14                   it.

15 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Forgive my ignorance. Can you  
16                   explain that? How does that work?

17 MR. ZWIRN:                   The County Executive has 15 days  
18                   from the date he gets that resolution on his  
19                   desk to veto it. And then it will take 12  
20                   votes to of override his veto.

21 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: 12 legislature votes to say you  
22                   can't override it?

23 MR. ZWIRN:                   To override the veto you need 12  
24                   legislator members voting.

25 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   So if he gets seven, his veto is





1                   said before, we have good template for the  
2                   future because this is going to happen every  
3                   year, we all know that. And the last thing  
4                   is, I think it's incumbent upon all of us to  
5                   go back to our respective county legislators  
6                   that we did speak to to thank them and to  
7                   urge them to stand tough, stand tall.  
8                   Because I'm sure the County Exec is working  
9                   the phones right now with threats and  
10                  everything else. So let's be sure to go  
11                  back and thank them and I think it would go  
12                  a long way to help. But, again, thank you  
13                  guys. Great job.

14 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   Okay. Finally now I would like  
15                   Vice President Vizzini to talk about the  
16                   implications of getting two point five and  
17                   getting one point five less than we asked.

18 MS. VIZZINI:                   The primary implication is that  
19                   the 18-19 operating budget is \$636,000 out  
20                   of balance. So, at the request of Trustee  
21                   Morgo, we are reconvening the Budget and  
22                   Finance subcommittee. We'll discuss the  
23                   options to close that gap. But I will need  
24                   some direction from the committee because we  
25                   do need to assemble the budgets. It's due

1 to SUNY August 15. So we need to know  
2 whether the commissions will be cut, whether  
3 the reserves will be relied upon, whether  
4 there will be an additional increase in  
5 tuition or some combination of these things.  
6 So, I'll prepare something for you --

7 TRUSTEE MORGO: Can you ask your office staff to  
8 put together a date? I really think it's  
9 important that we meet in person; Chris,  
10 Jerome. Because it's still a hole and we're  
11 going to have to talk about how to fill it.  
12 And Gail will give us options and then we'll  
13 make a recommendation.

14 MS. VIZZINI: Thank you.

15 TRUSTEE MORGO: Thank you.

16 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Jim, I would like to attend that  
17 meeting as well.

18 TRUSTEE MORGO: I would like to have you. We  
19 have the limit, but more are welcome before  
20 the next board meeting.

21 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: August 16 is next board meeting.

22 TRUSTEE MORGO: Yes. So we'll make a  
23 recommendation at that meeting and then the  
24 Trustees will decide what to do. That's my  
25 report, Madame Chair. We will have an

1                   upcoming date as soon as Gail's staff works  
2                   it out.

3   CHAIR SANDERS:                   Great. Thank you very much, Jim.  
4                   This has been a lot of work. This has been  
5                   a very interesting year and we have the same  
6                   cycle that we repeat every year with the  
7                   budget, but this year the threat of a veto  
8                   has become even more political and any  
9                   relationships that anyone has, I don't think  
10                  you need to wait. If you could, you know,  
11                  call and if we could do it and not make it a  
12                  big public fight it would be great.

13                                   So any relationships in addition  
14                   to thanking those Legislators. That's very  
15                   important, because they are under pressure  
16                   to change their vote or to support what the  
17                   County Exec wants them to support. And  
18                   again, reiterating, you know, that advocacy  
19                   piece with the students and, you know, the  
20                   staff and the faculty and the cabinet, and  
21                   all of you that made calls as trustees,  
22                   thank you very much. It's not usual to get  
23                   an 18 oh on something like this.

24                                   Someone always leans to the left  
25                   or right. But when you started looking at

1                   that impact to the students, you know, that  
2                   type of tuition increase, it went way  
3                   beyond, you know, what we could do as a  
4                   College. At the end of the day, that money  
5                   goes -- the demand for the money comes out  
6                   of the student and the family pockets and  
7                   the legislators have to live with that.

8                   So I think we did a great job  
9                   showing that, making sure that the numbers  
10                  reflected a real balance. And we have a  
11                  quality product here in the County. Yes,  
12                  Chris.

13 TRUSTEE MURRAY:                I just have one question, maybe  
14                                   for Ben. Does he have to affirmatively veto  
15                                   it or does --

16 MR. ZWIRN:                       Yes.

17 TRUSTEE MURRAY:                It's not like a pocket veto where  
18                                   he just doesn't do anything --

19 MR. ZWIRN:                       He'll have to veto this and  
20                                   hopefully -- I don't think he'll veto unless  
21                                   he knows he has the votes. Because this is,  
22                                   I mean --

23 TRUSTEE CANARY:                Clearly embarrassing.

24 MR. ZWIRN:                       College is a nonpartisan player  
25                                   in all of this, so it would be a real -- he

1 knows, it's a pretty strong message  
2 considering what was going on behind the  
3 scenes that evening.

4 TRUSTEE MORGO: Theresa, to echo something you  
5 said and say something I said previously,  
6 there wasn't the public acrimony that you  
7 might have imagined in this type of thing.  
8 Notwithstanding the County Executive's anger  
9 perhaps at what we were doing. There wasn't  
10 an infighting and it wasn't public. And I  
11 think that's a testament to you and the way  
12 you run this Board and the atmosphere we  
13 have around here. I said it before in  
14 writing.

15 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

16 TRUSTEE MORGO: But I really think it is.

17 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Jim. Yes. If we  
18 can -- a lot of stuff could be solved if we  
19 could do it privately. Even if we fight,  
20 let's do it privately. So thank you again  
21 for all the ahrd work. It's not over.  
22 Thank you.

23 TRUSTEE MORGO: I know.

24 CHAIR SANDERS: Let's move to the Foundation  
25 report. Sylvia.

1 MS. DIAZ: Good morning. On behalf of the  
2 Foundation Board of Directors, we just want  
3 to send our well wishes to Bel Pagdanganan  
4 who has served the students here with  
5 distinction on the Foundation Board for a  
6 number of years and we really welcome your  
7 contribution to this group so  
8 congratulations.

9 MS. PAGDANGANAN: Thank you.

10 MS. DIAZ: Golf invitations, and I saw the  
11 -- there it is. Conveniently that was timed  
12 perfectly. Golf invitations will actually  
13 hit your mailboxes tomorrow and Monday.  
14 Again, we're really honored to have ADD as  
15 this year's honoree for this fantastic event  
16 at a brand new venue, at Nissequogue Golf  
17 Club. And I also just to want remind you to  
18 mark your calendars of course for our  
19 October 4th gala in case you missed putting  
20 that into your calendars.

21 But, again, we look forward to  
22 seeing everybody on August 20 at the  
23 Nissequogue thank you.

24 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Sylvia. Just save the  
25 dates, because thinking about our retreat.

1                   As soon as you stood up and started talking,  
2                   thinking about us bringing our boards  
3                   together again for that one retreat day. So  
4                   we'll talk over the summer. Thank you.

5                                 Thank you. My report, I'm doing  
6                   a combination with Exec and Chair Report.  
7                   Executive Committee of course meets the  
8                   Monday prior to the Board Meeting to review  
9                   the agenda, review resolutions, and any  
10                  committee reports that we feel we need to  
11                  highlight any particular information prior  
12                  to the Board meeting, any discussions. So  
13                  we did have that meeting on Monday.

14                                Moving to some of the activities,  
15                  I wanted to highlight that sometimes we see  
16                  each other around this board table and we  
17                  sort of kind of know what each us do in our  
18                  other lives, because it seems to consume us  
19                  sometimes. Don't worry, Bel, you got it.  
20                  So you'll fit right in, we know.

21                                But I wanted to highlight,  
22                  yesterday I attended a luncheon for the Long  
23                  Island Housing Partnership. And Jim was an  
24                  honoree. And his legacy, to hear people  
25                  talk about Jim's legacy is very interesting.

1                   Because we talk about social justice. We  
2                   talk about advocacy. And homeownership is  
3                   at the foundation of anyone's life's  
4                   stability. You have to know where you are  
5                   going to sleep at night. If you don't know  
6                   that, you can't talk to people about go to  
7                   college get a degree. Or, you know, you  
8                   should be more healthy.

9                                 You can't have any other  
10                   conversation unless a person's home  
11                   foundation is stable. So I wanted to  
12                   publicly thank you Jim for your years of  
13                   service to Long Island outside of here, what  
14                   you have been doing in terms or social  
15                   equity and housing.

16 TRUSTEE MORGO:                 Thank you.

17 CHAIR SANDERS:                 Really appreciate it. It was  
18                   highlighted yesterday and it was a very good  
19                   event to hear some of the recipients talk  
20                   about where they are. And it wasn't just,  
21                   you know, it was some people -- we had a  
22                   legislator came through, Town Councilwoman  
23                   that talked about how she had an opportunity  
24                   to get her first home. And, you know, she's  
25                   a Vet, a military Vet. And, you know, now



1 in the the Council, Town Council, and very  
2 proud that she had the opportunity to get  
3 her first home through some of the services.  
4 So appreciate the work you do.

5 TRUSTEE MORGO: Thank you. It was Jackie Gordon  
6 as you probably figured. Yes, thank you  
7 very much, Theresa. I thought it was a  
8 wonderful event and one of the points you  
9 alluded to, one of the things that I said --  
10 first of all, you only have a legacy when  
11 you are old. So it beats the alternative,  
12 right?

13 But one thing -- you know, I only  
14 mentioned two things but people were  
15 noticing I was as brief as I was. But the  
16 thing I said I was most proud of was when  
17 the Housing Partnership started in '88, we  
18 had sold 11 homes scattered sites throughout  
19 Islip Town. And the first 11 recipients  
20 were all Caucasian.

21 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes.

22 TRUSTEE MORGO: And we looked at that and said,  
23 you know, what's up with that? Why is that?  
24 How did that happen? And it happened  
25 because the homes were marketed through the

1                   business organizations through the Long  
2                   Island Association that formed it. So we  
3                   made a point to go out to African American  
4                   churches and through Hispanic organizations  
5                   and always market the homes through those  
6                   organizations.

7                                 And as you saw yesterday, they  
8                   are not now part of the bigger organization.  
9                   And all of the homeowners and renters and  
10                  foreclosure prevention and all the other  
11                  programs are incredibly diverse. And as I  
12                  often say, I was -- there only been two  
13                  presidents in 30 years. Peter Elkowitz is  
14                  now the president. And I always say I'm the  
15                  second best president the Housing  
16                  Partnership ever had. But, thank you. I  
17                  thought it was a wonderful day.

18   CHAIR SANDERS:                 It really was. And, of course,  
19   Commencement. We can't leave without  
20   talking about commencement. Every year when  
21   I sit on that dais -- first of all, that was  
22   one of the most well executed events,  
23   period, that I have been to ever. It moved  
24   people in, it moved people out. We had the  
25   faculty on the dais with us. It just was a



1 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes, you did. It's very  
2 interesting. Se what we get excited over.  
3 But, yes, our job is minimal when it comes  
4 to that day because all of you are frontline  
5 with the students and we thank you for  
6 everything that you do. And the that is my  
7 report. Yes, two, Gemma and Gordon.

8 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: I just wanted to comment on that  
9 as well. This is first the commencement I  
10 attended and I was truly impressed with not  
11 only how it was executed and the dedication  
12 of the teachers, but it was -- it was  
13 incredible to me that there was no keynote  
14 speaker. Instead, you know, it was students  
15 who gave speeches from the three campuses  
16 and each student had a more compelling,  
17 heartbreaking, heart wrenching story of hope  
18 and success.

19 And it was better than anyone --  
20 any paid speaker could have ever given. And  
21 I was just really amazed by those students  
22 and all the students who graduated. I do  
23 wish -- I want to publicly say this, that  
24 there was more people in attendance from the  
25 County Executive's office and anybody from

1 County government. Because I think that  
2 would have meant so much to the students.  
3 And I hope that we can, you know, all do our  
4 part in encouraging more people from  
5 government, not just attend and perhaps  
6 speak but to stay throughout the whole  
7 event.

8 CHAIR SANDERS: Right. Thanks, Gemma.

9 TRUSTEE CANARY: On that point, we did have the  
10 County Comptroller and his wife Legislator  
11 Kennedy there so we thank them for their  
12 time. Tom, if you want to bring that back,  
13 we do appreciate the time to be there.  
14 Gemma, last year we had Hoot Gibson as our  
15 commencement speaker as an alumnus of the  
16 College. And Hoot's a great guy. He was  
17 very interesting and a good speaker.

18 But, again, our three student  
19 speakers last year, our three student  
20 speakers this year inspiring great comments  
21 from the students. And the last thing I  
22 want to say is I really appreciated having  
23 our professors up on the dais with us. That  
24 was a great touch. And I want to see that  
25 very year. They deserve to be up there with

1                   that recognition -- little bit of  
2                   recognition but I really appreciated that as  
3                   well. And everybody again, echoing the  
4                   chairwoman's comments, great day, great  
5                   morning, lot of effort. I know what gets  
6                   put into that and it just doesn't happen.  
7                   So thank you everybody who was involved.  
8                   Great commencement exercise. Thank you.

9 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you. We'll move to the  
10                   President's report.

11 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO:       Madame Chair, since we only come  
12                   out to Culinary once a year, we thought this  
13                   would be an appropriate time to update the  
14                   Board on the programs that run out of  
15                   Culinary. And, of course, that would be the  
16                   culinary program itself, the licensed  
17                   practical nursing, and dietetic tech  
18                   program. And who better to give us that  
19                   update, than our Executive Dean for the  
20                   Eastern Campus, Dr. Irene Rios. Dr. Rios.

21 DEAN RIOS:                       Thank you, Mr. Petrizzo.

22 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO:       You're welcome.

23 DEAN RIOS:                       I did prepare a brief Power Point  
24                   just to move you through some of our  
25                   initiatives and our work. So thank you so

1                   much for giving me this opportunity today.  
2                   It's my pleasure to give you some brief  
3                   highlights of our work and plans for the  
4                   last academic year and tell you what we have  
5                   in store for the future as well.

6                                 First, let me reintroduce you to  
7                   the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center.  
8                   It's important that -- for those of you who  
9                   maybe new, know some detail about it. The  
10                  programs that we house in the center are all  
11                  of our culinary arts and hospitality  
12                  programs, our dietetic technician program,  
13                  our practical nursing program. And we house  
14                  many continuing education courses here as  
15                  well.

16                                All told, we support over -- a  
17                  little over 400 students each semester in  
18                  the center. Our building hours are  
19                  obviously stated here. And our total square  
20                  footage is 28,000 plus feet. We have staff  
21                  and we have a lot of student support here.  
22                  In 2017, just before my arrival, Dr. McKay  
23                  assigned an Associate Academic Dean to this  
24                  center. That associate dean, Jane Shearer,  
25                  who we are very fortunate to have her here.

1 She reports to me and oversees all general  
2 program activities in the building.

3 Along with Jane we have 10  
4 full-time faculty, 24 part-time faculty,  
5 again, supporting the programs that we  
6 listed. One additional administrator, two  
7 full-time clerical staff, two part-time  
8 clerical staff, and we do have a dedicated  
9 plant operations staff here as well.

10 A variety of very interesting  
11 continuing Ed courses run here every year  
12 including, and we thought you would be a  
13 little amused by them and more are being  
14 planned; Using a Chef's Knife Without Fear.  
15 Super Soups, that was great in the Winter.  
16 And the Art of Hors D'oeuvres.

17 There's also another one on how  
18 to plan a summer cocktail party. So be on  
19 the lookout for those through continuing Ed.  
20 Some other more general continuing Ed  
21 include grant supported secondary  
22 completion, prep classes, the TASK which  
23 used to be the old GED and that's very  
24 important for students here in the region.  
25 So these are the staff and support that is



1                   ongoing here.

2                                 In addition, again, this spring  
3                   with Dr. McKay's support and approval and  
4                   without additional cost, we move a full-time  
5                   counselor into this center to support  
6                   advising and financial aid. We wanted to  
7                   increase the connection of an assistance to  
8                   students here. That person is also helping  
9                   us with recruitment.

10                                Additionally with Dr. McKay's  
11                   approval and support, we reassigned an  
12                   existing part-time recruiter to a more  
13                   prominent role in supporting our Culinary  
14                   Arts Baking and Hospitality programs. She  
15                   conducts high school visits, culinary tours,  
16                   here in the center, demonstrations. And  
17                   she's also capturing admissions data, which  
18                   is very key for our admissions folks at East  
19                   and then reach out to students who maybe  
20                   interested.

21                                Both of these positions report to  
22                   the admissions director at the eastern  
23                   campus. Some of the recent building  
24                   projects we have been involved with -- I  
25                   have a great plant operations staff out east

1                   and they have been very busy working to  
2                   design some new office spaces for the  
3                   full-time counselor and the part-time  
4                   recruiter. These spaces will be out here in  
5                   this back foyer. They will be partial glass  
6                   wall cubicles. It's very important to all  
7                   of us on the team out east that students  
8                   know where their assistance is and they see  
9                   it and it's for the entire building.

10                                 So all students here will have a  
11                   counselor here in the back foyer hopefully  
12                   by the time the semester begins. The other  
13                   projects that we have been working on in  
14                   this building through our plant ops people,  
15                   to survey the use of our locker rooms.  
16                   Through our survey we found that students  
17                   were not using the locker rooms to change.  
18                   They were storing their gear and their  
19                   uniforms.

20                                 So we decided to, with the Fire  
21                   Marshal's approval, we decided to move some  
22                   of these locker into the hallway on the  
23                   second floor and use the two locker rooms  
24                   for other -- for space expansion. So one of  
25                   the locker rooms would be become a storage

1 space for our practical nurse program.

2 They needed as they go through a  
3 clean up and an expansion which I'll get to  
4 in a minute. And the other room will be  
5 used as potential space for and Empire State  
6 lease. And Mr. Petrizzo will work with me.  
7 As soon as they want to knock on our door  
8 I'm ready to meet with the and show them  
9 that space.

10 The next area that I wanted to  
11 talk about and bring you up to date are  
12 enrollment and completions for the students  
13 in programs in this center. In the time  
14 that I have been here, I have been analyzing  
15 enrollment data. There's a lot more work to  
16 do of course, but the enrollments in this  
17 center are fairly stable. There was a  
18 slight increase in completion for all  
19 programs over the last three years, that's  
20 the good news.

21 I know you would all agree and I  
22 believe as well that we can and must improve  
23 enrollments and retention so some of the  
24 rest of my presentation to you will help you  
25 understand some of the things we're going to

1 do in that regard. Working with campus  
2 admissions out east here we are going to --  
3 we have already set a goal to increase our  
4 Culinary Arts and Hospitality Program  
5 enrollment by two percent -- and retention  
6 by two percent over the next year. If we  
7 have goals, maybe we can if we know what our  
8 goal is all year, maybe we can achieve that,  
9 so we're really going to work on that.

10 Our newly assigned full-time  
11 counselor will help us to meet this goal as  
12 well as our recruiters. Already we have  
13 seen a positive outcome of our staff  
14 reorganization. In the last six months, the  
15 part-time recruiter for culinary has helped  
16 to increase our admissions inquiries by five  
17 percent, so that's measurable progress. So  
18 we're heading in the right direction knowing  
19 that we have more work in front of us.

20 With regard to program planning  
21 of the programs that are here, I wanted to  
22 share with you some of the outcomes of the  
23 plan to reorganize the staffing. So already  
24 to bring new initiatives forward and to  
25 bring greater attention to this center here

1 out east in Riverhead, some of the new  
2 initiatives that we have been engaged with  
3 this year are collaborating with the  
4 Southold Town for the Thanksgiving Day --  
5 the Thanksgiving Dinner for over 200  
6 residents, securing liquor licenses. Which  
7 we're very judicious in using the liquor  
8 license.

9 So those licenses are to support  
10 our wine and beer at culinary dinners. And  
11 I have attended each one this spring and  
12 they are wonderful. I invite you to come  
13 out next year. Those are student outcomes  
14 at their best those actual culinary dinners.  
15 And again, in culinary, we're happy to  
16 report that this summer the Bakers Workshop  
17 is open. And we project revenues for fiscal  
18 year 18 to show a seven percent increase  
19 over fiscal year 17.

20 We have been getting the word out  
21 about the Bakers Workshop. While we're  
22 never going to make millions of dollars  
23 there but we can increase that revenue and  
24 we have. So I'm very proud to report that.

25 We're also very happy to report



1 Program, we, again, are very proud of this  
2 program. This program is the only one on  
3 Long Island accredited by the American  
4 Council for Education in Nutrition and  
5 Dietetics. The program is currently under  
6 accreditation review with the Board coming  
7 here in November during the week of  
8 Thanksgiving, so we will be here.

9 As of the fall of 17, the  
10 Dietetic Technician Program has 37 full-time  
11 students, 41 part-time students. Our  
12 capacity is 85. So we are reviewing our  
13 recruitment efforts, we're analyzing them  
14 and strengthening them. I would like to see  
15 us hit the capacity for that program.  
16 Dietetic Technician students complete  
17 fieldwork in a variety of sites, over 70  
18 across the Island. And students in the  
19 program utilize our kitchens here for their  
20 program requirements. It's a good  
21 partnership here.

22 Upon graduation our students are  
23 eligible to sit for their national exams.  
24 And in the near future, actually starting in  
25 December, I have formed a Task Force with

1 faculty in the program and some of my team  
2 to look at what can we do in the future.  
3 There are some opportunities for us to  
4 partner with four year institutions, to  
5 build new programs such as nutrition and  
6 wellness et cetera. So we have some  
7 opportunities that we need to start looking  
8 at and we will start that work this fall.  
9 After accreditors leave.

10 In our Practical Nursing  
11 Certificate Program, this is where we have  
12 some really exciting news. The program here  
13 is actually overseen and led by the  
14 College's Dean of Nursing -- Dean of the  
15 School of Nursing, Cheryl Schaffer, and she  
16 works with Assistant Chair Jill Thornton.  
17 We also have campus leadership of the  
18 Practical Nursing Program through Diane  
19 Fabian.

20 The program prepares students for  
21 entry into the nursing profession as  
22 licensed practical nurses as well as gives  
23 them a pathway into RN Programs. Under  
24 current ASN requirements the PNU Program  
25 here has a seat capacity of 30 students per



1                   year and that's been its capacity. Our very  
2                   good news is that in an effort to build a  
3                   stronger pathway for students into nursing  
4                   healthcare, the Practical Nursing Program  
5                   during the spring of 18, the College through  
6                   Dean Shaffer's good work received a one time  
7                   approval from ASN and the New York State  
8                   Department of Ed to internally transfer up  
9                   to 16 additional students who did not  
10                  progress into Suffolk's RN program and those  
11                  students joined us this spring.

12                                 More good news, with the  
13                   endorsement of Dr. McKay, a collaboration  
14                   occurred with Dean Shaffer, with Dr. Beaudin  
15                   our Vice President for Academic Affairs --  
16                   with Dean Brown, some of my team; Dean  
17                   Brown, Dean Reese, Dean Shearer, Chair  
18                   Fabian, Antonio DeAngeles, we all met to  
19                   develop ideas and a plan to expand the  
20                   seating capacity to support this growth in  
21                   the Nursing Program without impeding other  
22                   programs here.

23                                 And we hope to see 112 students  
24                   as a capacity for this program in the next  
25                   few months. Dean Shaffer prepared and

1 submitted a good letter of substantive  
2 change. And recently we received approval  
3 from the New York State Department of  
4 Education for this increase to 112.

5 And we now await ASN approval.  
6 So Dean Shaffer promises us that it looks  
7 good, she's not making any promises that  
8 we'll be approved, but it's looking good  
9 that we'll be approved. We hope to more  
10 than triple our PN Program capacity and  
11 realize 270 percent increase in enrollment  
12 here.

13 So we're very proud of that work  
14 and it happened over the last few months.  
15 This group of collaborators that worked on  
16 this plan, I want to give you a few details  
17 what we had to do just so you understand how  
18 we're trying to fit more into this building.  
19 We looked at the locker rooms. We looked at  
20 how we scheduled courses in rooms and we  
21 thought we could be more strategic.

22 We looked at storage space. We  
23 looked at underutilized classrooms and we  
24 were able with all of our work to craft  
25 another space for a nursing lab. So we will

1                   have two nursing labs here by -- very soon,  
2                   within the next few months. And we'll have  
3                   storage space and we can even welcome Empire  
4                   State.

5                                 In a few years we may need  
6                   another space but that's for another day.  
7                   Also regarding the good news of the  
8                   Practical Nursing Certificate Program, Dean  
9                   Shaffer has identified many diverse and  
10                  plentiful east end clinical sites for our  
11                  students. And those include hospice  
12                  centers, home healthcare, geriatric  
13                  facilities, long-term care facilities et  
14                  cetera. So not the traditional hospital  
15                  route, there's a diversity of so many other  
16                  centers that can offer our students  
17                  opportunities.

18                                Employment projections for the  
19                  Practical Nurse pathway is very favorable.  
20                  It's expected to continue to grow and  
21                  recently Eastern Suffolk County Health Cre  
22                  provider partners have reported to us that  
23                  there are about 166 positions in the field  
24                  available out here. So we continue to  
25                  position the College to support these

1 initiatives and opportunities for our  
2 students.

3 We're also, again, looking to the  
4 future with Dr. Beaudin, with Dean Shaffer,  
5 with my team, we're looking for future  
6 expansion opportunities academically which  
7 might include things such as Certified  
8 Nursing Assistant Program, Military Medic to  
9 LPN and paramedic to LPN. So our work  
10 continues. This is a very brief overview of  
11 what's happening in programs in the center  
12 and what's happening in our center. I have  
13 a great, hardworking team that helps us move  
14 these initiatives forward. And I thank you  
15 for your time.

16 If you have any questions, I'll  
17 be here to take your questions. Thank you.

18 CHAIR SANDERS: Just Dr. Rios, this is really  
19 exciting as we talk about FTEs and we know  
20 the medical field is always hiring. We are  
21 excited, particularly the increase of those  
22 spots from 32 to over a hundred is amazing.  
23 Just remind me, you said this can happen  
24 over the next couple of months?

25 DR. RIOS: Yes. This will actually happen

1 beginning in the spring once we get final  
2 approval. And, again, we did this as group  
3 so Dean Shaffer has been wonderful in her  
4 work and Dr. Beaudin as well. But by the  
5 spring we hope to start moving forward with  
6 this plan.

7 When we will actually see the  
8 FTE, in the spring?

9 DEAN SHAFFER: Actually we have a projection for  
10 32 students so we can double the program for  
11 a late start is our anticipation for the  
12 fall, so that would October 15. And then  
13 our newer projection as we're looking at it  
14 we can reach 96 by the spring and then 112  
15 and beyond. As we're looking at more  
16 utilization of space and days here in the  
17 program.

18 The good news is we have the  
19 clinical partners. This is really targeted  
20 more for the east end, but we can go through  
21 all of Suffolk County. We have some  
22 targeted recruitment coming in. We have a  
23 lot of students who are qualified that we  
24 had been able to place in our programs, this  
25 year alone 391. So we're looking to -- the

1 interest is there, we have the faculty and  
2 now that we have support the buildings,  
3 we're able to go.

4 CHAIR SANDERS: Congratulations.

5 Yes, Denise?

6 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Would you know offhand what the  
7 starting salary is for an LPN?

8 DEAN SHAFFER: LPN, on average it's about  
9 \$52,000. So that's about a 20,000 increase  
10 from being a CNA. We're going to do a  
11 special targeted recruitment in some of the  
12 institutions starting in the fall to try to  
13 get some of our existing CNAs, they do have  
14 some preferential admissions if they were  
15 already a CNA to come in. So within 13  
16 months they can increase 20,000.

17 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: And there's a pathway from the  
18 LPN to the RN?

19 DEAN SHAFFER: Yes. Within the State, within  
20 the nation and within our own institution.  
21 So that's our next project is also looking  
22 at, you know, not that we're going to  
23 bringing in more of our own LPN RN how we  
24 can create a very seamless pathway into our  
25 own program and then onto our other

1 articulations.

2 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: And the LPN program is also two  
3 years?

4 DEAN SHAFFER: The LPN Program here is 13  
5 months. And the advanced placement LPN  
6 Program from our institution is three  
7 semesters.

8 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you.

9 CHAIR SANDERS: Gordon?

10 TRUSTEE CANARY: Yes, thank you. Dr. Rios, great  
11 work, very exciting news. Couple of points  
12 or questions, the Empire State College  
13 Program, that's not for instructional space,  
14 that's just for counseling, meeting with  
15 the students?

16 DR. RIOS: Correct, correct.

17 TRUSTEE CANARY: Plotting out their self-study  
18 programs and whatnot.

19 DEAN RIOS: An advising office essentially.

20 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: They are somewhere on Griffing  
21 Avenue right now and they apparently cannot  
22 renew their lease so they want to talk to us  
23 about moving their offices down into this  
24 building. And if we can accommodate them,  
25 at a fair rental, we'll see if we can

1 accommodate them.

2 TRUSTEE CANARY: Great. Next question is parking,  
3 so I know we got a problem now. So with the  
4 expansion or students, do we have any kind  
5 of thoughts about how to handle parking?

6 DR. RIOS: No. That's a really good  
7 question. We need to analyze that a little  
8 more and come up with some recommendations.  
9 I don't know the capacity of our parking lot  
10 right now. I'm sorry I don't know that.  
11 But we'll look into that and address that  
12 question as we move forward. Thank you for  
13 that.

14 TRUSTEE CANARY: Okay, great. And it just gives  
15 me an opportunity again to you -- some of my  
16 fellow board members have heard me say this  
17 before, but my middle daughter Joanna was a  
18 CNA at Good Samaritan Hospital, came through  
19 the College's nursing program. Was on the  
20 ICU for an additional five years with her RN  
21 that she got from the hospital. Tough job  
22 on the ICU so she's now with Zwanger Pesiri.  
23 But Zwanger Pesiri were thrilled to have  
24 her. And they just scooped her up, like,  
25 yeah, come on board.





1                   also now if they full under one umbrella,  
2                   one post can go to multiple pages.

3 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: And I think and I always say  
4                   this, the more we get people on our  
5                   campuses, the better our enrollment is going  
6                   to be. And that could include a couples  
7                   dinner, where parents go, oh, wow, that's a  
8                   beautiful facility. Maybe we will look at  
9                   it. So I think these things are important.

10 DR. RIOS:                   We totally agree with you and  
11                   we're working on improving how we  
12                   communicate with the community, absolutely.

13 CHAIR SANDERS:            Gemma and then Jerome.

14 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: I want to echo that and then also  
15                   offer some support as well. If there's a  
16                   way we can disseminate information like that  
17                   to organized labor and the working men and  
18                   women and their children who might be  
19                   interested in any kind of these  
20                   opportunities.

21 DR. RIOS:                   Thank you. That could be very  
22                   helpful. Thank you very much. We will put  
23                   that on our list.

24 TRUSTEE BOST:             Dr. Rios, I just wanted to thank  
25                   you for, you know, as you came in here at

1 the College, really getting on hands on and  
2 working on Task Force and, you know,  
3 creating opportunities for your students  
4 that want to enter the nursing field as well  
5 as the culinary.

6 I actually have a friend who  
7 worked in the behavior health field and  
8 changed his career and actually came back,  
9 graduated, received his Associates in  
10 Nursing and now is considering opportunities  
11 for his Bachelor's with the signed agreement  
12 with Stony Brook.

13 But what I want to say about  
14 Culinary, I think you have done a good job  
15 of blowing up news feeds on FaceBook.  
16 Because I see it often. But one thing I  
17 really haven't seen is the information  
18 circle through with the Board. Because I  
19 live close by and I've seen Turkey dinners  
20 that you have during Thanksgiving. It would  
21 be definitely a great opportunity for me to  
22 even come in and volunteer or others.

23 DR. RIOS: More for us to do and I take your  
24 recommendations back with me to work on them  
25 with my team. So thank you very much.

1 TRUSTEE CANARY: As somebody who has been out here  
2 for the Thanksgiving prep and volunteer and  
3 help out, it's pretty exciting stuff.

4 DR. RIOS: Wonderful.

5 TRUSTEE CANARY: To echo what Denise said before,  
6 I mean, with this movement in the foodies.  
7 I mean, my wife is a foodie. She watches  
8 every cooking program that is out there and  
9 she's always trying new dishes. I'm her  
10 sous chef so my knife skills have improved.  
11 But I agree that getting some more word out  
12 on the culinary programs would be great.

13 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: And I believe, probably is a  
14 money maker. I know my girlfriend treated  
15 me to La Sur at the Mall and we did this  
16 cooking class and it's expensive. And I  
17 would much rather give my money to the  
18 College than the Mall.

19 DR. RIOS: We are happy to hear these  
20 things. We agree. So we have our work cut  
21 out for us.

22 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Something we can work on.

23 DR. RIOS: Thank you. Thank you so much.

24 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Thank you.

25 Next up is Dr. Adams is going to



1 activities.

2 Another aspect was the President  
3 creating a College-wide committee on  
4 diversity, chaired by Carol  
5 Wickliffe-Campbell and Christina Vargas.  
6 And also connected with our Achieving the  
7 Dream focus of connecting and supporting our  
8 African American students both part time and  
9 full time. So the Center is going to come  
10 and Renee and Jill are going to talk a lot  
11 about the activity that's happened over the  
12 last year.

13 We have among you on the Board of  
14 Trustees a Board of Director, Gemma  
15 DeLeon-Lopresti is one of the Board of  
16 Directors of the Center now is part of the  
17 Center, sits on the Board of Directors is  
18 your connect to the Center. But I'm very  
19 happy that Renee and Jill and of course  
20 Professor Banks, what they have done  
21 throughout the last year, especially of  
22 what's happening around our nation and what  
23 our country I think it's even more important  
24 and prominent to have Center for Social  
25 Justice that can speak of the injustices

1                   that are happening not just in the region,  
2                   the state, but throughout the country.

3                   And I'm very happy that the focus  
4                   we have in our undocumented Task Force. We  
5                   have an LGBTQ+ Task Force as well that works  
6                   very prominently with the Center. And very  
7                   happy to introduce our Executive Director of  
8                   our Center, Renee Ortiz. Renee.

9 MS. ORTIZ:                   Thank you so much for having us.  
10                   We just want to give you a very brief  
11                   overview of some of the activities that we  
12                   have had over the last year. We were very  
13                   busy. We jumped in full steam once the  
14                   change occurred at the Center. And we had a  
15                   very vibrant amount of activities. And we  
16                   have great plans to reproduce several of  
17                   those and add more in the new academic year  
18                   so we'll share some of that with you now.

19                   So first as Dr. Adams mentioned,  
20                   the Undocumented Student Task Force was  
21                   formed a few years ago informally by several  
22                   concerned staff and faculty who had been  
23                   meeting regularly to discuss concerns around  
24                   our growing undocumented student population.  
25                   And that Task Force was formalized and now

1 runs under the oversight of the Center.

2 And we have run several -- you  
3 know, the main focus of the Task Force is  
4 just to see what the needs are of our  
5 undocumented students to create a safe space  
6 for them to be able to share any issues or  
7 concerns they have. And to make sure that  
8 they we can support them and keep them  
9 enrolled and help them succeed academically.

10 We have had several trainings  
11 around the changes in legislation that have  
12 occurred that impact our students. And we  
13 have done workshops for both faculty, staff  
14 and students alike and will continue to do  
15 these type of trainings. And we have also  
16 had many collaborations with other community  
17 organizations and local officials.

18 We were able to facilitate  
19 meetings with immigration and immigrant  
20 advocates and our fairly new Suffolk County  
21 Sheriff. He's not that new any more I  
22 guess, he's been in a few months now. But  
23 also our new Suffolk County Police  
24 Commissioner. We just held a meeting last  
25 week and were able to to facilitate a



1 meeting with her and our un -- and our  
2 immigrant advocates within the community.

3 MS. SANTIAGO: Embracing our Differences is an  
4 annual art exhibit that we run. We actually  
5 just recognized our artist last week in our  
6 11 exhibit. So it is an exhibit that is run  
7 with open to students, to amateur and to  
8 professional artists who submit their work  
9 all the around the theme of diversity and  
10 acceptance.

11 And then we have a panel of  
12 curators who select about 30 images that are  
13 blown up onto billboard size work and  
14 displayed that way. What we have done the  
15 last couple of years is reproduce those  
16 images on smaller four foot by five foot  
17 banners that are traveling all over the  
18 County. They are in schools, in libraries  
19 and in various community organizations. So  
20 it's been one of the ways that we have been  
21 able to really be visible in a community.

22 So tunnel of Oppression is a  
23 nationally recognized event that the College  
24 has supported over the last two years and  
25 the Center has really overseen. So this is

1 a multisensory, interactive exhibit that is  
2 meant to tackle some of the most difficult  
3 and complex issues that our communities and  
4 people are facing.

5 The purpose is really to  
6 demonstrate what the concepts of privilege  
7 and power and look like and also highlight  
8 the realities and experiences of  
9 marginalized communities who are facing  
10 oppression due to systemic oppression. So,  
11 two years ago the event was hosted by the  
12 Ammerman Campus.

13 We saw about a thousand students  
14 come through the exhibit. Last academic  
15 year, just the past academic year the  
16 Eastern Campus we saw over 300 students  
17 attend. It's a really powerful exhibit,  
18 very moving, very labor intensive. Just to  
19 give you a sense, it will take place in  
20 April of 2019 but we're already working with  
21 the Grant Campus faculty who will be hosting  
22 it next year. So very labor intensive but  
23 very worthwhile program.

24 MS. ORTIZ: So our Presidential Lecture  
25 Series has been reinvigorated and the Center

1                   was asked to oversee the facilitation of  
2                   this series. Many of you may have attended  
3                   last academic year. Our keynote, our  
4                   lecturer was Ndaba Mandela, the grandson of  
5                   the late Nelson Mandela. And it was an  
6                   amazing -- an amazing event. We had a  
7                   wonderful time.

8                   You can tell by this picture that  
9                   Mr. Mandela was a very very fun and down to  
10                  earth guest and we enjoyed his company a  
11                  great deal. And we thought -- we got a lot of  
12                  positive feedback from his lecture. And  
13                  we are currently working to finalize the  
14                  next lecture series this academic year. We  
15                  are currently really, really having a  
16                  vibrant social media presence.

17                 I took this photo, I'm very proud  
18                 to say. Victoria is not here, I wanted to  
19                 see what her opinion was. But, I caught  
20                 this shot. This was at our our last  
21                 graduation and at our last commencement  
22                 exercise. And we have just been posting so  
23                 so regularly, daily on our social media,  
24                 both FaceBook and Instagram and we're trying  
25                 to get our Twitter up and going.

1                   But this has helped us  
2                   tremendously as we transition our website  
3                   which we are in the process of doing thanks  
4                   to Mary Lou's office. And we have been  
5                   working with Drew Biondo on -- I'm sorry,  
6                   not drew Biondo, Drew Fawcett on that. And  
7                   our social media has really really boosted  
8                   our presence, not just College wide but in  
9                   the community among younger students. We  
10                  feel that it's not only a way to promote  
11                  the -- not only a way to promote the Center  
12                  but it's an enrollment -- an enrollment tool  
13                  for us as well.

14                 Because we have so many young  
15                 high school and middle school students  
16                 reaching out. We have gotten private  
17                 messages from students saying we can't wait  
18                 to come to Suffolk because we want to be  
19                 part of the Center, we want to get involved.

20                 So social media has really been a  
21                 great tool for us. Here you see we are  
22                 trying to promote Ally of the Month. So we  
23                 started with some of our student leaders  
24                 here at Suffolk but what we would like to do  
25                 is encourage middle school and high school

1 students to participate in some of our ally  
2 projects where you support a cause that the  
3 Center is supporting and then we promote you  
4 on social media as Ally of the Month. So  
5 this has been -- so far it's been pretty  
6 successful and we're going to try and push  
7 to get some younger students engaged.

8 MS. SANTIAGO: Vote Everywhere is a program that  
9 we're just beginning to implement at the  
10 College and it's an outcome of a  
11 relationship that we have built with Stony  
12 Brook University. Stony Brook University  
13 has been working with the Andrew Goodman  
14 Foundation since about 2014. And part of  
15 the Foundation's mission is to increase  
16 civic learning.

17 And a big part of their focus is  
18 on voter registration, getting students  
19 registered to vote. Stony Brook has seen  
20 incredible success. They are registering  
21 about almost 100 percent of their incoming  
22 freshman, and of those they are registering,  
23 the 2016, election they had 86 percent voter  
24 turnout. That was the highest in the  
25 nation.

1                                   So what we're looking to do  
2                                   through the Center and through our  
3                                   collaboration with them is to model some of  
4                                   what they are doing as a way to not only get  
5                                   our students registered to vote but also to  
6                                   get them engaged. Because a lot of the  
7                                   programming that we're doing, as you just  
8                                   saw on the previous slide with our students,  
9                                   they are getting engaged and they do want to  
10                                  express their voice and their opinions.

11                                 And if we are not giving them the  
12                                 opportunity to register to vote and exercise  
13                                 that right, you know, some of this work is  
14                                 for nothing. So that's something that we're  
15                                 really excited about.

16   MS. ORTIZ:                   And this is a College wide thing  
17                                   that we're collaborating with various  
18                                   departments throughout the College.

19   MS. SANTIAGO:               Yes.

20   MS. ORTIZ:                   Throughout the College and we're  
21                                   grateful for their support as well.

22                                 So our Equal Justice for All  
23                                 series launched last academic year we had a  
24                                 lot of input from students who were  
25                                 expressing concerns over some social issues

1           going on. I know there was a lot of things  
2           that were very sensitive and controversial  
3           but yet needed -- students felt they needed  
4           a platform or a place where they can safely  
5           discuss these things and have open dialogue.

6                         In collaboration with our office  
7           of multicultural affairs, Dr. Banks is in  
8           the back, we were able to launch this  
9           series. This is just an example of some of  
10          the programs that fell under that series.  
11          We had a viewing of segments of the film  
12          13th, the documentary 13th which is about  
13          the over incarceration, the mass  
14          incarceration of African American males and  
15          Latino males.

16                         And we had a panel discussion  
17          afterwards and our panel -- we had a very  
18          distinguished panel and an amazing  
19          conversation of local law enforcement  
20          officials and community advocates to discuss  
21          ways that we can make changes to this -- on  
22          this issue. And we also had a screening of  
23          the film Strong Island. It was academy  
24          award nominated documentary and the film  
25          creator and the director Yance Ford is a

1 Central Islip native and was so amazing to  
2 come and have a post viewing discussion  
3 about the -- what he believes to be the  
4 unjust murder of his brother in 1992 I  
5 believe.

6 That there was never any charges  
7 or any type of justice for the family in  
8 this situation. And how he felt his brother  
9 was criminalized in his own murder. But if  
10 you haven't seen the documentary I impress  
11 upon you greatly to see both Strong Island  
12 and 13tm they are available on Netflix. But  
13 these were very powerful, powerful programs  
14 that we held an well attended.

15 MS. SANTIAGO: The Center is very engaged with  
16 the College's LGBTQ+ Task Force and we work  
17 in partnership with them in various ways.  
18 But most specifically, Renee and I are  
19 working with a subcommittee of the Task  
20 Force who is working to provide training for  
21 faculty for Safer Spaces Programs as a way  
22 to support our LGBTQ students.

23 MS. ORTIZ: So, we had some student leaders  
24 come to us and they said, we're not sure but  
25 we think this is the place we should be.



1 We're really concerned about the gun  
2 violence prevention issue and all these  
3 school shootings. And they asked if we can  
4 help support them in using their voice and  
5 creating some forums for students to speak  
6 out on this issue.

7 And really I have to be very  
8 honest, although we supported them and  
9 helped them to reserve space and organize a  
10 bit, these student leaders that you see here  
11 they are just -- Joseph and Sabrina are  
12 just -- Sabrina actually just graduated but  
13 we have Joseph for a little longer and we  
14 are holding tight because they are amazing  
15 leaders in this area.

16 And as a result of the forums  
17 they held to speak out on gun violence  
18 prevention, they have now decided they want  
19 to create a College wide social justice  
20 club. And the amount of collaboration what  
21 I saw, which is something that's always been  
22 challenging for us being a three campus  
23 College, that collaboration among the  
24 students College wide was just amazing. And  
25 I think it was a very uniting issue. And

1                   they worked so great together. And we  
2                   really didn't have to do a lot because these  
3                   are true natural born leaders you're looking  
4                   at here. But we were happy to help host and  
5                   guide them in any way they needed. So this  
6                   is just another example of what the Center  
7                   is inspiring among our students.

8                                 Another series that we launched  
9                   last academic year was our Indigenous People  
10                  Series. We had a few programs that we're  
11                  going continue the series again this coming  
12                  academic year. These are just some examples  
13                  of the programs we ran. We did a viewing of  
14                  the documentary Unseen Tears which was about  
15                  the -- I'm sorry, the boarding schools, the  
16                  Native American boarding schools, the Native  
17                  American children back in the 30s and 40s.

18                                There were boarding schools here  
19                  in New York State. There were several up in  
20                  the northeast and in the midwest. But we  
21                  had a panel discussion with several of our  
22                  local -- some of our local native nations.  
23                  We had panelists who spoke about the lasting  
24                  impact of these boarding schools and how it  
25                  has generationally effected the Native

1 communities among us.

2 In addition we did a viewing of  
3 the film Dakota 38 which was about the mass  
4 execution of several -- of 38 Native  
5 American leaders in -- up in the Dakotas in  
6 1862. And we had a post film panel  
7 discussion there too. And lastly we had a  
8 art display in our art gallery in  
9 Southampton Building, the Flecker Gallery.

10 Jeremy Native -- Jeremy Dennis is  
11 a photographer from the Shinnecock Nation.  
12 And his work has been acclaimed nationally.  
13 And we had a display of his work and we had  
14 an amazing reception for him when he  
15 released some new -- some new pieces. We  
16 have some of his brochures available at the  
17 Center as well. But you can find him on  
18 social media and he stays engaged in the  
19 Center going forward and we hope we can get  
20 him back next academic year.

21 MS. SANTIAGO: Unity Day is an annual event that  
22 we host in collaboration the Suffolk County  
23 Anti-bias Task Force. This event gathers  
24 middle school and high school students from  
25 across the County, from, you know, as far

1 west as Wyandanch and far east as East  
2 Hampton. We had as many as 600 -- over 600  
3 students attend. But every year without  
4 fail we fill the Van Nostrand Theatre. So  
5 the day that students attend this event,  
6 they hear keynote speakers. They attend  
7 various workshops. They see performances  
8 from high school theatre groups that are  
9 always very, very powerful.

10 In the past we have done themes  
11 like the power of words and symbols. Last  
12 year our theme was Being the Other. And this  
13 year for 2019 the committee just met and  
14 decided that our theme is going to be about  
15 mental health and wellness. So these  
16 programs are always great. The kids are  
17 always really excited.

18 It's wonderful that we're  
19 educating our youth, you know, and meeting  
20 middle school and high school students, but  
21 in addition to that as Renee mentioned with  
22 our social media, it's really getting  
23 students interested in the College. Because  
24 for a lot of these students, the first time  
25 that they are visiting a College campus is

1                   when their bus pulls up and they're dropped  
2                   off for Unity Day. So it also helps in  
3                   terms if recruitment and enrollment.

4                                 So our tours of the Holocaust  
5                   collection are really very fundamental to  
6                   the work that we do. As much of our work is  
7                   really anchored in the lessons of the  
8                   Holocaust. So every semester or every  
9                   academic year I should say we have roughly  
10                  700, 800 students coming through the Center.  
11                  These students are made up of various age  
12                  groups, right?

13                                So we have college classes coming  
14                  in, a lot of college seminar students come  
15                  in, psychology, journalism students who all  
16                  come with their professors. But then in  
17                  addition to that we also have various middle  
18                  school and high schools from the surrounding  
19                  area from the local communities who visit us  
20                  on an annual basis.

21                                So, typically those visits are  
22                  part of a larger program where we invite a  
23                  Holocaust survivor to be a part of the day  
24                  and share their experiences with our  
25                  students, which is so critical as our

1 Holocaust survivors are getting on in age.

2 So in addition to our Holocaust  
3 collection, we also maintain a smaller  
4 collection of slavery artifacts the Dr. Jim  
5 Banks is working to develop and to expand  
6 this summer. So if anybody has an interest  
7 in that and would like to assist, please, we  
8 would ask you see to Jim if you have an  
9 interest in that.

10 MS. ORTIZ: So another thing we have had, we  
11 have been so excited about is our expanded  
12 relationship with the Suffolk County Police  
13 Department. The Police Department reached  
14 out to us several months after learning  
15 about the new expanded role of the Center  
16 and asked if we could put a subcommittee  
17 together to critique an implicit bias  
18 training that they were putting together for  
19 their recruits.

20 And we did take a subcommittee of  
21 our advisory committee into the Police  
22 Academy to review and critique this  
23 training. This training is critical because  
24 as most of you may know, our Police  
25 Department has been under some -- some very

1                   very -- a very strong microscope since a  
2                   Department of Justice memorandum had been  
3                   enforced to start doing more intense  
4                   training to prevent hate crimes and internal  
5                   discrimination within the Force.

6                                 So, we are going to be working  
7                   regularly with them on these trainings.  
8                   Several of us in that subcommittee --  
9                   Dr. Banks again, I keep brining him up, he  
10                  was involved with that as well. We will be  
11                  meeting with them over the summer to discuss  
12                  now how they can bring us in to participate  
13                  in those trainings to help in their recruits  
14                  as well.

15                                So we're excited about that. And  
16                  also additionally, we found out that the  
17                  Police Department had been taking their  
18                  recruits to the Nassau County Holocaust  
19                  Center for -- as part of their training  
20                  program. And we were like, why are you  
21                  bringing them to Nassau? You have a center  
22                  here in your backyard? And not to mention  
23                  your Academy is located at the College.

24                                So we are now in the process of  
25                  forming a more tailored training for them so





1                   their age is growing and we don't know how  
2                   much longer we'll have them with us. So we  
3                   were lucky enough to obtain a grant and we  
4                   worked with a local documentary filmmaker,  
5                   an Emmy nominated filmmaker Steve Taub who  
6                   was the able to video with his crew hours  
7                   and hours of testimony from our five  
8                   survivors and their stories from the  
9                   Holocaust.

10                                   And we ever those stories now  
11                   available on digital touchscreen monitors at  
12                   the Center where when we do tours or when we  
13                   have students drop in, they can actually  
14                   peruse through the collection of oral  
15                   testimonies and pick chapters of each of our  
16                   survivor's lives and view them and listen.

17                                   So our next stage that we are  
18                   working with Mr. Taub is to try and condense  
19                   those testimonies into a 58 minute PBS style  
20                   documentary for publication. So we're  
21                   working on trying to build some resources  
22                   and find some grant funding to support that.  
23                   But I'll leave you -- before we close, I'll  
24                   leave you with the trailer from the  
25                   testimonies of the footage.

1 [WHEREUPON THE TRAILER WAS PLAYED AND  
2 VIEWED].

3 MS. ORTIZ: I'm sorry, I'm getting a little  
4 emotional.

5 CHAIR SANDERS: That's excellent.

6 MS. ORTIZ: Thank you, everyone, for your  
7 time. I might add that that testimony is a  
8 little too timely right now, but...

9 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes.

10 TRUSTEE MORGO: Yes. We were just saying.

11 MS. ORTIZ: But we'll leave with you, we just  
12 put this flier together for you. Like I  
13 said, working with Mary Lou's office to  
14 finalize our website and then we can  
15 formalize a brochure as well. And here are  
16 some numbers just so you can see attendance  
17 and participation in some of the programs.  
18 If there's a line through it, it was  
19 cancelled or rescheduled. So I'll leave  
20 these for you.

21 And thank you so much. And we  
22 appreciate working with you in the future.  
23 And if anyone has any referrals or interest  
24 in us doing something along with the VOT,  
25 please let us know. Thank you.

1 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. We look forward to  
2 our retreat this year with your team again.

3 TRUSTEE CANARY: Renee, thank you. It's very,  
4 very refreshing to the Board to see such  
5 great amount of work in a short period of  
6 time, just a couple of years ago it was a,  
7 you know, like an afterthought. And now to  
8 see how you have expanded the program and  
9 delving into all these other areas, very,  
10 very appreciated. Thank you.

11 MS. ORTIZ: And I -- just to add one last  
12 thing. I mean, we really love what we do  
13 but we could not do what we do without the  
14 support of the Administration and all of  
15 you. And I am just -- there's no words for  
16 the level of support that we receive working  
17 under Student Affairs and Dr. McKay's  
18 foresight, the vision he had with this, with  
19 the Center. I just can't -- I wouldn't be  
20 able to do and neither would Jim or Jill or  
21 the rest of our team, what we do without  
22 that level of support. And the level of  
23 support has been endless. So thank you for  
24 that.

25 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Thank you, Renee. Thank

1                   you, Jill. And thank you Dr. Rios. And  
2                   that concludes the President's report,  
3                   Madame Chair.

4 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you very much, Lou. We're  
5                   going to move to the election of Board  
6                   Officers. And I'll hand it over to Trustee  
7                   Gemma.

8 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI:   Okay. We have a slate of  
9                   Trustees who have expressed a desire to  
10                  serve as officers for the 2018-2019 academic  
11                  year. They are Trustees Theresa Sanders for  
12                  Chair, Jim Morgo for Vice Chair and Gordon  
13                  Canary for secretary.

14 MR. PETRIZZO:                   Madame Chair, since there's no  
15                  contest, I would suggest that a motion can  
16                  be made and seconded and voted on to elect  
17                  those individuals to office for the 18-19  
18                  year.

19 TRUSTEE BOST:                   I'll make the motion.

20 CHAIR SANDERS:                  Thank you, Jerome.

21 TRUSTEE MURRAY:                Second.

22 CHAIR SANDERS:                  Second.

23                                   Okay.

24                                   All in favor?

25                                   Any opposed?

1 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
2 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

3 Okay. Congratulations. Here we  
4 go again. Okay. But it's exciting. This  
5 is the energy when we see all the great  
6 stuff happening, it has nothing to do with  
7 me, believe me, I do my best.

8 TRUSTEE MORGO: Do you remember what you said  
9 when you took over as Chair? Thank you for  
10 the passing of the torch, or the hand  
11 grenade.

12 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes. We don't have grenades  
13 anymore. We have moved past that, land  
14 mines maybe, but...

15 TRUSTEE CANARY: Off the record.

16 [WHEREUPON A DISCUSSION WAS HELD OFF THE  
17 RECORD].

18 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you again for your  
19 confidence in our executive team and Jim and  
20 Gordon and I look forward to serving with  
21 you again and with all of our Trustees.  
22 Thank you so much. We have got some work to  
23 do. We'll move to the round table.

24 TRUSTEE MORGO: Okay. First of all, I wanted to  
25 congratulate, thank yourself, Madame

1                   Chairwoman and Lou for the two presentations  
2                   today. They were as relevant and  
3                   interesting as we have had in a long time so  
4                   thank you for that.

5                                 And also while I was sitting  
6                   here, I was thinking more about the  
7                   operating budget for 18-19. And I was going  
8                   to say that I don't really believe in spin  
9                   anymore. I'm out of government. And I hope  
10                  I didn't indicate by the fact that we didn't  
11                  get the four percent from the legislature,  
12                  which we should have gotten, that the two  
13                  point five was a huge disappointment.

14                                The only thing I keep on my mind  
15                  is we have to make up over a half million  
16                  dollars, \$636,000, so it's hard to get  
17                  excited and still have that hope. But that  
18                  doesn't in anyway disparage the great work  
19                  that Lou, Ben, Gail and everybody else did  
20                  and we have to keep it so...

21                                But it's a balance, it's a  
22                  nuance. I was going to say I don't believe  
23                  in spin anymore and I don't have to because  
24                  I'm out of government, but Gordon who is  
25                  still in government just made a comment that

1                   that had no spin in it in at all, so...

2                                 And a couple of things I want to  
3                   emphasize. And I was thinking about this.  
4                   We would not have had the two point five if  
5                   the Budget and Finance Committee and you had  
6                   not recommended four percent. Those of you  
7                   who were at the Budget and Finance Committee  
8                   remember we debated whether we wanted to do  
9                   that or not, whether we thought it was  
10                  unrealistic to ask for four percent. Well,  
11                  it's very good that we did.

12                                The other thing that came up  
13                  during the meeting with Dr. Rios and some of  
14                  the other comments, if you and I hope you  
15                  all have, have talked to the Legislators  
16                  about the budget, you'll get -- I get  
17                  anyway, but you are always hiring new staff.  
18                  And you're always going and building new  
19                  buildings. And you're always asking for  
20                  more money. That's one hand.

21                                On the other hand, we get  
22                  increased enrollment. And we heard from  
23                  Chris there's a nine point eight percent  
24                  drop. That gave me some shivers. But when  
25                  we heard from Dr. Rios, we heard about

1                   increased enrollment. So they are not  
2                   mutually exclusive. It would be nice if  
3                   everything was simple and straightforward,  
4                   it isn't.

5                                 So we have to keep those in mind.  
6                   I know we talked about this particularly  
7                   with State formula, we lose kids -- we lose  
8                   students, we lose aid. So we have to keep  
9                   pushing the enrollment. So these are all  
10                   things that I just wanted -- I know, I  
11                   indicated some of this previously but I  
12                   wanted to get back to it, so. We should  
13                   have an interesting Budget and Finance  
14                   Committee. That's all.

15 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you. So you'll be working  
16                   diligently in July and --

17 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   Well, hopefully just once in  
18                   July.

19 CHAIR SANDERS:                   You'll earn a gift certificate to  
20                   the Culinary's night out and -- but thank  
21                   you very much. Any other roundtable?

22 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:       On the same note of enrollment, I  
23                   just wanted to report back to my fellow  
24                   Trustees, we had talked about the conference  
25                   for kids that Eastern Suffolk BOCES wanted



1 to host on our campus and there was a whole  
2 rental issue that took place and we were  
3 able to work with them, thank you, Lou.

4 They were sending me pictures all  
5 day long of kids in astronaut uniforms and  
6 owls and tarantulas. At the end of the two  
7 days, we had 500 middle school students on  
8 the Eastern Campus. So I think we don't  
9 want -- we want to always remember that. We  
10 don't want to cut off our nose to spite our  
11 face went and remember our partners to  
12 education so that we continuously bring  
13 young students to our campuses.

14 CHAIR SANDERS: Great. Glad that worked out.

15 Any other roundtable items?

16 I have one, just to remind  
17 everyone, today is the longest day, not just  
18 seasonally but it is the Alzheimer's Day.  
19 So take a moment, make a donation. It is a  
20 debilitating disease. And I just read a  
21 statistic this morning that for women over  
22 50, the potential for them to become  
23 inflicted with Alzheimer's is now one in  
24 six. So that has surpassed breast cancer as  
25 a debilitating disease, particularly for

1 women.

2 So we need to take a look at  
3 that, encourage research. There's lots of  
4 things online today, so take a moment and  
5 let's try to find a cure.

6 Is there any other roundtable?

7 No, okay. So I would like to request a  
8 motion to enter into executive session which  
9 we don't have any executive session --

10 MS. O'CONNOR: We do.

11 CHAIR SANDERS: So I will take a motion to enter  
12 into executive session to discuss the  
13 medical, financial, credit or employment  
14 history of a particular College employee,  
15 and to discuss the potential settlement of a  
16 legal dispute involving the Culinary Center.  
17 And after that there will be no further  
18 business discussed.

19 TRUSTEE MORGO: Motion.

20 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Second.

21 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

22 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
23 VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE MEETING OF THE  
24 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY  
25 COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAS CLOSED BY THE CHAIR,

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