

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 FEBRUARY, 2019 AT 4:06 P.M., AT
SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GRANT
CAMPUS, LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER, BOARD
ROOM, BRENTWOOD, NEW YORK.

PRESENT:

SHAUN MCKAY, President (NOT PRESENT)
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GEMMA DELOEN-LOPRESTI, Trustee
E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Trustee
KEVIN M. O'CONNOR, Trustee
BELINDA PAGDANGANAN, Trustee
JEROME BOST, Student Trustee
THERESA SANDERS, Trustee/Chairperson
JAMES MORGO, Trustee/Vice Chairperson

LOU PETRIZZO, ESQ., Executive Vice
President / General Counsel

1 CHAIR SANDERS: I would like the call the Board
2 of Trustees Meeting to order. Please stand
3 for the Pledge.

4 [AFTER RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF
5 ALLEGIANCE, THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
6 TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY
7 COLLEGE WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR,
8 THERESA A. SANDERS, AT 4:06 P.M.]

9 TRUSTEE CANARY: Cab I ask everybody to remain
10 standing for a moment of silence. We just
11 lost New York PD Detective Brian Simonsen.
12 He was laid to rest yesterday. He was a
13 Suffolk County resident having lived in
14 Calverton. A prayer for his soul, his
15 family, friends and fellow NYPD officers.
16 (Whereupon a moment was held for NYPD
17 Detective Brian Simonsen.)

18 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you.

19 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Trustee Canary.

20 Are there any guests?

21 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: We have many distinguished guest,
22 Madam Chairman, but I don't think any that
23 need formal introduction.

24 TRUSTEE BOST: Yes. I would like to take this
25 opportunity to recognize the Student

1 Government Association President from the
2 Grant Campus who is here with us as well as
3 the student leader. Can you remind me of
4 your name again, sir?

5 MR. CARRIS: Sam Carris (phonetic).

6 TRUSTEE BOST: Thank you so much for being here
7 with us today.

8 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. I would like to
9 request a motion the adjourn the Board of
10 Trustees Meeting and call the Board of
11 Directors meeting to order.

12 TRUSTEE MURRAY: So moved.

13 TRUSTEE CANARY: Second.

14 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

15 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS
16 VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
17 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:07 P.M. AND
18 RECONVENED AT 4:17 P.M.]

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1 CHAIR SANDERS: We're sitting again as the Board
2 of Trustees.

3 I'll request a motion for the
4 approval of the minutes of the January 17,
5 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting.

6 TRUSTEE CANARY: So moved.

7 TRUSTEE MURRAY: Second.

8 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

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

11 Thank you. I would like to
12 introduce Vice President of Business and
13 Financial Affairs, Gail Vizzini, to present
14 the College Budget and College Financial
15 records.

16 VICE PRESIDENT VIZZINI: Thank you, Chair Sanders.

17 Everyone has copies of the monthly revenue
18 and expenditure projections for 18-19.
19 These expenditure projections go through
20 January 31, 2018. They are pretty much
21 consistent with my previous reports. We are
22 projecting a revenue shortfall of \$4 million
23 in the current year's budget. Three point
24 three of that is tuition, the remainder is
25 primarily fees.

1 We will have a better idea by mid
2 March how the -- not only the Spring
3 enrollment but the the high school and
4 Deacon programs, how they may impact the
5 revenue picture. We continue to monitor our
6 expenditures to make sure that we can
7 mitigate this shortfall.

8 If you recall, I reported
9 previously that the College has implemented
10 electronic distribution of financial aid and
11 refunds. We have a partnership with Bank
12 Mobile and I want to thank Dr. Adams and
13 Vice President Araneo for the cooperation of
14 their staff to get the marketing aspect and
15 the final messaging out.

16 But we are fully operational with
17 this. The next major distribution will be
18 early March, the PELL Grants will be
19 disseminated. The protocol is that if a
20 student has not already signed up for
21 electronic refunds or opted in, they'll
22 first get an e-mail from Bank Mobile
23 reminding of them of the opportunity to get
24 it fairly instantaneously in an electronic
25 transfer. Given the opportunity to sign up

1 again. As soon as they do that, they'll get
2 it electronically. The default would be the
3 manual check process.

4 The college also has -- the
5 outside auditors have finished their audit.
6 They're finalizing a financial statement.
7 When they are finalized, we will forward
8 them to for your review with the expectation
9 that you will vote on them for the March
10 cycle. As you know, the College is a
11 component unit of the County, so the County
12 is awaiting our approved financial
13 statements so they can complete their own.

14 Included in your packet, I just
15 wanted to highlight you have the College's
16 capital program request to the County. It
17 includes the continuation of five point one
18 million dollars in 2019 and 2020 for our
19 capital infrastructure project. It also
20 includes the Workforce Development Technical
21 Center expansion in 2020 and the Automotive
22 Technology Center planning in 2022 and
23 construction anticipated in subsequent
24 years.

25 As far as the 2019-2020 operating

1 budget process, all the college departments
2 have submitted their budget requests for
3 19-20. Currently the Budget and Finance
4 Subcommittee is working on reviewing the
5 2019-2020 budget gap and determining what
6 assumptions are necessary to close that gap.

7 A few resolutions with financial
8 impact that are before you; Resolution
9 Number One is the monthly sponsor services
10 payment for health insurance. The bill is
11 two point eight million dollars, less the
12 \$305,000 credit for Medicare reimbursement.
13 Therefore, you would be authorizing a
14 payment of two point five million dollars.

15 The budget transfers are in Item
16 2, consist of \$76,000 transferred within
17 academic affairs. That's for their portion
18 of the SUNY System Services bill. And the
19 second one is transferring funds already in
20 the operating budget but to the replacement
21 computer category so we can address the need
22 the replace aging computers.

23 And the final comment is Item
24 Three is grant for tuition assistance,
25 \$244,114 from the New York State Department

1 of Health, specifically for healthcare
2 workers trained as LPNs. It's to offset
3 their tuition costs.

4 TRUSTEE MORGO: Gail, did you of -- you may have.
5 I might have missed it. Did you mention the
6 total cost of the capital programs we are
7 requesting?

8 VICE PRESIDENT VIZZINI: I did not.

9 TRUSTEE MORGO: Do you know what is?

10 VICE PRESIDENT VIZZINI: No, I don't.

11 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: There's no new money.

12 TRUSTEE MORGO: No new money?

13 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: No.

14 TRUSTEE MORGO: It's all a continuation?

15 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: It's all a continuation. We're
16 asking for the advancement of some programs
17 a year earlier than the County had --

18 TRUSTEE MORGO: Okay. So no new buildings. I
19 think that's good considering our coming
20 negotiations with our County and State
21 partners.

22 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Yes.

23 TRUSTEE CANARY: Automotive Tech, that's not new?

24 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: No. That was in. It was in for
25 subsequent years. Auto Tech went in last

1 year for subsequent years.

2 TRUSTEE CANARY: Okay.

3 VICE PRESIDENT VIZZINI: Yes.

4 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: I think you have to remember that
5 the County Capital Program is a planning
6 document not a funding document, so...

7 TRUSTEE MORGO: Three years, yes.

8 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: It's in for planning, it hasn't
9 been approved for funding.

10 TRUSTEE CANARY: Gail, before you sit down. I
11 probably should have posed this question to
12 Dr. Adams but I'll hit you up with it. So
13 when I reviewed the audit document for the
14 Foundation --

15 VICE PRESIDENT VIZZINI: You mean the Association?

16 TRUSTEE CANARY: The Association.

17 So all the funds that are taken
18 in, I assume this is invested and this is
19 the money we give out for the various
20 scholarships and whatnot, where is that
21 accounted for? Because I didn't see that in
22 the documents.

23 VICE PRESIDENT VIZZINI: The Foundation is the source of
24 the scholarship funds.

25 TRUSTEE CANARY: Right. I'm mixing Foundation

1 with Association.

2 VICE PRESIDENT VIZZINI: I don't recall if you adopted
3 the -- you wouldn't adopt the
4 Foundation's --

5 TRUSTEE CANARY: Yes. Never mind. I'm --

6 VICE PRESIDENT VIZZINI: But the Foundation and the
7 Association are going to be shown on the
8 College's financial statements. There will
9 be three columns, the College and one column
10 for each of those entities. The scholarship
11 money is a passthrough to the student. It
12 will show on the Foundation's financial
13 statements. Things like the PELL Grant and
14 the TAP Grants are not part of the College
15 operating budget.

16 They will show on the financial
17 statements but they don't do anything for
18 our budget other than fact that in most
19 cases they offset tuition and fees which
20 then comes as revenue to the College.

21 TRUSTEE CANARY: Okay. Thank you.

22 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Gail, may I see you for a second?
23 I just need a minute.

24 [WHEREUPON A DISCUSSION WAS HELD
25 OFF THE RECORD.]

1 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Gail, there's a scrivener's error
2 in Item Number One on the amount approving
3 monthly sponsored services that is the
4 resolution we're addressing. The resolved
5 clause has an amount of 2,638,443.35. That
6 should be corrected to two million
7 2,573,299.45.

8 CHAIR SANDERS: Okay. For the month of January?

9 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Correct.

10 VICE PRESIDENT VIZZINI: Just one final comment, when you
11 do receive the financial statements or
12 notifications that they are posted to the
13 portal, if you have any questions, if you
14 want to e-mail me those questions so that we
15 are prepared with answers. And
16 representatives from the outside audit
17 company Bonadilla (phonetic) will be at the
18 March meeting in the event that -- he'll
19 provide an overview, but in the event that
20 you have any questions.

21 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thanks, Gail.

22 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much, Gail.

23 Okay. I would like to request a
24 motion for the approval of those
25 resolutions, Number 2019.06 to 2019.12.

1 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: So moved.

2 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Motion.

3 TRUSTEE MORGO: Second.

4 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

5 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS
6 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

7 Okay. Let's move to the
8 Committee Reports. Moving to Committee
9 Reports we'll start with you Jerome, Student
10 Trustee.

11 TRUSTEE BOST: Chair Sanders, Members of the
12 Board, from time to time I think it's
13 important that, you know, I share with my
14 colleagues some of the other students that
15 partner with me in their advocacy efforts as
16 the representatives for the students college
17 wide. With that said, I'm going to bring
18 Kristen, the SGA President for Grant Campus
19 to come up and share some of the things that
20 she has been working on and partner
21 together.

22 MS. QUERE: You guys don't hear from the
23 Student Government often so I'm excited to
24 be here. And just to give a little update
25 of what we have done this year. We focus a

1 lot on food service, that's always a huge
2 one. We wanted to cater to the convenience
3 for the students and with that we have had
4 success on getting vending machines on
5 campus specifically in Captree, might be
6 shop, but, you know, for whenever the
7 building is closed and food service is not
8 available, vending machines are of service
9 to the students.

10 Also we have successfully gotten
11 a microwave into Captree last year and we're
12 working on HVAC this year, there's just some
13 Fire Marshal codes that we're working
14 through right now. Also student government
15 this year wanted to -- when I stepped into
16 the presidency, I really wanted to work on
17 communication and professionalism and a
18 vision for student government. We did that
19 through implementing an application and an
20 interview process in order to be a part of
21 the leadership team.

22 From that the membership has
23 grown like really -- it's been pretty good.
24 Last year I would say we had maybe like 10
25 members, this year we're rounding out about

1 30. So I'm very proud of that. And also we
2 wanted to work on communications between
3 student government leadership and to the
4 rest of the students. We have done that
5 through Blackboard. We created a community
6 page.

7 It's not really being utilized in
8 a way we wanted it to so we're working with
9 Shadi Gomez to hopefully switch over to
10 Microsoft 365 and I think that will be a
11 success. Also we have done a lot of campus
12 engagement this year. SUNY SA actually
13 awarded us a Civic Communication Award for
14 Community Colleges because of how active we
15 were in the midterm elections. We got a
16 nice cute little plaque that's hanging up in
17 the office. Very proud of that as well.

18 And then also I served on the
19 SUNY SA as the Deputy Director for Campus
20 Safety. So a little bit of things we have
21 done this year in the Campus Safety
22 committee is tele-counseling. So currently
23 in Governor Cuomo's budget he has taken out
24 the funding for the tele-counseling for
25 campuses who don't have adequate services,

1 that's not us, we've got good services here.

2 So we're trying to advocate it to
3 get it back into the budget. That's what
4 happened last year, it was out of the budget
5 and then last minute they put it back in.
6 Also Title IX, we have been proposing to get
7 Title IX subscripts into syllabi but that
8 was shot down so we're tweaking it and then
9 proposing it again for the SUNY SIEC.

10 Also something that I just got
11 passed weekend was my NARCAN resolution, all
12 campus public safety have NARCAN across the
13 SUNY board, that's through the Department of
14 Health. However, the resolution that I
15 passed last weekend was to get NARCAN into
16 all residence halls for SUNY. And that was
17 approved. It's also in Governor Cuomo's
18 executive budget, he will be presenting
19 that.

20 And there's also a senator from
21 the Albany area, I'm mispronouncing his
22 name, Senator Amedore, he wrote a bill in
23 2018 and it's still going through. So, you
24 know, with all the support that we have we
25 expect a great outcome from this. Thank you

1 CHAIR SANDERS: Congratulations. A lot of work.
2 Any questions?
3 TRUSTEE MORGO: Yes. What's your major?
4 MS. QUERE: My major is Criminal Justice.
5 TRUSTEE MORGO: Oh, because I was impressed that
6 you got the plural of syllabus correct.
7 MS. QUERE: I'm a grammar Nazi as well.
8 TRUSTEE MORGO: What would you say is the biggest
9 issues on campus are now?
10 MS. QUERE: The biggest issues on campus?
11 There are priorities that the student
12 government sees within ourselves because
13 were around more often around
14 administration, we see the problems from up
15 the top. But if I were to go to the regular
16 go to class and go home students, food
17 service is number one all the time.
18 TRUSTEE MORGO: Food services. I know on this
19 campus and on Selden, are they happy with
20 the services --
21 MS. QUERE: I would say there are some
22 services that students are more pleased than
23 others. I would like to save that for the
24 Food Service Committee.
25 TRUSTEE MORGO: Okay. Very wise.

1 MS. QUERE: Yes.

2 TRUSTEE MORGO: Well done.

3 MS. QUERE: Thank you very much.

4 CHAIR SANDERS: I see you have a legacy to join
5 our board eventually.

6 TRUSTEE BOST: Actually, we have a young man Sam
7 who is here to look at the way the Board is
8 structured in consideration for a run for
9 Student Trustee next semester, so...

10 TRUSTEE COVERDALE: All right.

11 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much.

12 TRUSTEE BOST: That concludes my report.

13 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much, Jerome. We
14 see that your engagement with the students
15 are always please. Do you want to talk a
16 little bit about Albany at all?

17 TRUSTEE BOST: I think Dr. Adams covered it up
18 for the most part.

19 CHAIR SANDERS: He was there. We'll just say
20 Jerome was there. He's everywhere.

21 Do we have a Foundation report?

22 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Yes. Christopher Williams,
23 Director of Development will give the
24 Foundation report.

25 MR. WILLIAMS: Dr. Adams, mentioned earlier the

1 the mens' basketball team. The Foundation
2 had a wonderful opportunity to start what we
3 think is a good tradition at the College,
4 the Battle of Long Island. So it was the
5 Suffolk County Sharks versus the Nassau
6 Community College Lions. And we split.
7 Their ladies Lions won, our mens' Sharks
8 won.

9 It was a wonderful evening. We
10 hosted a reception in the Alumni Room of the
11 gym on the Ammerman Campus. We had
12 volunteers, friends, family, faculty, folks
13 were involved. It was really superb. The
14 amount of energy that was in the room, I
15 think, in the gym that night, it was
16 overwhelming. It was really fabulous. I
17 think with your approval and consent we will
18 start this new tradition. And we will
19 defend ourselves with the Battle of Long
20 Island 2020. So we're ready to go.

21 So we we're celebrating a number
22 of new scholarships that have come in since
23 your last meeting. I'll mention three of
24 them, they are amazing. One is the Michael
25 Francis Cunningham Memorial Scholarship for

1 Student Veterans. Corporal Cunningham
2 volunteered during World World II. He
3 served as a machine gunner in Europe. He
4 was injured and captured during the Battle
5 of the Bulge and sent into a German
6 concentration camp, a prisoner of war.

7 Ultimately released, came back
8 stateside. Started a wonderful career with
9 the New York City Department of Sanitation
10 and raised his family here. Thankfully, one
11 of his family members is one of our
12 colleagues, especially here on the Grant
13 Campus, Theresa Dereme, who is an Assistant
14 Dean of Student Services and Counseling
15 started this scholarship and established it
16 in her dad's name. And it will provide \$250
17 a year to a student Veteran.

18 Another that's come in is the
19 Anderson Helms Holmes' family Memorial
20 Endowed Scholarship. This was established
21 with a generous gift from the Second Vice
22 President of the Board of Directors of the
23 foundation, Leslie Anderson. Many of you
24 know her as our MC at the annual gala as
25 well.

1 And Leslie provided an endowed
2 gift to honor her family members and also to
3 provide students who have critical financial
4 need and who may not be eligible because of
5 their immigration status for some other
6 financial aid. So it's an amazing
7 opportunity for our students.

8 And then the third one I'll talk
9 about is the Inez Martinez France Memorial
10 Scholarship for Excellence in Teacher
11 Education. Inez lost her battle with
12 illness. She was a teacher in the Central
13 Islip School District, one of our alums.
14 And her parents started a scholarship to
15 remember her, but moreover to advance future
16 teachers in our community. So they are
17 providing \$500 annually to students who are
18 committed to becoming an educator.

19 So there are several more. We
20 are finding scholarship opportunities for
21 our students as often as we can. It's
22 wonderful. We've partnered with the Suffolk
23 Federal Credit Union. Sylvia had advised
24 they provided \$35,000 in scholarships
25 annually for Suffolk students. And as such,

1 we are partnering with them moving forward.
2 They are going to be an honoree for this
3 year's golf tournament. I shared with you
4 one of our Save the Date card. The
5 tournament is June 24 at Nissequogue again,
6 the Nissequogue Country Club.

7 It's an absolutely wonderful day
8 just to get out there and take advantage of
9 this lovely mature golf course. And then
10 finally we have an exciting pre-event
11 raffle. I have also shared the flier with
12 you. We have come across some tickets to
13 the PGA Championships at Bethpage in May.
14 And for only \$10 a ticket, you get two
15 admission passes to the PGA tournament, the
16 championship.

17 And of course all of those
18 proceeds go towards our scholarship needs.
19 So thank you very much for all that you do.
20 And perhaps next time we can bring in some
21 of the students scholars who have received
22 these awards to share their insights with
23 you as well.

24 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Christopher,
25 appreciate it. If anyone wants to go to the

1 golf tournament and you don't want to golf,
2 I believe that they can come to the
3 reception. I have done that, come to the
4 reception to meet with people. So it is a
5 beautiful day. People are excited. And I
6 come at the reception part and everybody is
7 kind of tired and I'm all upbeat because I
8 wasn't out there playing.

9 But it's really a good
10 opportunity to meet some of the people that
11 are giving their resources to support our
12 students. Great.

13 I'm going to move on and let's go
14 to Governance.

15 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you, Chairwoman.
16 Governance Committee met on Tuesday,
17 February 19 at the NFL Building, Ammerman
18 Campus. Myself, Chairwoman Sanders, Deputy
19 Morgo, Alicia O'Connor, Ashley Pope,
20 Christina Vargas and Gail Canahan our
21 recording secretary.

22 Meeting called to order. And as
23 the pre the committee's request from the
24 January 14 meeting, Deputy General Counsel
25 Ashley Pope reached out to College

1 Governance to have an additional meeting
2 regarding the Mandatory SUNY Consensual
3 Relationship Policy. On January 31st,
4 Campus Governance representatives Paul
5 DiSilio (phonetic), President of the
6 Ammerman Campus Senate; Laura Buckley, Chair
7 of the Eastern Campus Congress; and
8 Alexander Kasiukov, Grant Campus Assembly;
9 Dr. Paul Beaudin, Vice President Academic
10 Affairs; Dr. Chris Adams, Student Affairs;
11 Christina Vargas, College Chief Diversity
12 Officer, Title IX Coordinator; and Ashley
13 herself at the meeting to discuss the
14 concerns of different scenarios creating
15 power and balances or conflicts of interest,
16 proposed language for the policy and the
17 position of the faculty on developing such a
18 policy.

19 The three campus governance
20 leaders provided initial written feedback on
21 the policy, provided that on February 6. We
22 had copies of that and reviewed it.
23 Opinions from students were also received.
24 After discussing information shared during
25 the January 31 meeting and the feedback

1 received, reviewing proposed language and
2 wanting to make sure that the adopted policy
3 is protective of students and respectful of
4 employees, the Board of Trustees Governance
5 Committee has asked DGC Pope to reach out to
6 SUNY requesting an extension of their March
7 1st deadline to have the adopted policy.

8 A final version of the policy
9 will be proposed for adoption in the coming
10 months. And I was advise a short while ago
11 that Ashley, you did receive permission to
12 do that. SUNY just wants to know that we
13 are progressing and trying to wrestle with
14 this and come up with policies. So we have
15 a little bit of a reprieve and we're going
16 to continue the discussion on this important
17 new policy.

18 Ashley, do you want to share that
19 we're not the only ones?

20 MS. POPE: Yes. We are not the only ones
21 that are finding it difficult to develop a
22 policy.

23 TRUSTEE CANARY: A lot of SUNYs are wrestling with
24 it as well.

25 TRUSTEE MORGO: I'm not surprised.

1 TRUSTEE CANARY: So thank you for those efforts
2 and thank you for all your great work on
3 this one, this tricky one we're that we're
4 trying to come up with, Alicia as well, so
5 thank you.

6 So the agenda items for the March
7 Governance Committee Meeting will include
8 the continuation of the review of the SUNY
9 Consensual Relationship Policy and, although
10 we did have it on the agenda, we kind of got
11 backed up and weren't able to look at the
12 reviewing the operational functions of the
13 Center for Social Justice and Human
14 Understanding. So we will be hopefully
15 tackling that with the next March meeting.
16 And that meeting will take place Monday,
17 March 18, 4:00 o'clock at the NFL Building.
18 Meeting adjourned 5:05. Thank you everyone.
19 Any questions anybody? [NO RESPONSE].

20 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. Did we have
21 a Student Success Meeting?

22 DR. ADAMS: No, we did not.

23 CHAIR SANDERS: Denise is on a family vacation
24 with the rest of the teachers of the world
25 and educators of the world. Personnel, I

1 know we don't -- you haven't had a meeting.

2 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: No.

3 CHAIR SANDERS: I was going to suggest that we
4 start looking at the evaluation piece, we
5 start bringing that back so that we can have
6 time to see what we would like to do with
7 that document. Great.

8 Budget and Finance.

9 TRUSTEE MORGO: Thank you, Theresa. Budget and
10 Finance met on the 19th as well after the
11 Executive Committee and all in Governance.
12 And myself, Trustee Murray, Chair Sanders,
13 represented trustees. Also in attendance
14 were Lou Petrizzo, Gail Vizzini, Paul
15 Beaudin, Chris Adams, Ben Zwirn and John
16 Bully. This report is a prelude really to
17 the most important report which will be at
18 our March trustees meeting.

19 At that meeting the trustees have
20 to make key decisions; what we're going to
21 request to our County sponsor for an
22 increase, what kind of tuition increase, if
23 any, we're going to ask for. As I've
24 mentioned, we have raised tuition in the
25 last five years almost 25 percent. Our

1 tuition increase last year was \$350, the
2 largest ever increase. That was, you know,
3 over two semesters so that's a total the
4 350.

5 Kristen, when I asked the
6 question, it was a strategic question. I
7 was wondering if if you were going to say
8 tuition was largest issue, the most
9 important.

10 MS. QUERE: Well, once they're here.

11 TRUSTEE MORGO: The other thing that we have to
12 look at if we are going to use any of our
13 reserves. Now we have 16 million dollars in
14 reserve. That's approximately 12 to 13
15 percent of our operating budget. The Middle
16 States recommends 20 percent, so we're under
17 the recommendation. If we use any more of
18 the reserves, the percentage would be lower
19 so those are all the things we have to look
20 at.

21 The meeting, as so many of these
22 meetings, involve talking about how we're
23 going to bridge a gap. And currently, as at
24 least as of Tuesday, the gap was 11.4
25 million dollars for next year; that is the

1 19-20 operating budget. We have, I'll
2 repeat it in case you don't know, we have
3 four sources of revenue; our State sponsor
4 our County sponsor, tuition and reserves.

5 I want to talk first about State
6 aid. State aid is almost contradictory I
7 see sometimes. We know that the State
8 statute requires the State to provide a
9 third, but since we are an open admission,
10 it's 40 percent. And the County to provide
11 a third and a third coming from tuition.
12 And that's rule, as I've said before,
13 honored in the breach and not in the
14 observance.

15 The State passes a resolution
16 every year to make it inoperative. But I
17 mentioned to Kevin Peterman the Faculty
18 Association President, I appreciated your
19 bringing that up again with the State, they
20 are not honoring that. The State aid is
21 tied to FTEs, full time equivalent students.
22 So if you think about it, it's actually
23 possible for the State to increase its aid
24 to us but the amount to go down. That's if
25 our enrollment goes down, if our enrollment

1 decreases, which it has been doing.

2 If enrollment decreases, State
3 aid, even though there was an increase in
4 the amount that we get to balance the
5 operating budget decreases. We won't know
6 the enrollment -- the Spring semester
7 enrollment until what's called census day
8 March 15, the Ides of March, right.

9 There has been some movement,
10 positive movement, from the Chancellor.
11 She's calling it a floor proposal. It's
12 kind of a maintenance of effort. Simply,
13 you don't get less than you got the year
14 before no matter what happens to tuition.
15 I'm going to ask both Ben Zwirn and Kevin to
16 say something about their advocacy with the
17 State.

18 They actually were up in Albany
19 the day of the storm, and remember from last
20 time I had been moaning for many years, and
21 I'm proud of Suffolk County Community
22 College for leading the way, but I have
23 always been disappointed that when I have
24 gone up there and I see Kevin and his
25 colleagues doing a job, there are not

1 representatives from other community
2 colleges. So, Ben, would you say a little
3 about the State advocacy where we are and
4 Kevin, if you would follow up.

5 MR. ZWIRN:

 Thank you, Trustee Morgo. Drew
6 Biondo, myself and Kevin were up in Albany
7 before the storm came this past weekend.
8 Kevin, Drew and I had dinner on Sunday
9 night. Drew and I had dinner with Senator
10 LaValle on Monday evening. He's the ranking
11 member on the Higher Ed Committee. He's the
12 former chair until the past election.

 So we had an opportunity to pick
13 his brain. Toby Ann Staviksy is the chair
14 of the Higher Ed Committee. She has
15 Queensborough Community College in her
16 district so she's going to be sensitive to
17 community colleges which is very positive.
18 The fear we have, and I think we have to
19 wait to see how it plays out, is that CUNY
20 now has the chair, will most of the
21 resources that go to community colleges now
22 to go CUNY schools in the city?

 CUNY is asking for \$250 increase
24 in FTEs. Contrary to what we had heard
25

1 earlier, they are having problems with
2 enrollment as well so that they need
3 additional funding. And we have contacted
4 Senator Stavisky's office and said, look, we
5 can live with CUNY's request, that would be
6 fine. But we're also very supportive of the
7 Chancellor's position which is what they
8 call floor funding.

9 In the past it didn't have much
10 traction. This year, Drew and I were at the
11 joint budget committee for Higher Ed and the
12 chancellor was there and she was pushing it
13 again and advocating for it and was getting
14 a very positive response. I think Kevin
15 will talk about how NYSUT is now committed
16 to working with State Legislature coming up
17 with an actual proposal that they could vote
18 on.

19 And then we would ask for floor
20 funding so we are held harmless over last
21 year's revenue plus a small increase of \$125
22 increase in FTE which would be all positive
23 money. So we're going two routes; one,
24 we'll support CUNY getting a \$250 increase
25 in FTE and floor funding proposal gets

1 traction and gets passed and hopefully we
2 can benefit from that as well.

3 Since the students couldn't come
4 up, and we were debating this thing back and
5 forth all day and night waiting for the
6 final forecast. We got contacted by Senator
7 Martinez's office and she should, look,
8 please don't have the students come. We're
9 just afraid that the weather is going to be
10 so bad. And it was. And what happens when
11 the weather is awful in Albany is that the
12 State Legislators, especially the downstate
13 legislators, take off as soon as the session
14 is over.

15 So session ends at 11:00. At
16 11:02 you didn't want to be in the parking
17 lot. Everybody was heading south trying to
18 get home before the storm. I'm sorry to
19 hear that Senator Boyle actually had an
20 accident. But when Drew and I headed back,
21 we could see it was getting treacherous.

22 So what we're going to try to do
23 and we started working on it now, is have
24 the Suffolk delegation come to the College.
25 To get Senator LaValle, Senator Flanagan,

1 Senator Martinez, Senator Jim Goren who is
2 now on the Higher Ed Committee as well, have
3 them come to College where we can have a
4 hearing and talk about some of the financial
5 issues and have the students come to
6 something like that. He can make a
7 presentation as well.

8 I think that would be very
9 helpful. We probably get some nice media
10 coverage as well. We've never done anything
11 quite like that. We usually make a
12 presentation, Gail Vizzini makes a
13 presentation to the Education Committee in
14 the County but we have never made it before
15 the state legislatures in mass all at one
16 time.

17 We got some great student leaders
18 clearly that can articulate some of the
19 issues that I think our legislators would
20 welcome.

21 The issues we talked about up
22 there was infrastructure money. The
23 governor did put in the infrastructure money
24 that we needed. The County matched it so we
25 did pretty good with that, five million

1 dollars in total. We have asked to be
2 considered for maybe reducing or eliminating
3 the MTA Tax. Suffolk County Community
4 College pays over \$400,000 a year in MTA
5 taxes. And while a lot of the school
6 districts on Long Island no longer have to
7 pay it, we still do.

8 TRUSTEE MORGO: Ben, say that figure again.

9 MR. ZWIRN: I think it \$440,000. I can give
10 you the exact number but it's over \$400,000.
11 Out of County charge backs which is another
12 issue, Suffolk County taxpayers from the
13 towns see it on their bill every year. It's
14 over \$14 million a year that Suffolk County
15 taxpayers pay out of County commission to
16 FIT and Nassau Community College.

17 And one of the things that they
18 talk about, the Budget Review Office has
19 mentioned in the past. Right now the County
20 makes their contributions to the College.
21 The Education Law permits the County to pass
22 that onto the Towns based on the number of
23 students they send to Suffolk County
24 Community College. And it is been a
25 recommendations by the new budget review

1 officer, Robert Lippe, that that's something
2 the County -- that would be very awful.
3 That would be awful I think. So it hasn't
4 happened yet. But there's a budget crisis.
5 You know, County Executive Levy did that as
6 he was leaving in the last budget, passed
7 the out of county was paid by the County.
8 The whole -- he carved that out to take \$14
9 million out of the operating budget and pass
10 it onto the taxpayers directly. There's
11 nothing to suggest that the 40 some odd
12 million dollars that we get from the County,
13 same thing could happen as.

14 TRUSTEE MORGO: That didn't hurt us actually.
15 That helped us a little bit.

16 MR. ZWIRN: It didn't effect us. It didn't
17 have any impact. And this wouldn't have an
18 impact necessarily on our operating budget.
19 Except I'm guessing we would have to start
20 making presentation to all of the towns.

21 TRUSTEE MORGO: To all the Supervisors.

22 MR. ZWIRN: All the Towns we have in Suffolk
23 County. And, again, that's the State
24 funding formula. And the other thing that
25 Gail Vizzini mentioned today, was the rent

1 reimbursement that the State makes to the --
2 when Suffolk County Community College rents
3 space, whether it's the Sayville location
4 for the nursing, or it's the culinary mwe
5 get about a 40 percent reimbursement.

6 VICE PRESIDENT VIZZINI: 50 now.

7 MR. ZWIRN: 50 percent. They're thinking
8 about maybe reducing it because of the
9 shortfall in revenue and that would not be a
10 good thing especially at culinary where we
11 are paying a portion of the taxes on that.
12 And that pretty much is it. We'll keep
13 posted on the efforts.

14 TRUSTEE MORGO: Thank you.

15 Kevin, do you want to talk about
16 NYSUT's efforts and yours?

17 DR. PETERMAN: Sure. Actually, it was team
18 work. And one of the things that was
19 important for us when we talked about the
20 hybrid fund, the new funding formula, a
21 NYSUT legislative representatives,
22 lobbyists, had some real questions about the
23 details of the SUNY formula. NYSUT's
24 legislative staff and planning staff met
25 with SUNY leadership to try and get some

1 details, try and get some specifics and get
2 that into the language.

3 Just this week, two days ago, I
4 got a call from NYSUT saying that SUNY and
5 NYSUT agreed and hammered out some language
6 that now they are going to put forward the
7 bill. If that goes through, we'll have that
8 floor of FTE funding. I believe the number
9 they are talking about \$125 increase in FTE.
10 NYSUT's staff will be going around to every
11 senator and assembly to say that we totally
12 support it. We're in agreement. We've
13 worked it out and we really want to get this
14 passed.

15 TRUSTEE CANARY: As a standalone bill or is it a
16 pledge of language?

17 DR. PETERMAN: I believe it's going to be a
18 standalone bill.

19 TRUSTEE MORGO: So you'll have an assembly and a
20 set of sponsors.

21 DR. PETERMAN: I was told by Monday I will get
22 the details and obviously I will share it
23 with the College people and I'll send it out
24 to my colleagues. Because it really
25 literally just got hammered out a few days

1 ago.

2 TRUSTEE MORGO: Okay. That's it, my fellow
3 trustees. Thank you, Kevin. As soon as we
4 know the senate and assembly numbers. This
5 is the kind of thing that we can do. We can
6 advocate. We can support -- it needs no
7 great explanation to know why this floor
8 funding is what their calling it, hold
9 harmless, maintenance of effort, you all
10 have the idea.

11 In fact, I called Jimmy Goren
12 today. He was away with his family too. He
13 is the only member of the Senate Delegation
14 who is on Higher Education. We lost a
15 strong supporter when we lost Ken LaValle as
16 chair of Higher Education. But we are going
17 to see how the suburban democrats do. And
18 this will be a good sign. If they support
19 this bill, which would be very important to
20 us. And obviously also to other Community
21 Colleges.

22 CHAIR SANDERS: Jim, can you provide us with
23 talking points? I mean, just circulate it
24 to the Board because we really could use it.
25 It would be nice to just have a little

1 talking points.

2 TRUSTEE MORGO: Good question. I can work with
3 Ben and Kevin on that. The strongest
4 talking point though, anybody from Suffolk
5 County is the incredible job that this
6 College does. First generation college
7 graduates help turn around their life. But,
8 again, the idea that we could actually get
9 \$125 increase in FTE which is what we are
10 asking for. Gail is putting in her number
11 from the State, that is what she's using.

12 And the good thing is, we'll know
13 whether we are getting that or not before we
14 have to make a decision in April on what we
15 are asking for. I'm going to talk about the
16 County in a second where we won't know, but
17 yes. We'll do that.

18 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: The bill already has a number?

19 TRUSTEE MORGO: No, no, Kevin says -- when do you
20 think, about two weeks?

21 DR. PETERMAN: I think sooner than that.

22 TRUSTEE MORGO: You'll get it to the Trustees?

23 DR. PETERMAN: Sure.

24 TRUSTEE MORGO: Terrific. If it's okay now I'm
25 going to leave the State. It also came up

1 in that meeting on Tuesday it was raised,
2 and I do want the students to know and I'm
3 glad that there are some students. This
4 Board of Trustees does not raise tuition
5 lightly. We agonize over it. And it's a
6 very difficult decision.

7 The last time we had to, Jerome
8 was a big part of the discussion. He, in
9 fact, didn't vote for the increase in
10 tuition. I understood the reasons. But we
11 don't do it lightly. It was mentioned at
12 the committee meeting that many students
13 don't pay full tuition because of
14 different -- because of TAP, because of the
15 PELL Grants.

16 And one of the things that we
17 asked for at the committee meeting and
18 Dr. Adams said he would prepare for us in
19 April was a discussion on what students
20 actually pay. Because sometimes you think
21 everybody is paying this increase and they
22 are not. But there are other factors they
23 have to put up with. So we'll be looking at
24 that.

25 As far as the County goes, I

1 think Ben mentioned there always is a
2 presentation to the County Legislature.
3 Their aid is not tied to Full Time
4 Equivalent students.

5 Last year we got a two point
6 five -- two and a half percent increase in
7 County aid. We don't know what we're going
8 to ask for. We'll be talking about that in
9 April. Obviously the more that comes from
10 the County and the State, the less we have
11 to look at tuition and at the reserves. Our
12 colleague Chris Murray has become a reserve
13 hawk and makes for -- and Gail is very happy
14 about that.

15 It makes for lively discussions
16 at the meetings. One of things we also
17 talked about is that it's imperative that we
18 share what happens here with both the State
19 Legislators. Ben talked about inviting
20 them. There was a presentation at the
21 Budget Committee before this one of what
22 happens at this institution when costs are
23 going to increase? When there are going to
24 be new programs.

25 And all of us, I can speak for

1 everybody on the Budget and Finance
2 Committee, we were incredibly impressed by
3 the thoroughness that goes into it and we
4 want the County Legislators to see that and
5 we want the State Legislators to see that.

6 As far as our March meeting goes,
7 we're going to meet in early March because
8 we often have to meet more than once in
9 March because we come to you in April with
10 our recommendations. The only two things --
11 well, what we are going to ask the County
12 for, any tuition increase, any use of
13 reserves. That's where we are. Thank you.

14 CHAIR SANDERS: Are you suggesting that we're
15 going to meet on the 18th, since, you know?

16 TRUSTEE MORGO: I don't want to meet. I don't
17 think it's a good idea that we meet after
18 the Executive Committee and after Governance
19 because we need a lot of time. So I asked
20 Gail and Stacy to work out a meeting in
21 early March.

22 CHAIR SANDERS: Okay. Thank you. Any questions?

23 TRUSTEE CANARY: Just a couple of points. It was
24 encouraging to see that the County sales tax
25 numbers were unexpectedly good. I guess we

1 had a good Christmas rush or end of year
2 rush. And the other is the Supreme Court
3 decision on the online sales which should
4 help us as well because that's a big part
5 of the County's revenue as you well know.
6 So that was encouraging.

7 TRUSTEE MORGO: Absolutely. The County had been
8 broke. And some people were quite surprised
9 we got two and a half last year.

10 TRUSTEE CANARY: And passage of the Dream Act. I
11 said at the last meeting I foresaw the Dream
12 Act going forward, a big strong item on the
13 new majority's agenda and they passed it. I
14 don't think the governor has signed it yet,
15 right?

16 DR. ADAMS: No. In fact, there still needs
17 to -- I think they're going to resend it
18 and --

19 MR. BIONDO: They passed it so quickly that
20 there were things in there, that, for
21 instance, residency, a person could move to
22 the state and tomorrow and apply and get it.
23 So they're going to pull it back and redo
24 it.

25 DR. ADAMS: There's also one of the biggest

1 things we saw in there was that we thought
2 that the allocation was money was going to
3 come from the State. It looks like the \$27
4 million that they are allocating, is
5 actually, they're earmarking for private
6 donations.

7 TRUSTEE MORGO: Private institutions?

8 DR. ADAMS: No, no, private donations for \$27
9 million of funding. So that was the other
10 thing that I was surprised about. In
11 addition to we have been advocating about
12 the removal of the affidavit requirement.
13 Many of our undocumented students are very
14 nervous about having to fill out an
15 affidavit. Even though the College keeps it
16 in a safe location, nevertheless, at any
17 time, ICE could show up and with a Court
18 order we would be compelled to give that
19 information to those legal authorities.

20 So we're advocating to remove the
21 affidavit requirement, to destroy whatever
22 affidavits that we have currently so it
23 doesn't get into anyone's hands. In
24 addition to TAP money and Excelsior money
25 for those undocumented students to be

1 eligible for financial aid.

2 We really believe wholeheartedly
3 that that would increase our enrollment. If
4 we could get so that we could have a path
5 from our ESL Program, non credit, right to
6 the path of the Community College for
7 credit. And I think that, again, I think
8 that would be really a great opportunity for
9 us.

10 And also I believe it's the moral
11 thing for, you know, the College to do, you
12 know, as well. We have right now -- we
13 looked at about 10 percent of our students
14 that are paying double tuition, 10 percent
15 are -- they don't need to pay double tuition
16 because they have graduated from a high
17 school or have a GED equivalent, they are
18 eligible to get single tuition at this
19 community college.

20 But they are fearful of having to
21 fill out that affidavit. Again, 10 percent
22 that are paying double tuition to come here
23 to this community college that have
24 graduated from a recognized Suffolk County
25 high school. So, again, I think it's

1 something that we're -- we have an
2 undocumented student task force. And we're
3 trying to do everything we can to advocate
4 to elected officials, everyone that we are
5 talking to.

6 TRUSTEE MORGO: Chris, in short, you know what we
7 are looking for at our March Trustees
8 Meeting.

9 DR. ADAMS: Yes.

10 TRUSTEE MORGO: The Committee will have made its
11 recommendations as far as how much we're
12 going to ask for the County, if we are going
13 to ask for a tuition increase, if we're
14 going to ask use the reserves. And then the
15 Trustee have to decide whether they are
16 going to accept our recommendation or not.
17 But you were at the Budget and Finance
18 Committee meeting and you saw the context.

19 DR. ADAMS: Yes.

20 TRUSTEE MORGO: I'm not saying that -- well, I
21 guess I am saying, that knowing the
22 scholarship situation may mitigate the pain
23 of a tuition increase. It may not, that's
24 what he don't know.

25 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you.

1 CHAIR SANDERS: Thanks, Chris. Thanks, Jim.

2 All right. Do we have anything
3 from Facilities?

4 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: No.

5 TRUSTEE CANARY: No.

6 CHAIR SANDERS: Okay. I will move into the
7 Executive Committee slash Chair's Report.
8 The Executive Committee meets, usually the
9 Monday, but because of the holiday we met
10 Tuesday prior to this board meeting to
11 review agendas, resolutions and other items
12 that we would present to the full board
13 today.

14 In my report there were a couple
15 of activities in the last 30 days. One was
16 again, the day at the capital and I thank
17 Dr. Adams for the collaboration that we have
18 bringing the community and the students from
19 the community to understand what advocacy
20 really looks like. And I did see another
21 student joined us who I recognize from the
22 bus. So we start to see them coming to
23 board meetings and getting involved in the
24 governance of this campus, that's the first
25 step.

1 So I'm pleased with that. And
2 thank you, Dr. Adams, for all that you do.
3 The Association audit again I will say that
4 I am extremely proud of how we have
5 improved. And I say we collectively because
6 I know all the work rests in your office but
7 we have, you know, oversight and
8 responsibility as a board. And thank you
9 for making sure that that was cleaned up and
10 we're getting a lot of compliments from the
11 auditors.

12 There was a bi-county committee
13 that has been formed within the last 30 days
14 by the two county executives and our former
15 congressman Steve Israel is the chair. And
16 what they are looking at is this group is to
17 look at when we have these federal
18 government shutdowns, like are we prepared
19 locally to deal with the real human impact
20 of a federal government shutdown?

21 And they were telling a lot of
22 stories about people that they knew. And
23 there was some concerns in terms of like
24 military can't accept gifts and, you know,
25 people couldn't even accept like gift cards,

1 and it got so complicated as they were
2 describing the real community impact of a
3 shutdown. And the reason two county
4 executives were putting this together was to
5 try to bring community leaders together so
6 that we can have some type of a rapid
7 response.

8 None of our neighbors should go
9 hungry. We had students that was worried
10 their parents couldn't pay tuition because
11 it was in the beginning of the semester. So
12 it got very complicated. And one of the
13 things that this bi-county task force is
14 looking at, and I'll be sharing more
15 information with you Lou because I think
16 they came up with a document that they are
17 going to publish.

18 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Okay.

19 CHAIR SANDERS: And I'll share it and you can
20 share it to see what could Suffolk's
21 position be? I mean, I'm sure we have
22 people that were impacted, whether it is it
23 was a spouse or students and what's our role
24 in terms of helping, whether it's a food
25 pantry or whatever it is.

1 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Sure.

2 CHAIR SANDERS: And I'll continue to share that.

3 And last but not least, the ACCT Conference,
4 Bell and I attended the Association of
5 Community College Trustees Legislative
6 Conference. It was very exciting. We were
7 in on a whirlwind. We had a full day of
8 training. I attended the advocacy training
9 which came in very handy. And, you know,
10 sometimes we think this stuff is so
11 complicated. It's all about relationship.
12 I know you all know that. It's all about
13 building up these relationships.

14 And we have a lot of new people
15 in our State assembly. We're going to have
16 to build relationships with some new people
17 to make sure that they advocate for us
18 around the table when we're not there.

19 Bell, I don't know if you want to
20 talk a little bit about your experience at
21 the ACCT?

22 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: Sure. There were about 30 or 40
23 new trustees averaging two to seven months
24 on the job. And it was wonderful
25 opportunity for me to meet the new trustees

1 from all over the country. And the most
2 interesting part of that was a presentation
3 by the president of Montgomery College who
4 spoke about strategy and effect of care,
5 relationships also.

6 And also the most important thing
7 she stressed communications between the
8 president and the Board of Trustees. So
9 that she stressed that during her whole
10 speech, and best practices. Which a lot of
11 the new trustees were like scribbling notes
12 really. And but she warned everyone, you
13 cannot effect change right away. I'm saying
14 this to everyone, one by one, like take your
15 time, learn. But you can't as a new trustee
16 start demanding things that. Which I think
17 is a very practical thing, just absorb and
18 listen and it's going to take time for you
19 to learn so many things during your tenure.

20 So that was good. And also she
21 spoke a lot about advocacy which I think,
22 even with the new trustee, importance of
23 building relationships. And its long
24 lasting effects when you want to pitch in
25 for your College and funding and, you know,

1 all this experience that you gave from that
2 that shared with the trustees. So thank you
3 for the opportunity.

4 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes. Thank you so much for
5 going, Bell. The next round of ACCT
6 training is going to be in October and
7 that's going to be in San Francisco. I will
8 make sure that I send out the information
9 because the link for the next conference
10 goes live during the current conference so
11 that they can keep you in the loop of
12 training.

13 So I'll make sure that I put that
14 out and suggest certain workshops. It is
15 very costly. So, you know, I just try to
16 ask trustees if you have not gone to give
17 that priority for those trustees that have
18 not taken any opportunity for the training.
19 And that concludes my report.

20 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Madame Chair, we have an issue
21 with that resolution I think that we had a
22 scrivener's error on.

23 CHAIR SANDERS: We are going to go back to that.

24 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: There was discrepancy between
25 what was on the resolution and what was on

1 the backup. We took the backup number and
2 asked you to conform the resolution to the
3 backup. Turns out it's the backup that's
4 wrong and the resolution was correct.

5 TRUSTEE MORGO: In the beginning?

6 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Right. So actually the backup
7 was the December bill and not the January
8 bill and that was the discrepancy. So we're
9 going to ask you to make a motion to
10 reconsider Resolution 2019.06 and then upon
11 reconsideration adopt the original
12 resolution.

13 TRUSTEE MORGO: So moved.

14 MS. O'CONNOR: As amended with the correct
15 backup which will be provided by VP
16 Vizzini's office.

17 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Second.

18 CHAIR SANDERS: So it's been moved properly and
19 seconded. All in favor?

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

22 We will move to the President's
23 report, Lou.

24 [WHEREUPON STUDENT TRUSTEE BOST LEAVES THE
25 CONFERENCE ROOM.]

1 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Thank you, Madame Chair. The
2 College this morning, along with Trustee
3 O'Connor, attended Congressman Suozzi's and
4 County Executive Bellone and County
5 Executive Curran's press conference on
6 workforce task forcing. It was very well
7 attended presentation by the congressman and
8 the two county executives.

9 The idea behind it is to form a
10 task force to join together all of the
11 people involved in needing employees to be
12 trained, the trainers and the unions that do
13 training and to try to create some synergies
14 within that group to get the folks talking
15 to each other. We are all in our own little
16 silos doing our own projects and our own
17 work and there is not that group strung
18 together to tie everything together.

19 So the task force was not formed.
20 Volunteers were asked for at the time of the
21 meeting. But there seemed to be a good
22 response to the congressman and both County
23 executives. And it seems to be something
24 that I think we would be very interested in
25 because, of course, we're always concerned

1 about workforce and we're concerned about
2 finding out what companies need. And one of
3 our biggest problems is getting that
4 information in realtime from the companies
5 to us so that we can get the training
6 prepared, get the folks to teach it and get
7 those projects out there.

8 But it's something for the
9 future. The Congressman was very specific
10 on his timeframe, he said 90 days. He said
11 he wanted the task force formed and
12 operating by Memorial Day.

13 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Yes, a report by 90 days.
14 He wants a report in 90 days. So the task
15 force to take the various grants that exist
16 through what I'll call the alphabet soup of
17 organizations and identify how that, you
18 know, can better organized so that we can
19 train the people that we need.

20 The facility that we were in
21 today was CPC, which is the Composite
22 Prototyping Center in Plainview. Great
23 facility, they do lots of training there.
24 And actually that facility which is located
25 in Plainview, a bit part of that may be

1 moving to the former Dowling Campus in
2 Shirley. The gentleman that spoke at the
3 end?

4 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Stuart Bienenstock.

5 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Yes. They purchased the Dowling
6 Campus in Shirley and they will be moving
7 some of that technology there with the
8 intention of expanding that as a bigger
9 training facility. So I was excited to see
10 because I think part of what we are doing
11 here in training and manufacturing, we sort
12 of have a hold on the composite area what we
13 are doing.

14 And in some cases rather than us
15 building, maybe we can partner with them
16 them to provide those programs if they can
17 see that we are part of the whole that they
18 are offering. Sometimes we don't need to
19 reinvent the wheel. We should just partner
20 with them and provide that training because
21 it is a big part of manufacturing moving
22 forward, so --

23 TRUSTEE MORGO: Were businesses represented?

24 Manufacturers?

25 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Yes.

1 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: There were several manufacturers
2 there, probably not as many as probably
3 should have been there. It was much more
4 attended by I think people in government and
5 we were there.

6 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Union leaders, educational
7 institutions.

8 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Right. I was there representing
9 us. We got involved as the bank with that
10 organization to help them sort of get over
11 some humps in funding. Recognizing again I
12 think that's part of our role in the
13 community as a bank, to step up and lend
14 them the money to complete what they're
15 doing. They are running programs today for
16 high schools and things like that to teach
17 them sort the basics of positive
18 manufacturing. Supporting themselves some
19 way without actually having manufacturers
20 going in with the equipment. So it's a
21 great public private partnership. So I
22 would like to see us sort explore that
23 opportunity.

24 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Yes, yes. As I said, we are very
25 interested in that whole scope of what was

1 discussed today, not only in the plastics
2 but the task force and we volunteered to
3 join.

4 TRUSTEE MORGO: So yet to be named task force was
5 asked to do a report.

6 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: In 90 days.

7 TRUSTEE MORGO: In 90 days.

8 TRUSTEE CANARY: Good luck.

9 TRUSTEE MORGO: You know, it was more than 13
10 years ago when I was Commissioner of
11 Economic Development and when we'd meet with
12 manufacturers and other business, we'd say,
13 what's your biggest issue? You would expect
14 them to say, taxes, utilities, lack of
15 affordable housing. Nine times out of 10
16 they would say lack of training, work force,
17 getting quality people to hire.

18 Interestingly when they were
19 looking to relocate because of taxes,
20 utilities, et cetera one of the reasons they
21 wouldn't relocate is because we have an
22 educated work force here. So it cut both
23 ways.

24 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: It's sort of at critical levels
25 now. There is number of companies we deal

1 with that are not able to deliver what they
2 are contracted to deliver. They just do not
3 have enough workers. So I know it's been a
4 long lament, but it does seem the
5 cooperation is there.

6 I sat on a panel earlier this
7 month and there does definitely seem to
8 be -- I mean, the cooperation among, you
9 know, public and private I don't think has
10 ever been better because I think it is a
11 crisis.

12 TRUSTEE MORGO: Great.

13 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: And the needs are coinciding.

14 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Yes. I mean, our shortfall of
15 students can be made up with --

16 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Exactly. By addressing the needs
17 that they have.

18 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: The panel I was on actually
19 represented was somebody from the panel was
20 from Stony Brook and it got back to we should
21 be talking about BOCES programs and taking
22 away the stigma of BOCES.

23 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: And that was a big part of the
24 discussion this morning.

25 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Yes. That is coming up in lots

1 of places as it relates to sometimes about
2 going straight to college --

3 TRUSTEE MORGO: That's what Pontieri used to talk
4 about all the time.

5 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Right

6 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Right.

7 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: May I add because I did work
8 force development for my union and we can
9 train all the workers we want but the
10 problem is they can't afford to live here or
11 they leave after they train. There's a
12 whole bigger picture.

13 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: That's an interesting comment
14 because one of the companies there was a
15 company that we do train workers for. I
16 think we have done eight or 10. And I asked
17 the owner of the company how has it been
18 working out? He said, the workers are great
19 but they are too great. He said, because
20 they come here, they learn some more and
21 then they move on. And then he said, then
22 we come back and take some more from you.

23 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: There's always community
24 opposition to any kind of work force
25 housing.

1 TRUSTEE MORGO: Is that true, Gemma? I wasn't
2 aware of that.

3 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: I think there's a much greater
4 acceptance today for family housing and the
5 55 and over communities. Because they
6 recognize that that housing is necessary.
7 So I think --

8 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: There was good momentum behind
9 the press conference and I think there was a
10 good feeling coming out of it, yes.

11 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: I know you're trying.

12 TRUSTEE MORGO: Did you mention to the
13 Congressman the honor his son received?

14 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: I did. I did. He smiled and he
15 said, Jim Morgo is a PC fanatic.
16 Interesting.

17 Also today we had a great honor.
18 We hosted the SUNY Provost. Dr. Beaudin,
19 would you like to talk a little bit about
20 the SUNY Provost today, Todd Laursen.

21 DR. BEAUDIN: Today we had the honor of hosting
22 Dr. Todd Laursen who is the new SUNY
23 Provost. He's been office about six months.
24 He came to us from -- he was the president
25 of a university in Abu Dhabi. And he had

1 worked -- previously he was on faculty and
2 administrator at Duke. He is doing a tour
3 of the campuses throughout the State. He
4 was at Stony Brook in the morning and he was
5 with us in the afternoon.

6 We had about 40 administrators
7 who had lunch with him. And he talked about
8 his vision. And then I'm happy to say we
9 had about 120 faculty and students who
10 listened to him for about an hour and a
11 half. He was wonderful. He took questions
12 from the students. Had a lot of positive
13 things to say about some of the initiatives
14 that we're working on. And it was really an
15 honor for us to be one of the first campuses
16 that he visited. That was today with
17 faculty and administration.

18 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Yes. That was great. And
19 Christopher gave him a Suffolk sweatshirt
20 and he couldn't have been happier. He tried
21 to put it on.

22 DR. ADAMS: Yes.

23 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Okay. Madam Chair, we're going
24 to have a presentation today from Continuing
25 Education. I think we all receive a

1 Continuing Ed brochure twice a year with a
2 description of all our noncredit programs.
3 And if you are like me, you look through it
4 and you see First Aid, CPR and all these
5 wonderful programs but you never sign up for
6 anyone of them.

7 So while these reach many people,
8 Continuing Ed is actually a lot more than
9 that. And we have asked Assistant Dean
10 Arlene Jackson to give you a presentation
11 today on all that Continuing Education does
12 at Suffolk Community College.

13 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: That actually came up in today's
14 press conference again, the idea of
15 Continuing Education programs that you guys
16 provide, specifically mentioning community
17 colleges.

18 DEAN JACKSON: Thank you. Thank you, Madame
19 Chair, Members of the Board, President
20 Petrizzo and College Administration. I
21 appreciate you allowing me to come here
22 today to talk to you about the College of
23 Continuing Education Department. Continuing
24 Education has long provided for educational
25 opportunities to very diverse populations.

1 As you can see here, we provide services to
2 Middle School, High School, College, to
3 people who come to us through the Continuing
4 Education brochure which is included in your
5 folder there, through various grants as
6 well.

7 I'm going to touch on each of
8 them and then I'll talk about them a little
9 bit more further down in the presentation.
10 At the beginning we have our STEP and LPP
11 Grants which are from the -- funded through
12 the New York State Department of Education.
13 STEP is the science and technology entry
14 program. And that's in six partner schools
15 in Suffolk County.

16 The students come on Saturday
17 morning for STEM enrichment program on the
18 Ammerman Campus eight Saturdays in the fall,
19 eight Saturdays in the spring with two field
20 trips. And then we have our Liberty
21 Partnerships program. And that's strictly
22 in Longwood School District and that's for
23 an at risk population there to make sure
24 that they stay the course and either
25 graduate high school or go into the

1 workforce.

2 And then we also have our Hampton
3 Bays School District child care development
4 associate program that we have been in the
5 district for two years there. We have, as
6 you can see, 12 students there. And our big
7 one is the drivers education program, over
8 1300 students there. At the college level
9 we have our CSTEP program which is the
10 Collegiate Science and Technology Entry
11 program. That's for full time students at
12 the college who are majoring in STEM fields
13 or the licensed professions and they to meet
14 other guideline as set forth by State Ed
15 because this is also funded by the NYSED.

16 Those students have also the
17 opportunity in the summer to do paid
18 internships at national labs across the
19 country. Our CSTEP students have been going
20 to Brookhaven National, Specific Northwest,
21 Oakridge, and Los Alamos and doing full on
22 researched and being published. So they
23 have been really doing a lot of great
24 things.

25 And then as you can see, we get

1 most of our students through the brochure.
2 And it's not just our leisure type things
3 that you might think of, but we have, you
4 know, Drivers Ed is our biggest one that we
5 get students from. But it's also medical
6 billing and health and other leisure,
7 culinary arts which is now really getting
8 big again because we have redeveloped that
9 program.

10 Then we also have some of our
11 other grants, the CTEA Grant. Last year we
12 brought one of our students from the
13 ophthalmic technician program, if you
14 remember, Paul Mansfield. 85 percent of the
15 students who went through that program are
16 employed. And those that aren't employed
17 either came here to the college now as Paul
18 is, he's a full-time student and is looking
19 to transition to the nursing nurses program.

20 And since we have transitioned
21 from ophthalmic, we are now doing the
22 surgical technician program. We are
23 currently going simultaneously, getting the
24 program up and running, doing
25 the accreditation for that program and

1 vetting the new student cohort for that.
2 And that's scheduled to get off the ground
3 in April of this year.

4 Next up we have our SUNY
5 Workforce Development Grant. This has been
6 in the Continuing Education Department for
7 over 13 years. And we work with agencies
8 who have served physically and
9 developmentally challenged. And this
10 provides training for those people who work
11 for these agencies so that they feel like
12 they are being noticed and they then --
13 because the agencies can't pay them that
14 much, but then they are retained in those
15 jobs and the feel much better about
16 everything in their life.

17 Additional we have other special
18 programs, the Alliance. The Alliance is for
19 those people who work with the physically
20 and developmentally challenged. And there
21 we have students that come into Continuing
22 Ed and also transition to credit programs
23 that is paid through that Alliance Program.

24 And then another one of our big
25 student draws is the task examinee, that's

1 formerly known as GED for those who didn't
2 get their High School diploma. And to round
3 it out, we have our TechHire Health IT.
4 Which is a \$2.9 million grant from the US
5 Department of Labor which we share with
6 cybersecurity and the advanced manufacturing
7 team here at Suffolk.

8 Here we have our STEP students,
9 as I mentioned earlier we go on field trips
10 with them. Here we have some of our
11 students at Cold Spring Harbor last fall and
12 you can see the gentleman with the cap on,
13 that's Professor John Jerome, full-time
14 faculty here at the College who also works
15 with our students on Saturday mornings.

16 Next please. They also come
17 back, we revisit, the Cold Spring Harbor
18 fish hatchery in June so they can actually
19 go to the pond and do screening and collect
20 organisms and then try to identify the
21 organisms there. Another one of our
22 wonderful field trips that we have doing for
23 probably 15 years is the visit to Stony
24 Brook University Medical School.

25 The students get to meet with the

1 medical school students and they go through
2 simulation labs, they go to cadaver labs,
3 and they go to an intake lab where med
4 school students have to interview patients.
5 So they have a mock interview with a patient
6 as well.

7 But the big piece that the
8 students really love is going to the cadaver
9 lab because they like to see what an actual
10 heart is, a lung or what happened to a heart
11 that's, you know, enlarged or somebody that
12 has had cancer. So, it's really hard when
13 we have to rotate out because the students
14 do not want to leave that room, as hard as
15 that is to believe but they really love that
16 field trip.

17 Next please. In the spring, one
18 of the big things that our students have to
19 do in STEP is a science fair project. So in
20 the spring we have long been a part of the
21 Long Island STEM Diversity Summit at
22 Farmingdale State College. So we bring some
23 of our students to go to a poster
24 competition there. And here's one of our
25 STEP students here last year.

1 And then for our STEP students
2 there is a statewide conference up in
3 Albany. Last year we brought three students
4 and the two ladies on the right took second
5 place in their division. And not to be
6 outshone by the STEP students, our CSTEP
7 students also have a statewide conference
8 that they go to as well to present their
9 research.

10 Both gentleman here have done
11 multiple internships at Brookhaven National
12 Lab and Remez (phonetic) on the right took
13 honorable mention at that conference up at
14 Lake George last year. And Brandon on the
15 left, who graduated from Suffolk, worked
16 with us with our STEP program on Saturday
17 mornings, and even though he had graduated
18 he still comes back on Saturdays to work
19 with our students.

20 As I mentioned earlier about our
21 Liberty Partnership Program, we also go on
22 field trips with them. Last year we brought
23 them to the Advanced Manufacturing Center so
24 they could see the different technologies
25 that are involved. And these were the

1 junior high school students.

2 One of the big things that we
3 like to do is bring students on campus. So
4 we also bring our Liberty Partnership
5 students on campus for a College for a Day.
6 We have doing this for about 15 years. So
7 they get to see the various departments,
8 what goes on off campus. And here last year
9 they got to go to the Radio and TV
10 Department and Gail Sheridan was nice enough
11 to show them around here.

12 As I mentioned, we have a lot of
13 grant funded programs. We also have the
14 adult literacy education program which
15 provides the Task instruction in tutoring.
16 And we support under serviced communities of
17 Central Islip, Mastic Beach, Patchogue and
18 Center Moriches. We also have the HSE Test
19 Administration Grant that we just received.

20 And, again, the CSTEP Program, 18
21 years strong here at the College. The
22 Liberty Partnerships Program, over 360
23 students currently and 25 years strong.
24 STEP, and as I mentioned we have six
25 partners schools, Brentwood, Central Islip,

1 Longwood, Patchogue Medford, Riverhead and
2 South Country 31 years strong. Over 300
3 middle school and high school students.

4 And just note, CSTEP and STEP
5 were charter members of the first programs
6 here in New York State, because these are
7 statewide programs. Again, the TechHire
8 Health IT as I mentioned earlier is funded
9 through the US Department of Labor, a two
10 point nine million dollar grant. And then
11 rounding that out we have the surgical
12 technician program. Again, we're slated to
13 begin in April. We're just doing the final
14 vetting process for those students.

15 And our SUNY Workforce
16 Development Program as I said we have had
17 for 13 years of Continuing Ed. So why is
18 Continuing Education essential to the
19 College? Well, we provide accessibility and
20 affordability to the non-traditional
21 student. And often times when the students
22 come to our department, they are getting
23 re-acclimated to going to school. And once
24 they get that taste, they often times
25 transition.

1 As I mentioned Paul Mansfield
2 came to us, went through the ophthalmic
3 program. Loved and it said, you know what?
4 I'm going to go on to my degree. So that's
5 what he's doing now. Also, we're adept at
6 meeting community needs. Last fall I was
7 contacted by the chief of the department,
8 Sue Cameron, to come up with a community
9 Spanish program for his officers.

10 So we're just waiting to get that
11 off the ground hopefully to happen in mid
12 March. Also, we developed the community
13 health worker and the surgical technician
14 program because these are high need programs
15 based on Department of Labor statistics.

16 TRUSTEE MORGO: Would you mention -- I know the
17 police department, the Suffolk County
18 Spanish program, when is it starting?

19 DEAN JACKSON: We're looking hopefully mid
20 March. We're just waiting for the final
21 contract to be signed

22 TRUSTEE MORGO: It will be with all police
23 officers with students?

24 DEAN JACKSON: It's going to start out at
25 headquarter and then go out to the

1 precincts.

2 CHAIR SANDERS: Did you guys teach Stu how to
3 speak Spanish?

4 DEAN JACKSON: Not yet because it hasn't strated
5 yet.

6 CHAIR SANDERS: He was at the conference and he
7 did a good job.

8 DEAN JACKSON: Yes. We met and he tried his
9 Spanish. He said, I'm not very good. I
10 said, we'll help you get there. So we're
11 starting off with a 15 hour course and see
12 sere where it morphs from there.

13 TRUSTEE MORGO: He spoke at a mass in Spanish at
14 a church in Brentwood and he did very well.

15 DEAN JACKSON: Okay. Great,
16 So moving forward we would like
17 to see the surgical technician program
18 become more available to the public after we
19 have our successful accreditation and our
20 first cohort completed.

21 Stony Brook University Hospital
22 has expressed an interest in sending its
23 employees to that program so we're hoping we
24 can increase enrollment by two percent. But
25 because it's such an intensive program, we

1 can't have that many students all at once.

2 Also, the community health worker
3 is a high demand for this program, 22
4 percent expected growth. So we're looking
5 to extend that enrollment by two percent.
6 As I just mentioned about the Community
7 Spanish, also we're going to try to expand
8 our other offerings in our brochure there.

9 And then one of the other things
10 we would like to see happen is to explore
11 the sterile technician program upon the
12 successful completion of the accreditation
13 for surgical technician. Because, again,
14 employment prospects here are about 11
15 percent anticipated growth.

16 And then we are developing new
17 training for new workforce partners and two
18 new agencies are looking for training by our
19 department as well. And to sum up, our
20 2017-2018 revenue, grants and State aid, we
21 brought in just a little over \$3 million.
22 Thank you once again.

23 TRUSTEE MORGO: I got to ask. What's the cost of
24 the program?

25 DEAN JACKSON: Well, a lot then are all grants.

1 And we have to make sure that we're always
2 in the black. So a course, say, in one of
3 the catalogs, if we only have five students,
4 we cancel it because we cannot run it
5 because we can't pay for the instructor.

6 TRUSTEE MORGO: So we bring in \$3 million. Do
7 you know what we expend?

8 DEAN JACKSON: I don't know have that
9 information.

10 TRUSTEE MORGO: Do you know, Gail?

11 VICE PRESIDENT VIZZINI: Not offhand, no.

12 TRUSTEE MORGO: But it's definitely in the
13 positive?

14 DEAN JACKSON: We're the the black, yes. We are
15 always in the black. Any questions? [NO
16 RESPONSE]. Thank you so much for your
17 time. I appreciate it.

18 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Thank you. That concludes the
19 report, Madame Chair.

20 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much and thank you
21 very much, Lou. That was a good choice of
22 presentations. Any round table items?

23 TRUSTEE MORGO: Real, really quickly, I've
24 discussed this with Theresa. I often talk
25 about having Budget and Finance, that is my

1 committee, it's not as inspiring as things
2 like Continuing Education and Denise and I
3 have discussed who had the more important
4 committee. Obviously student success is
5 more important because that's why we are
6 here.

7 But I really urge you when you
8 get the talking points that we mentioned
9 previously, to reach out to State
10 Legislators and County Legislators. Because
11 nothing happens if we don't have an
12 operating budget. Sorry for the time but I
13 had to say that.

14 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. All right, now I
15 would like to request a motion to enter into
16 executive session to discuss the employment
17 status, discipline, suspension, dismissal or
18 removal of a particular employee.

19 And there will be no business
20 conducted after Executive Session.

21 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: So moved.

22 TRUSTEE COVERDALE: Second.

23 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

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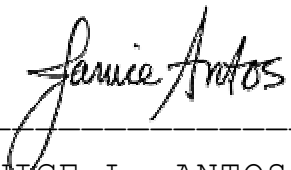
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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SUFFOLK
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HELD ON THE 21ST
DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019 AT 4:08 P.M., AT
SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GRANT
CAMPUS, LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER, BOARD
ROOM, BRENTWOOD, NEW YORK.

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SHIRLEY E. COVERDALE, Member
GEMMA DELOEN-LOPRESTI, Member
E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Member
KEVIN M. O'CONNOR, Member
BELINDA PAGDANGANAN, Member
JEROME BOST, Student Member
THERESA SANDERS, Member/Chairperson
JAMES MORGO, Member/Vice Chairperson

LOU PETRIZZO, ESQ., Executive Vice
President / General Counsel

1 CHAIR SANDERS: I would like to request a motion
2 for the approval of the minutes of the
3 January 17, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting.

4 TRUSTEE BOST: So moved.

5 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Second.

6 CHAIR SANDERS: Moved and seconded.

7 All in favor?

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

10 Thank you very much. I would
11 like to introduce the Vice President of
12 Student Affairs, Dr. Christopher Adams to
13 present the Association's financial reports.

14 DR. ADAMS: Good afternoon, Chair Sanders and
15 members of the Board of Directors. The
16 report was e-mailed to you and also should
17 be in your packets or on the portal. It
18 goes from September 1, 2018 to January 31,
19 2019. I'm very happy to report that in all
20 the various cost centers of the Association
21 that we are operating very positive.

22 We have not received the
23 disbursement of the student activity fee for
24 the Spring Semester as of yet. We sent the
25 invoice to the College. That should be

1 forthcoming by the end of the month.

2 There's two disbursements; on is
3 80 percent of the student activity fee and
4 the second is 20 percent of the student
5 activity fee. We should be made whole by
6 the end of March and I'll be able to report
7 that out at the April meeting once we have
8 both activity fees.

9 But very happy with they way that
10 the first semester ended up with the student
11 activity fees. We ended in a positive
12 notion with September all the way to the end
13 of January. Are there any questions with
14 the report? [NO RESPONSE].

15 Okay. I am also very pleased to
16 share with you that myself and Chair Sanders
17 had a phone conference with the auditors of
18 the Association for the 17-18 year and it
19 was a glowing report. You received
20 financials via e-mail yesterday and I
21 believe that there are some copies for your
22 packets as well.

23 I just wanted to say that it's
24 probably one of the better reports. We did
25 tend very positive fashion in the

1 Association. All thanks go to Barbara Hurst
2 who is our Director of Business Operations
3 who has put together policies and practices
4 that are second to none.

5 For those of you that are new to
6 the Board of Directors, just four or five
7 years ago, the Association had a little bit
8 of a challenge when we had the audit. There
9 were about 20 recommendations that we had to
10 clean up within the Association. So the
11 fact that, you know, we have come a long
12 way. We have wonderful report. We ended in
13 a positive as you can see from the financial
14 report.

15 But, again, it goes to the work
16 that Barbara does but also the work of the
17 campuses, the three associate deans of
18 student services, the three directors of
19 campus activities, they do really well. So
20 I'm really happy with the report. Chair
21 Sanders, would you like to add anything to
22 that since you were on the conference call?

23 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes. I, again, congratulate you
24 and your department because I was here and
25 we did come a long way, thank you. The one

1 thing the auditors pointed out amongst a
2 list of items that they were very
3 complimentary on was that the Board needs to
4 know that there were no adjusting entries.
5 And I asked why that's so significant, and
6 to an auditor that means that your internal
7 financial functions are working well so that
8 when they come into do the audit, they don't
9 have a make any adjustments.

10 So, again, Dr. Adams, thank you
11 very much for all the things that you put in
12 place. And, again, compliments to Barbara
13 because I know she did a lot of work. Thank
14 you.

15 DR. ADAMS: The last thing I just want to
16 report out is that our Mens Basketball team
17 is still undefeated. We are the number one
18 team in the country. We just beat the
19 Borough of Manhattan Community College by 78
20 points the other night.

21 TRUSTEE MORGO: How many?

22 DR. ADAMS: 78 points. I think we could give
23 Boston College a run at this point.

24 TRUSTEE MORGO: I could give Boston College a run
25 at this point.

1 DR. ADAMS: We're looking to challenge Stony
2 Brook so if anyone has any connections.
3 Maybe Ben can hook us up. But Channel 12
4 has caught onto the Suffolk County
5 Basketball Sharks and will be doing a piece
6 on them this evening. So over at the end of
7 practice, they'll do a piece. It should be
8 on TV either later tonight or tomorrow for
9 sure.

10 So Channel 12, check it out.
11 And, you know, I can't say enough about our
12 athletic team, you know, both men and
13 women's basketball have done just a
14 phenomenal job this year.

15 TRUSTEE MORGO: I hope the coach let some of the
16 bench players play. He's the coach.

17 DR. ADAMS: Yes, yes. Thank you very much.

18 CHAIR SANDERS: Dr. Adams, did you want to talk a
19 little bit about the Caucus?

20 DR. ADAMS: Yes, yes absolutely. So we plan
21 every year two advocacy trips to Albany with
22 our students. Unfortunately because of the
23 weather, the February 12 advocacy was
24 canceled. However, Ben and Drew and Kevin
25 Peterman were still able to make the charge

1 up in Albany.

2 So we canceled the trip on Monday
3 night for Tuesday. But we had a second trip
4 also on Saturday, which is the Black and
5 Puerto Rican Caucus. It's the 48th year
6 that they've had his Caucus. And we
7 sponsored this with the Urban League of Long
8 Island. And Chair Sanders, we took 54
9 individuals up the Albany, leaving the Grant
10 campus at 5:30 in the morning on Saturday
11 went up to Albany.

12 The students were -- of all the
13 trips I've done over the years, this
14 probably was the best trip I have ever been
15 associated with. The students were engaged.
16 We had the opportunity to go to several
17 workshops, go into the Assembly Speaker
18 Heastie's office. He had an open house. It
19 was wonderful. He spoke with the students
20 for a couple of minutes, we got some
21 pictures.

22 We were able to meet with Senator
23 Kevin Parker who is the Majority Whip of the
24 Senate. He took us down to the chambers,
25 did a tour of the chambers, gave us some

1 history how the chairs are. And it was
2 actually a really good -- I couldn't believe
3 how honest he was about how things work in
4 Albany and the students were --

5 MR. PETRIZZO: Was that good?

6 DR. ADAMS: Yes. Well, it's not usual that
7 you get that kind of view on how things
8 work. And one of the things that he pointed
9 out to the students is the power that the
10 students have if they would use it. He gave
11 the example, if I had 200 students in the
12 lobby or 20 senior citizens, I'm going to
13 see th 20 senior citizens before I see the
14 students because I know those senior
15 citizens are registered and also they are
16 going to vote.

17 So I think the students that were
18 on the trip took that to heart, and it was
19 really great to see. In fact, Chair Sanders
20 and I who have been doing this trip for the
21 last couple of years just remarked on how,
22 coming back from Albany, we didn't get home
23 until 12:30 in the morning, but how positive
24 the students were on the way back and they
25 were talking.

1 In fact, we usually show some
2 videos on the way back and they asked for
3 the videos to be turned off because it was
4 too much of an intrusion of their
5 conversations and what they were doing. So,
6 thank you, Chair Sanders, for always
7 inviting us. And Kimberly GiPierre
8 (phonetic) has always been very welcoming to
9 us.

10 She opens up her office. We use
11 that as our staging area so our students can
12 leave their jackets and their belongings and
13 we can do things throughout the capitol
14 during the day. So it just was a really
15 positive trip. So thank you again for the
16 opportunity.

17 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you for all that you do To
18 coordinate the students. They were all
19 psyched. Thanks.

20 TRUSTEE CANARY: Chris, I just want to say. Good
21 move on cancelling out on the day of the
22 snowstorm. Senator Boyle had a traffic
23 accident coming home from Albany. He hit
24 black ice on the throughway. Thank God he
25 wasn't injured. It was hairy. So it was a

1 good move to not bring them up.

2 DR. ADAMS: Well, I would have to say, a lot
3 had to do with Kevin, Ben and Drew who
4 basically were like, at 8:00 o'clock at
5 night and we made a lot of phone calls, but
6 I think that was smart. You're right, at
7 the end of the day. Thank you.

8 TRUSTEE CANARY: And the other thing that I wanted
9 to say was when I worked for Senator
10 Johnson, every two years we would bring up a
11 bus of students. We would call it Senator
12 for a Day Program. And that was my job to
13 get the kids up. And I know, I remember you
14 saying yesterday, Monday rather, about
15 counting heads at the rest stop to make sure
16 all the kids got back on the bus and you
17 didn't leave anybody behind, I remember
18 that.

19 But more importantly those trips
20 to Albany have such an indelible -- leave
21 such an indelible mark on the students who
22 participate. I have kids who come up to me
23 afterwards who say, you know, because of
24 that trip I got interested in government and
25 now I have a job in government. I've got a

1 young who is an elected village trustee in
2 Lindenhurst who reminds me, you know,
3 Gordon, remember that trip you took me up on
4 from Lindenhurst High school? He said, I
5 was so impressed with walking through the
6 capitol building and just the whole ambiance
7 of the situation got him motivated to go
8 into politics and government so I know what
9 a great thing it is. So thank you for those
10 efforts and support.

11 DR. ADAMS: Thank you.

12 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Dr. Adams.

13 I would like to request a motion
14 to adjourn the Board of Directors Meeting
15 and call the Board of Trustees Meeting to
16 order.

17 MEMBER BOST: Motion.

18 MEMBER COVERDALE: Second.

19 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

20 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS
21 VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE BOARD OF
22 DIRECTORS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY THE
23 CHAIR, THERESA SANDERS, AT 4:17 P.M.]

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I, JANICE L. ANTOS, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State of New York, do hereby certify:

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate transcript of my original stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of February, 2019.

Janice Antos

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