

OFFICIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON THE 20TH DAY  
OF FEBRUARY, 2020 AT 4:04 P.M., AT SUFFOLK  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GRANT CAMPUS,  
LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER, BOARD ROOM,  
BRENTWOOD, NEW YORK.

PRESENT:

LOUIS PETRIZZO, ESQ.  
Interim President

BELINDA PAGDANGANAN, Trustee (Absent)  
GORDON D. CANARY, Trustee  
THERESA SANDERS, Trustee  
KEVIN M. O'CONNOR, Trustee  
PRISCILLA ZARATE, Trustee  
KAITLYN GAMBINA, Student Trustee  
E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Chairperson  
JAMES MORGO, Trustee/Vice Chairperson  
SHIRLEY E. COVERDALE, Trustee/Second  
Vice Chairperson

1 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: I'll ask for Gordon to lead us in  
2 the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 [AFTER RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF  
4 ALLEGIANCE, THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
5 TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY  
6 COLLEGE WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN,  
7 E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, AT 4:04 P.M.]

8 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: First on the agenda, I would like  
10 to have Chief or Staff Carol  
11 Wickliffe-Campbell to recognize guests.

12 MS. WICKLIFFE-CAMPBELL: I don't think we have anything  
13 other than Student Government that Kaitlyn  
14 will recognize later.

15 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Then I'll request a motion to  
16 adjourn the Board of Trustees Meeting and  
17 call the Board of Directors Meeting to  
18 order.

19 TRUSTEE CANARY: Motion.

20 TRUSTEE MORGO: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: All in favor?

22 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
23 VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
24 MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:05 P.M. AND  
25 REOPENED AT 4:15 P.M.]

1 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: We are sitting again as the Board  
2 of Trustees.

3 I would like to request a motion  
4 for the approvals of the minutes of the  
5 January 16, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting.  
6 Is there any discussions? If not, can I  
7 have a motion.

8 TRUSTEE MORGO: So moved.

9 TRUSTEE SANDERS: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: All in favor?

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

13 At this time I would like to  
14 introduce Vice President of Business and  
15 Financial Affairs, Dr. Mark Harris to  
16 present the College Budget and College  
17 Financial Records.

18 DR. HARRIS: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and  
19 Board of Trustees members. Unlike the  
20 Association, we have not yet got our final  
21 Fiscal 19 Audit. We are hoping to get it  
22 for March's Board Meeting. But from all  
23 indications, the projection of getting a  
24 clean audit in addition to adding some funds  
25 to the fund balance does seem to be on

1 track. We have not heard any difference  
2 from the auditors. So we are going to be  
3 working with them to see how quickly we can  
4 get it, probably before February is over so  
5 the Board can see it in advance so we can  
6 have a discussion. So once it becomes  
7 available, I will be presenting it to the  
8 Board.

9 In terms of our operating budget  
10 for fiscal 20, the common theme is,  
11 enrollment continues to fall. And as a  
12 consequence of that, the primary source of  
13 revenue for the College fell as well. We  
14 have had better news in the month of January  
15 versus what we forecasted in December, but  
16 the net decrease in our revenue was \$2.382  
17 million compared to what we had budgeted for  
18 Fiscal 20.

19 However, because of that, what we  
20 have done and continue to do is really take  
21 a look at our main cost, which would be our  
22 actual labor and benefits. And as we  
23 reported before, that accounts for about  
24 88.8 percent of our total cost and that's a  
25 significant number. So in order to balance

1 or somewhat mitigate the deficiency in our  
2 fund balance, we continue to do cost  
3 mitigation on the cost on the employee side.

4 And as a result of that, we were  
5 able to have cost reduction of about  
6 point -- five point three million dollars,  
7 at least that's what we are projecting to  
8 close out Fiscal 20. If that holds true,  
9 then what we are projecting is a use of  
10 about one point two million -- one point one  
11 eight five to be exact, out of the fund  
12 balance for fiscal 20 versus what we had  
13 projected last month of about two point oh  
14 six eight million dollars.

15 So based on the cost mitigation  
16 and the improvement with the revenue coming  
17 in from tuition, we were able to close that  
18 budget gap by about two point nine three  
19 million dollars. So as of today, that's  
20 what we are projecting.

21 And hopefully by March 15 we will  
22 have a better idea of the total revenue will  
23 come in for Fiscal 20. And then, of course,  
24 continue to look at the cost so that we can  
25 prevent the slide of our fund balance or

1 usage of our fund balance.

2 TRUSTEE MORGO: Mark, just for the record we  
3 projected in our budget four point six  
4 million.

5 DR. HARRIS: It's four point one one five  
6 million dollars. So the gap between what  
7 we're seeing, it's about two point nine  
8 eight million dollars from where we were.

9 TRUSTEE MORGO: That's good.

10 DR. HARRIS: And then for the Fiscal 21, we  
11 are currently in the process. We have met  
12 with all the areas. Right now we are in the  
13 process of consolidating what that budget  
14 will look like for Fiscal 21 and there are  
15 still a lot of moving pieces there.

16 But preliminarily, what we have  
17 looked at and from a gap perspective and we  
18 have reported, our baseline is really 10  
19 point two million dollar deficit or  
20 shortfall that we have to work to close.  
21 So, my team along with all the cabinet  
22 officers along with Members of the Board of  
23 Trustees are working to look how best to  
24 close that gap.

25 It's going to be a very

1                   challenging Fiscal 21 for us. So we really  
2                   need to have a deep dive in how best to  
3                   manage that cost. Any questions on the  
4                   financial aspects that I have just  
5                   presented?

6 TRUSTEE CANARY:                   Yes. You said that it looks like  
7                   we're going to have to tap into the reserves  
8                   to the tune of one point eight million?

9 DR. HARRIS:                   One point one eight five -- one  
10                   point two million.

11 TRUSTEE CANARY:                   One point two million. That  
12                   leaves us with a remaining balance of what?

13 DR. HARRIS:                   So, given the close of Fiscal 19,  
14                   we're saying about 15 point four if we have  
15                   to use the one point two for Fiscal 20.  
16                   Okay.

17 CHAIRMAN MURRAY:                   Any other questions? If not,  
18                   thank you.

19 DR. HARRIS:                   Just two resolutions, sorry.

20 CHAIRMAN MURRAY:                   Sure.

21 DR. HARRIS:                   Resolution Item Number One is the  
22                   monthly sponsor services for Suffolk County  
23                   for review and approval. And the amount for  
24                   this month is about two point eight three  
25                   million dollars.

1                   And then Resolution Item Number  
2                   Two, three budget transfers. The first  
3                   budget transfer in the amount \$42,000. The  
4                   second budget transfer is in the amount of  
5                   \$10,000, total of 52 to buy furniture for  
6                   Kreiling Hall which will be completed around  
7                   April or end of April.

8                   And then the third budget  
9                   transfer of \$23,100 is to facilitate leasing  
10                  equipment for the print shop. So what we  
11                  have done is taken an approach where they  
12                  outsource print items or third party print  
13                  services. We want to bring them in-house  
14                  where we can optimize our productivity and  
15                  our cost as well. So, for your review.

16   CHAIRMAN MURRAY:            I have one question with regard  
17                                    to the monthly sponsor services. Is that  
18                                    going up, staying the same, going down?

19   DR.   HARRIS:                 Yes. So actually, for the month  
20                                    of January what we realize is that the rate  
21                                    that they charge us was the incorrect rate.  
22                                    So it's equal to what they charged us in  
23                                    December. And keep in mind that they sent  
24                                    us a new increase about six point nine  
25                                    percent which should have taken effect

1                   January 1.

2                                 Since February, we see an  
3                   adjustment so the bill will be going up. So  
4                   I think the variance between what we paid in  
5                   December and what we should pay in January,  
6                   it's about \$150,000.

7   CHAIRMAN MURRAY:                 Okay. And I would just like to  
8                   note that a lot of discussion was had about  
9                   the two percent contribution of the  
10                  employees to their health insurance. And  
11                  that money does not go to the College, it  
12                  goes to the County.

13   DR. HARRIS:                         Correct.

14   CHAIRMAN MURRAY:                 The theory being that it would  
15                  help us with our monthly payments, that  
16                  hasn't really occurred; is that correct?

17   DR. HARRIS:                         We have not seen that. So we're  
18                  in the process of scheduling a meeting with  
19                  the County just to get a better sense of how  
20                  the rates were determined and what the  
21                  effect is of the two percent contribution of  
22                  the employees.

23   CHAIRMAN MURRAY:                 Thank you. Any other questions?  
24                  [NO RESPONSE]. If not, I'll move to have a  
25                  motion to approve College Resolutions

1                   2020.06 through 2020.16. Are there any  
2                   discussions on any of the motions, any  
3                   questions? [NO RESPONSE].

4                   If not, then if I could get a  
5                   motion to approve.

6 TRUSTEE COVERDALE:           So moved.

7 MEMBER O'CONNOR:           Second.

8 CHAIRMAN MURRAY:           All in favor?

9                   Any opposed?

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

12 CHAIRMAN MURRAY:           We'll move to the committee  
13                   reports. We have new Chairman of the Budget  
14                   and Finance Committee.

15 MEMBER O'CONNOR:           He just gave the report.  
16                   Obviously these are very preliminary on the  
17                   revenue side. Preliminary as he indicated  
18                   because the first cut through is a 10  
19                   million dollar deficit approximately that  
20                   will be worked down through the budgeting  
21                   process. It appears to be much on the  
22                   revenue side and the enrollment side.

23                   The level of expenses is, as  
24                   always, under control. So I think it's --  
25                   we'll be meeting again within the next three

1 weeks.

2 CHAIR MURRAY: Okay. Student Success.

3 MS. GAMBINA: We didn't have a meeting.

4 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Okay. Belinda is not here so  
5 we'll skip to Governance.

6 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Just for the record, Belinda's  
8 absence is excused since I believe it's her  
9 daughter's wedding in Hawaii.

10 INTERIM PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: I didn't see the  
11 invitation for the Hawaii wedding, though.

12 TRUSTEE CANARY: Congratulations. The Governance  
13 Committee met on Tuesday, February 18,  
14 because of the holiday. Present was myself,  
15 Chairman Murray, Trustee Morgo, Trustee  
16 Coverdale, Chris Adams, Alicia O'Connor,  
17 Gail Canahan and Trustee Sanders joined us  
18 by mobile, by phone.

19 Deputy General Counsel Alicia  
20 O'Connor and Vice President Adams updated  
21 the Committee on recent meetings with the  
22 Sons of Italy regarding this summer's Mother  
23 Cabrini Festival. The group discussed  
24 possibly permitting the Sons of Italy Lodge  
25 to utilize the Grant Campus this year only

1 for a reduced fee paid to the College  
2 coupled with permitting the College's Office  
3 of Student Affairs to have a presence at the  
4 festival for student recruitment purposes  
5 which would provide a benefit to the  
6 College.

7 Once an arrangement has been  
8 agreed upon between the College and the Sons  
9 of Italy, it would need to go to the full  
10 Board via resolution to be approved at an  
11 upcoming meeting. So those discussions are  
12 ongoing.

13 As a result of the discussions  
14 from the January 16 Board of Trustees  
15 Meeting, DGC O'Connor spoke with Vice  
16 President Araneo, Drew Fawcett and Steve  
17 Alberti regarding marketing efforts to  
18 publicize the use of our facilities.

19 We distributed a marketing  
20 brochure that was used back in 2017 with  
21 information about the different spaces  
22 College-wide that can be rented by outside  
23 groups.

24 The field house on the Grant  
25 Campus is booked most weekends with April

1 and September historically being the slower  
2 months. While gym memberships are doing  
3 well at the Eastern Campus Health and  
4 Wellness Center, there is not a lot of  
5 activity of terms of rentals.

6 It was suggested that a digital  
7 marketing may be the best way to publicize  
8 the availability of the Health and Wellness  
9 Center's pool, gymnasium and other spaces.

10 Discussion was then had about the  
11 College reaching out to other organizations  
12 to publicize the availability of the Health  
13 and Wellness Center such as Suffolk County  
14 Department of Economic Development, Discover  
15 Long Island, Hampton's Visitor's Council,  
16 the Long Island Wine Council, Hyatt Hotel in  
17 Riverhead and Southampton Inn, the new Canoe  
18 Place Inn which is expect to reopen in the  
19 Spring of 2021.

20 So agenda items for the March  
21 Governance Committee Meeting will include  
22 the Mother Cabrini Festival updates and  
23 updates on the continued efforts to do  
24 marketing efforts to publicize the use of  
25 our facilities. Next meeting will be held

1 on March 16 which is a Monday. That's my  
2 report, Mr. Chairman. Any questions  
3 anybody?

4 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: No. I would just like to  
5 compliment the Governance Committee as, you  
6 know, given the budget situation taking very  
7 seriously the efforts to get full value for  
8 the use of our facilities to contribute to  
9 the College and its mission. And they have  
10 been very diligent about it and thank you.

11 TRUSTEE CANARY: You're welcome. And, again, one  
12 of our few revenue generators that we have a  
13 possibility to generate revenue. I know the  
14 County Legislators sometimes don't make it  
15 easy for us, but we want to be able to go  
16 back to the future budget meetings with the  
17 Legislature and say, guys, we get it. And  
18 we are doing our best and we are trying.  
19 So, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Personnel Committee.

21 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Personal Committee met on  
22 Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in  
23 the President's Conference Room, NFL  
24 Building. Present were myself, Chair  
25 Murray, Trustee Shirley Coverdale. We were

1           also joined by Dr. Jeffrey Pedersen,  
2           Angelic Rivera and Ashley Pope.

3                     The meeting was called to order.  
4           And Dr. Pedersen was asked to present to the  
5           Committee, which he did, resources, options  
6           and best practices for surveying  
7           stakeholders, formulating survey questions  
8           and analyzing survey data in the context of  
9           the Presidential Evaluation process.

10                    The Committee requested that  
11           Dr. Pedersen research external survey  
12           companies for use in soliciting stakeholder  
13           feedback for the evaluation and provide an  
14           overview of their capabilities, strengths  
15           and weaknesses for the Committee's review.

16                    Dr. Pedersen also provided an  
17           update on the Strategic Planning Council's  
18           progress in developing a new Strategic Plan  
19           for the College and remaining steps in the  
20           process. The committee discussed the  
21           possibility of connecting the Presidential  
22           evaluation to progress made toward  
23           Institutional goals outline in College's  
24           Strategic Plan. The Committee suggested  
25           that a short update on the Strategic

1 Planning process be provided to the full  
2 Board of Trustees.

3 Based on previously identified  
4 areas to explore for improvements in and  
5 revision to the existing Presidential  
6 Evaluation Process, the Committee requested  
7 that a revised draft of the College's  
8 Guiding Principles for the Presidential  
9 Evaluation Process policy be presented for  
10 review at its next meeting.

11 The Committee will scheduling its  
12 next meeting to take place in March. And we  
13 adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

14 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Any questions? [NO RESPONSE].

15 Thank you, Gemma. I don't think we have a  
16 facilities committee meeting report.

17 INTERIM PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: No.

18 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: That's something we have to work  
19 on.

20 The Foundation, I know Bell is  
21 not here, Sylvia?

22 DR. ARANEO: Thank you, Chair Murray and  
23 Members of the Board of Trustees. Similar  
24 to the Association, the Bonadio Group  
25 concluded it audit of the Foundation for the

1 year ending August 31, 2019. They will  
2 issue an unmodified clean opinion with no  
3 material weaknesses and no adjustments.

4 The Foundation team maintains  
5 constant contact with a Suffolk Federal  
6 Credit Union partners. We participate in  
7 monthly conference calls to review the  
8 status of our agreement deliverables which  
9 currently total over 40 category items.  
10 2020 will include the design and  
11 implementation of a new exterior LED sign  
12 along Nicolls Road on the Ammerman Campus in  
13 Selden.

14 Directional signs were installed  
15 on Monday on this campus to provide  
16 way-finding guidance to the Suffolk Federal  
17 Credit Union Arena. I am also happy to  
18 share the Save the Date card for the  
19 Foundation's upcoming 2020 annual golf  
20 outing.

21 We will be honoring Foundation  
22 Board Member Steven Milner, founder and CEO  
23 of US Mortgage Corporation on Monday, June  
24 15th at Southward Ho in Bay Shore.

25 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Thank you very much. Student

1           Trustee questions? You've probably given  
2           some of your report already.

3    TRUSTEE GAMBINA:            To start off, Trustee Priscilla  
4           Zarate and I attended the ASL Graduation  
5           which is a really big moment. It's English  
6           as a Second Language. It was a really  
7           moving ceremony. I know it left us in  
8           tears. But it was great to see their  
9           stories and how far they have come in our  
10          programs.

11                                We had a Tri-campus Student  
12          Government Meeting with the Board of  
13          Trustees. I appreciate everybody who came.  
14          It was a two hour meeting, so I know we  
15          can't go over everything that we talked  
16          about. But it was a great chance for us to  
17          tell you directly what we do on an everyday  
18          basis. And you got to meet the student  
19          government we appreciate that.

20                                I was able to attend the Black  
21          and Puerto Rican Caucus. It was great  
22          learning experience. I was the little  
23          nervous standing up there but I'm really  
24          proud of the student government and what  
25          they do. We also had a student government

1 leadership trainings over the break with the  
2 Tri-Campus leadership, which not just  
3 student government but we just do  
4 activities.

5 We had a keynote speaker who went  
6 over how leadership works, how we can use  
7 that effectively in peer mentoring while  
8 working on campus with student leaders. And  
9 I actually attended the ATCC Conference  
10 which was a great experience. I learned a  
11 lot about the position we all hold and how  
12 important it is.

13 I also learned a lot about around  
14 the country how they have different roles in  
15 their institutions. So, yes, that's my  
16 report. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Theresa, you want to update us on  
18 the Presidential Search?

19 TRUSTEE SANDERS: Sure. With the Presidential  
20 Search we are on time, on schedule, moving  
21 forward. We will be moving towards some  
22 interviews and we will be back to give you  
23 another update.

24 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: I'm glad to hear we are moving on  
25 schedule.

1 TRUSTEE SANDERS: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Any questions for Theresa.

3 TRUSTEE SANDERS: No.

4 TRUSTEE MORGO: Well done.

5 TRUSTEE CANARY: She'll have to kill you.

6 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: For the Chair's Report, I want to  
7 just follow up on what Kaitlyn said. We did  
8 have a meeting with Student Government. A  
9 number of trustees attended. I found it  
10 very informational to me and to understand  
11 what's going on with the student government  
12 and students in general. And I think it's  
13 good for us to hear firsthand.

14 The only other comment is with  
15 regards to the budget process as has been  
16 expressed. It's going to be a difficult  
17 process, but it tends always to be. I am  
18 confident we will work forward. And I do  
19 appreciate the efforts of Lou and the  
20 Administration in reducing expenditures to  
21 the extent that they have.

22 And then as Kevin mentioned, the  
23 deficit is really driven by things that are  
24 out of our control, especially -- not  
25 totally out of our control, but enrollment.

1                   And that's a lot of the demographics of the  
2                   school has been very aggressive in trying to  
3                   implement programs to keep and maintain  
4                   enrollment. And we're hopeful that that  
5                   will pay off and then we do need the help of  
6                   our Governmental friends in both Albany and  
7                   Suffolk County.

8                                 And we're continuing to make sure  
9                   that they are aware of that. But it's a  
10                  process that we go through every year. We  
11                  seem to make it through it every year and I  
12                  assume this year will be no different.

13 TRUSTEE MORGO:                 It might be worthwhile to talk  
14                                 about the marketing efforts to increase  
15                                 enrollment. I don't know, Chris, is it  
16                                 premature to talk about what you are working  
17                                 on with Stony Brook? Because that is very  
18                                 significant.

19 DR. ADAMS:                         Sure, it is a little premature,  
20                                 but I will --

21 TRUSTEE MORGO:                 Well, I don't want to let any  
22                                 proverbial cat out of the bag.

23 DR. ADAMS:                         You know how secrets are. We'll  
24                                 leave it at that. But if you recall about  
25                                 last year, Lou and a couple of Trustees got

1 an article about Binghamton and Broome  
2 Community College partnering where students  
3 that were not accepted by Binghamton could  
4 go to Broome.

5 They had a cohort of about 200,  
6 250 students and if they held up their end  
7 of the bargain of getting an Associates  
8 Degree, they would be automatically admitted  
9 to Binghamton. So we reached out to Stony  
10 Brook, and after about a year, they finally  
11 have come to us saying they want to talk to  
12 us.

13 I think a lot has to do with  
14 their losing juniors and seniors and they  
15 want transfers coming in. So Matt Whalen  
16 who is the Senior Vice President over there  
17 he's actually leaving, becoming the  
18 president of Caldwell University. I used to  
19 work with him at Hofstra when he was in loan  
20 management.

21 They now want to sit down. He  
22 wants to get a deal done before he leaves in  
23 June. So we'll be meeting over the next two  
24 weeks; myself, Dr. Beaudin, Lou Petrizzo,  
25 Joanne Braxton, a couple of our other

1                   missions individuals to help. So we have  
2                   that going on.

3                                 And then the other thing that I  
4                   wanted to just kind of keep to myself at  
5                   this point.

6 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   You can keep anything you want to  
7                   yourself.

8 DR. ADAMS:                        Thank you.

9 TRUSTEE MORGO:                    Seriously. This is not your  
10                   confession. But the thing is, I think this  
11                   was a very significant initiative. It  
12                   started I think at Budget and Finance  
13                   Committee Meeting as a matter of fact. So  
14                   anything that can be done to increase our  
15                   revenue is a good thing. So I don't see any  
16                   downside.

17 DR. ADAMS:                        No, there's none.

18 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI:        What has the experience with  
19                                 Binghamton and Broome? Has it increased the  
20                   revenue for that community college?

21 TRUSTEE MORGO:                    For Broome?

22 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI:        Yes.

23 TRUSTEE MORGO:                    It's increased the enrollment  
24                   which increases the revenue. SUNY Broome,  
25                   by the way.

1 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: That's very exciting.

2 TRUSTEE COVERDALE: SUNY Suffolk.

3 TRUSTEE MORGO: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Yes.

5 TRUSTEE CANARY: Again, I think very very

6 significant for this again goes back to our

7 friends in the Legislature, both State and

8 County, to say, Guys, we are trying to do

9 what we can do. It's really out of our

10 control at the moment. But this is the

11 perfect example of thinking outside and

12 seeing a successful program somewhere else,

13 bringing it here.

14 If we get a couple hundred more

15 students out of that, that's great, that is

16 gold. So thank you.

17 TRUSTEE MORGO: You'll hear Gordon and I often

18 talk about our friends in the Legislature,

19 getting to them because of the annual budget

20 process. There are other efforts being

21 made. One that is also significant, I don't

22 think it's a secret, is trying to staunch

23 the flow of Suffolk students to other

24 community colleges and all those efforts

25 directed for all the right reasons.

1 TRUSTEE SANDERS: I have a question. Are there any  
2 efforts to use this model for like St. Joe's  
3 or any of the other --

4 DR. ADAMS: We actually have articulations  
5 with St. Joseph's and a number of other  
6 institutions on Long Island. But this is a  
7 little bit different where this would be a  
8 guarantee that all the students that they're  
9 not accepting, that they would not only give  
10 us a cohort of students, but also they would  
11 send us all the students that were not  
12 accepted so that we could be -- it wouldn't  
13 just be the 200 or so that are automatically  
14 get acceptance.

15 But we would get the thousands  
16 that they are not accepting into that  
17 institution that we would have that mailing  
18 list. In particular, international  
19 students. Believe it or not, we get a lot  
20 of international students that come to  
21 Suffolk County Community College for two  
22 years then go back to Stony Brook.

23 Some fail out at Stony Brook and  
24 they have an opportunity to come back, do  
25 their work at Suffolk and then go back to

1                   Stony Brook. So there's a lot of synergies,  
2                   a lot of relationships that can be built.

3 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   Gem, SUNY Broome I think has  
4                   dorms, so...

5 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI:       Oh, okay.

6 DR. ADAMS:                       Yes, they do.

7 TRUSTEE SANDERS:                 That's a difference.

8 DR. ADAMS:                       But we have also talked about  
9                   they are earmarking some spaces for us so  
10                  that they would be, you know, part of this  
11                  cohort if you lived on campus at Stony  
12                  Brook, you would be enrolled at Suffolk but  
13                  could live on campus at Stony Brook, so...

14 TRUSTEE COVERDALE:             Oh, that's good.

15 DR. ADAMS:                       As an idea that we talked about.

16 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   Thank you, Chris.

17 DR. ADAMS:                       You're welcome.

18 TRUSTEE CANARY:                 As a followup to that, it just  
19                  popped into my head. SUNY Farmingdale has  
20                  dorms, too. If they had any vacancies  
21                  there.

22 INTERIM PRESIDENT PETRIZZO:    Totally different attitude there.

23 TRUSTEE CANARY:                   Okay. Never mind.

24 DR. ADAMS:                       But Westbury is always on the  
25                  horizon.

1 INTERIM PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Yes, Westbury.

2 DR. ADAMS: And we have developed -- they  
3 have a transition themselves coming up so I  
4 think there's some synergies working with  
5 Old Westbury as well. And, of course, what  
6 Trustee Morgo talked about, the number of  
7 students that are going out of county is  
8 criminal frankly.

9 So if we can continue to work on  
10 that and we have a couple ideas that will  
11 save the Towns approximately 14 million  
12 dollars being paid from the Towns to  
13 community colleges outside of Suffolk.

14 And it's not just FIT or Nassau,  
15 it's community colleges all over the state.  
16 Part of it primarily is that they residence  
17 halls, but we have some ideas on what we can  
18 do to bring those students back. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Great. Thank you.

20 So with that, let's go to the  
21 President's report.

22 INTERIM PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Sure. Just a couple of updates  
23 before we have our presentation on the  
24 status of the strategic plan. The County  
25 Executive's Office has signed off on the AME

1 contract and the Faculty Association  
2 Contract. The Faculty Association Contract  
3 should now go before the County Legislature  
4 for approval. The AME contract still has to  
5 be approved by the members. We are hopeful  
6 that that can take place in the first couple  
7 of weeks in March and then that can follow  
8 the FA contract to the County Legislature.

9 We were informed today, and very  
10 proudly so, that the Arbor Day Foundation  
11 has honored the College for the fourth  
12 consecutive year for the Tree Campus USA  
13 designation. So congratulations to our  
14 sustainability folks and to the campus  
15 deans, each of whom work on that project  
16 through the year.

17 March 2nd will be our  
18 Professional Development Day. The theme  
19 this year is following on our enrollment and  
20 our persistence issues. The theme is  
21 Pathways to Completion and for Completion.  
22 And all of the breakout sessions and the  
23 keynote address will be aimed at strategies  
24 and practices for increasing student  
25 persistence and student completion.

1                   Next Friday there will be a  
2                   meeting of the presidents of Stony Brook,  
3                   Farmingdale, Nassau, SUNY Maritime and us,  
4                   SUNY Suffolk, on offshore wind. And the  
5                   purpose of the meeting is to collaborate and  
6                   to try to work together with the Orsted  
7                   Funds that have been pledged for offshore  
8                   wind training and the SUNY funding that was  
9                   given to Farmingdale and Stony Brook.

10                   Between those two funds, there's  
11                   approximately 30 million dollars. Our idea  
12                   is not the reinvent the wheel, have us do  
13                   something different than what Stony Brook  
14                   and Farmingdale are doing. And to kind of  
15                   partner with the other SUNY Colleges to make  
16                   offshore wind training a SUNY project on  
17                   Long Island.

18                   Interestingly SUNY Maritime is  
19                   interested in that and given the nature of  
20                   the offshore wind where the work is done,  
21                   we're very happy to see them stepping up and  
22                   being willing to partner with us. So that  
23                   will be a meeting to try to find the  
24                   synergies and to find the collaboration and  
25                   to try to put not only our heads together,

1 but our money together to see if there's a  
2 better way that we can approach the offshore  
3 wind going forward and to approach it in a  
4 consolidate and a unified way. And we will  
5 be reporting back to you on that.

6 The last item that I wanted --  
7 the two last items. Number One, our Corona  
8 virus situations have substantially calmed  
9 down. We made it through I don't think with  
10 any issues or concerns. All the employees  
11 are back. All the students are back. And  
12 those who had some concerns and issues went  
13 through a period of quarantine and are  
14 released and are fine. So hopefully that's  
15 calmed down.

16 One last issue and it kind of  
17 ties into our budget issues and our fund  
18 balance issue and that has to do with  
19 self-insurance retention. Right now we are  
20 obligated for the first five million dollars  
21 of any claims that occur against us. That's  
22 as a result of policies and procedures put  
23 in effect by the County of Suffolk and more  
24 or less imposed on us through the Sponsored  
25 Services Agreement.

1                   With our reserve balances on the  
2                   decline, we are getting a little nervous  
3                   with that, so we are looking at going out  
4                   and buying some liability insurance to kind  
5                   of cut down on our retention, maybe put it  
6                   into the one to two million dollar category  
7                   which would be much easier for us to deal  
8                   with and to see what the cost would be to  
9                   get some insurance for the other two to  
10                  three million dollars.

11                  So, also a strategy to try to  
12                  hold us harmless as much as possible because  
13                  you never know when these cases are going to  
14                  pop up and you never know how they are going  
15                  to come about and we don't want to be  
16                  surprised.

17                  So, just a couple of things that  
18                  we are working on in addition to the budget.  
19                  Today we have asked Dr. Pederesen and the  
20                  folks from OPIE. Ted Koukounis is his  
21                  cochairman of the Strategic Planning Council  
22                  to give an update on where we are on  
23                  strategic planning to kind of clue you in on  
24                  some of the work that's being done and to  
25                  give you an idea of where you're going to it

1           into this process and when you are going to  
2           be brought into the process to participate.

3                       So, Dr. Pedersen, if you would.

4   DR. PEDERSEN:           Good afternoon, Trustees. I  
5           would like to introduce Ted Koukounas who is  
6           cochair of the Strategic Planning Council  
7           with myself. The Strategic Planning Council  
8           is about 40 something members that are  
9           spread throughout the College, guild  
10          members, FA members, exempts, staff members.

11                       This year we did not have a  
12          student, in the past we have. And they kind  
13          of guide our plan processes both our  
14          operational planning processes to hold us  
15          accountable and Strategic Planning process  
16          es. Kaliah Greene, who is the Executive  
17          Director of the Office of Planning and  
18          Institutional Effectiveness, she works with  
19          me.

20                       She took the lead on much of what  
21          we are going to see today. So I have been  
22          told a brief, a brief discussion so I will  
23          try to keep it that way. And I also know  
24          that I talk very fast so I'll try to not do  
25          that.

1                   Okay. Sometimes people don't  
2                   really know that strategic plans in higher  
3                   education usually consist of a mission  
4                   statement, a vision statement, institutional  
5                   goals which are the kind of primary aims  
6                   that guide our planning, most people are  
7                   familiar with mission and vision statements,  
8                   and then measurable institutional objectives  
9                   which are steps or actions that we use to  
10                  reach our goals.

11                  And the important thing here is  
12                  that they are measurable. This is one of  
13                  the things that the Personnel Committee was  
14                  interested in, using only some of those  
15                  measurable pieces to work in terms of  
16                  presidential evaluation. Many also include  
17                  a statement of institutional values, which  
18                  are guiding principals. They're usually not  
19                  measurable and I'll show that when we get to  
20                  them.

21                  And then key performance  
22                  indicators. And these are metric. These  
23                  are things that we can actually use to say,  
24                  for instance, retention would be one of  
25                  them. The higher our retention rates are,

1 the more we are keeping the students which  
2 is great for not only our mission but also  
3 for our budget.

4 The Strategic Plan is a guidance  
5 document for the College's integrative  
6 planning process. And those of you who have  
7 been here for a few years know that the  
8 integrative planning process is really what  
9 we use to keep us in compliance with our  
10 accreditation agent, Middle States. But it  
11 is also a compliance document. And most  
12 people don't understand that this is  
13 something that we are mandated to do,  
14 required by the State Education Department,  
15 by SUNY and by Middle States that we have a  
16 Strategic Plan.

17 And when we look at Middle States  
18 standards, you would see that the number one  
19 standard that is mission, goals and  
20 planning. Middle States requires a regular  
21 review in updating the strategic plan. The  
22 last review and revision was in 2012. The  
23 mission statement was reaffirmed. There was  
24 not a recreation of a new mission statement  
25 but the mission statement was reaffirmed by

1 all involved.

2 Coordinating the Strategic  
3 Planning process is the purview of the  
4 College's Strategic Planning Council  
5 counsel. And, again, that's a  
6 representative group of people from across  
7 the College.

8 And then final approval of the  
9 Strategic Plan is made by the College's  
10 Board of Trustees. So our progress report,  
11 this is -- these steps were things that that  
12 were presented to you two years ago. And we  
13 have been following them since then. We had  
14 hoped to have you involved, but other things  
15 came up that you needed to address and  
16 needed your attention.

17 So I just wanted to show you  
18 where we have come. We drafted the  
19 Strategic Planning architecture, that is  
20 what you approved back in April of 2018 --  
21 I'm sorry, May of 2018. Then we began  
22 stakeholder engagement in the summer of  
23 2018, reaching out to people to try to get  
24 their opinions about their feeling about the  
25 college, its mission, where they wanted to

1 see it go.

2 We started Strategic Planning  
3 Focus Groups in August of 2018 and we  
4 provided updates all the way through to the  
5 assessment advisory and the Strategic  
6 Planning Councils. And we had implemented  
7 suggestions that they gave us about the  
8 process.

9 We initiated a SWOT, which is a  
10 Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and  
11 Threats exercise. At Professional  
12 Development Day, we had 400 participants at  
13 that. We presented the SWOT results to the  
14 Assessment Advisory Council's Strategic  
15 Planning Council members, faculty,  
16 governance and to the cabinet. And that was  
17 just an identification of what people  
18 thought were the strengths of Suffolk, the  
19 weakness, the opportunities that we have and  
20 the threats.

21 We conducted final review of  
22 focus group transcripts. We have tons of  
23 focus groups which you'll see in a second,  
24 May 2019 to August 2019. We created a  
25 Blackboard Community for the Strategic

1 Planning Council to access information to  
2 allow for discussion. We wanted it to be a  
3 transparent process as much as we could.

4 We presented updates and  
5 preliminary focus group analysis to  
6 Strategic Planning Council and provided  
7 final focus group and online survey written  
8 report for the Strategic Planning Council.  
9 This is probably the most important slide  
10 that you will see today. With the focus  
11 groups, the SWOTs, discussions online survey  
12 participants, we had 432 students  
13 participate.

14 Most of these were through focus  
15 groups. We had 15 focus group facilitators  
16 that sat down with groups of students to ask  
17 a series of questions about how they felt  
18 about the College. We had 130 faculty  
19 members, not including the 400 that  
20 participated in the SWOT, 130 faculty  
21 members, full time faculty members, that's  
22 about a third.

23 So that's a really really good  
24 representation. Staff and administration we  
25 had 56. And community partners, we reached

1 out to people in the community with whom we  
2 work whether it be High School people,  
3 people in the community, church people, all  
4 sorts of different folks who have a  
5 relationship with us.

6 So the total number or  
7 participants in this process was 711 which  
8 is really an extraordinary amount of people  
9 to be involved in something like this. The  
10 focus group questions that were asked talked  
11 about what do you believe the primary  
12 purpose of the College is? What is your  
13 perception of the College? What should the  
14 priorities of the College be?

15 What should it focus on? Where  
16 should it direct its resources? If you had  
17 an experience with Suffolk County Community  
18 College, what was that experience and how  
19 would you characterize it? And what would  
20 you believe are student's reasons for  
21 attending the College, what would be the  
22 determining factors?

23 And we got a lot of things that  
24 we kind of anticipated, but we also got some  
25 things that we didn't. Some of the things

1           that we did anticipate that we got back were  
2           cost, being close to home, opportunities to  
3           work and go to school at the same time.

4                        But there were some other things  
5           that had to do with really good programs and  
6           things that we offer that we might kind of  
7           take for granted. All focus groups were  
8           recorded, transcribed and then they were  
9           coded to see what were the themes that were  
10          coming up most prevalent? Material gathered  
11          we used to create a draft document for  
12          values, goals and goal definitions.

13                       And this is the draft document.  
14          This draft document is being sent out to all  
15          faculty and staff members next week. It  
16          will be for two weeks up on a Survey Monkey  
17          survey where people can come back and tell  
18          us what they feel about it. You can see  
19          here we have a series of institutional  
20          values.

21                       There are seven of them that were  
22          suggested; excellence, engagement, service,  
23          stewardship, ethics, integrity,  
24          transparency, hospitality, belongingness and  
25          acceptance and continuous improvement. You

1 can see that some of those values there are  
2 really worthy values but many of them are  
3 difficult to measure.

4 So we want to move from things  
5 that might be a difficult to measure but are  
6 really important to the College to  
7 institutional goals which are much more  
8 measurable. So we have here student  
9 academic achievement, student growth and  
10 opportunity. Originally these were both one  
11 goal. But they were broken out as a result  
12 of suggestions by the Strategic Planning  
13 Council to kind of give academics its kind  
14 of highlight what we do here academically  
15 and then what we do to support students as  
16 well.

17 Community engagement, value,  
18 access and sustainability, communication,  
19 diversity, inclusion and equity. And my  
20 favorite, institutional effectiveness on the  
21 bottom. You can see that they're pretty  
22 similar to we have had before. We have  
23 broken them out a little bit to give a  
24 little bit more kind of an understanding of  
25 what we're trying to do so when we have

1 student academic achievement, we're going to  
2 focus on academics rather than just student  
3 success which was very very broad.

4 And here we have the goal  
5 descriptions. And so you can see, I'm not  
6 going to go through all of them for you, but  
7 to offer quality academic programs to  
8 promote student's process toward and  
9 attainment of their educational goals. So  
10 from this goal description, we would develop  
11 objectives.

12 Objectives which are things we  
13 are going to implement this. We are going  
14 to do these things in order to achieve this  
15 goal. And then we have key performance  
16 indicators that we come back and measure the  
17 success of that. And that's what my office  
18 does. We present that to the Strategic  
19 Planning Council and then to you.

20 Every year you get from me a  
21 report of Institutional Effectiveness that  
22 talks that about how we did with all of  
23 those measures, all of those different  
24 metrics, key performance indicators for the  
25 previous year. We use that -- we send that

1 to Middle States, something to show that we  
2 are in compliance.

3 The next steps, the values and  
4 goals draft document will be sent out to  
5 faculty and staff as I said over the next  
6 two weeks. The Strategic Planning Committee  
7 will review and make recommendations to the  
8 Council about any changes or edits. Faculty  
9 will be updated on progress at the March 3rd  
10 Professional Development Day.

11 The Strategic Planning Council  
12 Committee -- a Strategic Planning Council  
13 Committee will craft draft mission  
14 statements that reflect feedback of the  
15 college community. These will be reviewed  
16 by the Strategic Planning Council and the  
17 draft approved will be distributed to the  
18 faculty and staff for review and comment,  
19 similar to what we are doing in the next two  
20 weeks.

21 This will be a little bit later  
22 in March and the beginning of April. The  
23 Committee will review commentary and make  
24 recommendations to the SPC. The SPC will  
25 review, amend as necessary and approve it.

1           The Strategic Planning Council will forward  
2           the draft to the interim president and the  
3           cabinet before it is sent to the Board of  
4           Trustees for review and discussion.

5                     We had hoped to kind of do focus  
6           groups with you over last summer and then to  
7           spend some time with you on your retreat day  
8           in November, but your agenda was kind of  
9           packed. So we want to kind of hear from  
10          you.

11                    But here's where you will be able  
12          to come and say, okay, we're going to review  
13          it, we're going to look at it. We're going  
14          make recommendations, if you want to make  
15          recommendations, suggestions. The last time  
16          around, remember that we did this, the Board  
17          of Trustees added a goal, the goal a  
18          diversity was added. It started with five,  
19          it's six goals, diversity was added and that  
20          was add by this body.

21                    The remaining components of the  
22          Strategic Plan, the institutional objectives  
23          and the key performance indicators will be  
24          added by the Strategic Planning Council  
25          after BOT input, after you have input on

1 goals, values and so forth. And then the  
2 BOT will get the final document for  
3 discussion in June. It is hoped that the  
4 Plan can be approved at the August BOT  
5 meeting. And then it would be implemented  
6 September 1. And this is a really great  
7 time for this to happen.

8 Because, if we are having a new  
9 president come in, this is now the community  
10 being able to hand over a plan to the new  
11 president and say, this is what we feel.  
12 This is the direction we think we should go  
13 in. And please put this into practice. So  
14 it's really a terrific time for this to be  
15 happening here at the College.

16 And you can see that there are  
17 some pieces that certainly could be used in  
18 an evaluation process as we move forward.  
19 Any questions?

20 TRUSTEE CANARY: What is SUNY's role in this? Do  
21 they review this document? Do they have any  
22 role at all in that?

23 DR. PEDERSEN: No. Basically what happens is  
24 that we have to provide to the State  
25 Education Department, provide it to SUNY --

1            basically it's a checklist type thing that  
2            we have it done. Where it really gets  
3            looked at is by Middle States.

4                            Middle States is the one who  
5            comes in and whenever we have a degree or  
6            accreditation process, they'll come in.  
7            Again, the first standard is mission, goals,  
8            objectives. All of that of the seven,  
9            that's how primary they take it. And it's  
10           something we have to publish. We have to  
11           have it on our website. We have to have it  
12           available to everybody. So it's really the  
13           Middle States accreditors that look at it  
14           deeply.

15 TRUSTEE CANARY:                            Thank you.

16 DR. PEDERSEN:                                Thank you.

17 INTERIM PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: And I just want to thank the  
18                            cochair of that committee, Ted Koukounas  
19                            for all your work. And, of course, the  
20                            Executive Director who has done most of the  
21                            work that was up on the screen, Kaliah  
22                            Greene.

23 DR. PEDERSEN:                                She hasn't done most of it, a lot  
24                            of it.

25 INTERIM PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: I was going to say work you were

1 taking credit for but I didn't I was trying  
2 to be nice. Thank you, Kaliah.  
3 That concludes my report.

4 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Thank you. So next on the agenda  
5 is roundtable. Anybody have anything?

6 TRUSTEE GAMBINA: I'm sorry, I forgot. On April 24  
7 we have Take Back the Night which we are in  
8 the planning process. It is an event to  
9 promote or help victims of violence. So we  
10 do a walk and then we have a whole event  
11 where we give them an opportunity to speak  
12 and just have a safe space.

13 And also we had on February 6 the  
14 Battle of Long Island which is Nassau County  
15 versus Suffolk County. We had a few members  
16 of the Board and administrators there. It  
17 was really a nice event even though we  
18 didn't win, we are really proud of the  
19 players for doing their best.

20 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Thank you. Anything else on  
21 roundtable? [NO RESPONSE]. If not, I would  
22 like to request a motion to enter into  
23 Executive Session to discuss new litigation,  
24 pending litigation and the proposed lease of  
25 real property by the College.

1 Motion?

2 TRUSTEE CANARY: Motion.

3 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Is there a second?

4 TRUSTEE SANDERS: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: All in favor?

6 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
7 VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE MEETING OF THE  
8 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY  
9 COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAS CLOSED BY THE  
10 CHAIRMAN, E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, AT 5:01  
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OFFICIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SUFFOLK  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON THE 20TH DAY  
OF FEBRUARY, 2020 AT 4:05 P.M., AT SUFFOLK  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GRANT CAMPUS,  
LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER, BOARD ROOM,  
BRENTWOOD, NEW YORK.

PRESENT:

LOUIS PETRIZZO, ESQ.  
Interim President

BELINDA PAGDANGANAN, Member (Absent)  
GORDON D. CANARY, Member  
THERESA SANDERS, Member  
KEVIN M. O'CONNOR, Member  
PRISCILLA ZARATE, Member  
KAITLYN GAMBINA, Student Member  
E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Chairperson  
JAMES MORGO, Member/Vice Chairperson  
SHIRLEY E. COVERDALE, Member/Second  
Vice Chairperson

1 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Okay. We are now sitting as the  
2 Board of Directors. I'll ask for the  
3 approval of the minutes for January 16, 2020  
4 Board of Directors Meeting. Any discussion?  
5 If not, is there a motion to approve the  
6 minutes.

7 MEMBER DELEON-LOPRESTI: Motion.

8 MEMBER CANARY: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: All in favor?

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

12 I would like to call Vice  
13 President of Student Affairs,  
14 Dr. Christopher Adams to present the  
15 Association financial reports.

16 DR. ADAMS: Good afternoon, Chair Murray and  
17 Members of the Board of Directors. I want  
18 to bring your attention to the financial  
19 report December 1, 2019 to January 30, 2020.  
20 You have them in your packets. It was also  
21 e-mailed to you yesterday.

22 So I'm very happy to report that  
23 in all of the cost centers within the  
24 Association were operating in the positive,  
25 or trending positively, with the exception

1 of the Peconic Cafeteria. If you recall, we  
2 made the strategic decision to change the  
3 employee when he was the hired who was a  
4 college employee at \$126,000 salary and put  
5 it under the Association.

6 So we're going to see over the  
7 couple of months probably trending in the  
8 red in its various accounts. However, we  
9 have fund balance within the Association  
10 that should take care of any monies that we  
11 overspend.

12 I'll be working with the campus  
13 leadership at the Eastern Campus to make  
14 sure that we are cutting our expenses and  
15 that we are operating. And I'm hopeful that  
16 once the Health and Wellness Center, we  
17 start marketing that facility a little bit  
18 more, we'll be able to use that facility to  
19 make money in the Peconic Cafeteria.

20 So I'm hopeful over the next  
21 couple of months that we'll begin to trend  
22 positively with that. Is there any  
23 questions concerning the financial report  
24 for the Association? [NO RESPONSE].

25 Okay. I want to bring to your

1 attention a couple of developments that  
2 happened over the last month since the last  
3 time we met.

4 We had a conference call with our  
5 auditors. And I will defer to Chair Murray  
6 who was on the conference call to talk about  
7 the 18-19 audit.

8 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Sure. We did have a call with  
9 the auditors. We are going to get a clean  
10 audit letter, which is a good thing. And  
11 also there are no comments or material  
12 deficiencies in the report. And in all, it  
13 was a very positive presentation.

14 And we will be giving the audit  
15 sometime in the near future and hopefully  
16 will vote to accept it and that's it.

17 DR. ADAMS: To give the Board of Director  
18 Members a contrast, in 2014 when I first  
19 became the vice president I inherited  
20 management letter with 21 deficiencies  
21 within the Association. And because of  
22 Barbara Hurst and members of the campus  
23 leadership, since then we have had very  
24 clean audits. So that's a credit to  
25 everyone in this room including our Board of

1 Directors that passed a number of policies  
2 and procedures to make a clean audit. And  
3 we will continue to do that for many years  
4 after.

5 MEMBER MORGO: Congratulations. Very good.

6 DR. ADAMS: Thank you. I appreciate that.

7 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Very good job.

8 DR. ADAMS: I also want to bring to your  
9 attention that we had two outstanding bus  
10 trips to Albany. I'm going to defer my time  
11 to Student Trustee Kaitlyn Gambina who was  
12 part of those two trips and talk a little  
13 bit about those Association sponsored trips.  
14 And, of course, our newest trustee, Trustee  
15 Priscilla Zarate who was on the advocacy  
16 trip to Albany on February 5. So, Trustees?

17 MEMBER GAMBINA: I'd like to introduce you to some  
18 people that were on the trip. Do you guys  
19 want to come up?

20 I'm Kaitlyn Gambina, as you all  
21 know.

22 MS. WYNN: Hi, I'm is Erin Wynn. I'm the  
23 Student Government President at the Ammerman  
24 Campus.

25 MS. DYLAN: Hello. I'm Delina Dylan. I'm

1 the secretary here at the Grant Campus.

2 MR. DURAN: Hello. My name is John Duran.  
3 I'm the SGA President here at the Grant  
4 Campus.

5 MEMBER GAMBINA: Okay. On February 4 we went up  
6 to Albany or Higher Education Advocacy Day  
7 through Suffolk. We got to meet with a lot  
8 of our local officials and elected  
9 officials. These are three of the many  
10 members that joined use. We also went to  
11 the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus with  
12 Theresa Sanders, we appreciate that.

13 It was a great educational  
14 experience and we got to speak and actually  
15 got listened to.

16 MS. WYNN: Yes. We learned a lot about how  
17 the higher education system works. And we  
18 got to use our voices to advocate for our  
19 school system, so it was just a really good  
20 experience to be able to talk to senators  
21 and elected officials and kind of tell our  
22 stories so they understand who they are  
23 speaking on behalf of when they are making  
24 these decisions.

25 And then, the Black and Puerto

1 Rican Caucus was, again, another great  
2 experience where we were able to go up and  
3 voice our opinions.

4 The two were very different days.  
5 So it was just awesome to see the different  
6 cultures and activities going on during the  
7 Black and Puerto Rican Caucus because we  
8 were able to appreciate the culture there.

9 MS. DYLAN: I really enjoyed Advocacy Day  
10 because I thought it was really interesting  
11 that not only did they listen but they were  
12 repeating back to us also so that we knew  
13 that they weren't just going yeah, yeah,  
14 yeah -- because we all know we do it.

15 Also I thought it was really  
16 interesting because not only were they  
17 listening and responding back, but we got to  
18 actually -- like they were finishing our  
19 sentences so they were like knowing that  
20 what we're doing here on campus that we're  
21 like, Oh, yeah, we're planning this thing  
22 and that. That it actually gets up to them  
23 and it does make a difference. So it was  
24 really cool to see that.

25 MR. DURAN: I sadly wasn't able to make it to

1 Advocacy Day this year but I was able to  
2 make it to Black and Puerto Rican Caucus,  
3 which is my second time, I went last spring.  
4 And it was still a great time being there,  
5 able to hear some senators, so Kevin Parker,  
6 and he was able to talk to us about issues  
7 that we were wondering like the new bail  
8 reform that came out, seeing what it was  
9 from the perspective of a senator, voicing  
10 our opinions about it.

11 Hearing about -- just being able  
12 to speak about things we hear on the island  
13 about black communities, Hispanic  
14 communities, what help is that, you know --  
15 what can State do to help those communities  
16 out. And it was just very interesting  
17 seeing their perspective.

18 And also actually you can tell  
19 they saw -- they were hearing, like hearing  
20 our voices, seeing that we cared. And it  
21 was just a great experience overall.

22 MEMBER GAMBINA:

23 We also got the chance to see how  
24 our New York Budget System works and we got  
25 to talk about basically funding all things  
going on at Suffolk. It was just a great

1                   experience. And we appreciate everybody who  
2                   organized it for us. Thank you, guys.

3   DR. ADAMS:                   I have to just tell you one funny  
4                   story. Erin, if you can just come up one  
5                   second. So, this is the famous Erin Wynn we  
6                   had the opportunity to meet with Ken  
7                   Lavalley, the Senator who is the minority  
8                   leader of the Higher Education Committee.  
9                   And we were talking.

10                                 And Erin was really giving the  
11                   full court press because we had done a civic  
12                   engagement experience on the bus ride going  
13                   up. And Senator Lavalley said, Hey, this is  
14                   my last year. I'm retiring. Suffolk is my  
15                   favorite college. And Erin just kind of  
16                   tapped him on the shoulder and said,  
17                   "Senator, we just need one more year from  
18                   you. One more year." So this is the famous  
19                   Erin Wynn.

20                                 Thank you very much thank you.

21   MEMBER CANARY:                 The report I got back from  
22                   Senator Boyle was the students where  
23                   impressed that he knew me. I tried to had  
24                   brief him. I said, Senator, don't embarrass  
25                   me now. Full attention here.

1 MEMBER GAMBINA: Hopefully he mentioned it. I  
2 appreciate you all for the very hard work.

3 MEMBER ZARATE: I just want to add. I want to  
4 congratulate the students because the  
5 leadership skills that they demonstrated on  
6 that day and the stories that they shared,  
7 not only on behalf of themselves but also on  
8 behalf of all students.

9 And they were right. The  
10 officials were on the same page of these  
11 students, you know, focusing on the  
12 student's needs. And with the same ideas in  
13 terms of funding for our schools. So it was  
14 great to see that they had an ear for our  
15 students, that they were listening carefully  
16 and that they were on the same page with  
17 regards to what our students need  
18 financially to support and be able to attend  
19 school.

20 So I want to congratulate and  
21 commend you for your leadership skills.

22 INTERIM PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Great.

23 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Great.

24 MEMBER SANDERS: It was a blast as usual. We  
25 ended up this year with 64 people. So each

1 year it's growing and growing. And I'm glad  
2 you pointed the diversity because Long  
3 Island doesn't always have a great  
4 reputation for diversity and then all of the  
5 sudden they see our students because they  
6 go -- they think different of Long Island.

7 Our issues do overlap with a lot  
8 of the other issues. So we do want to thank  
9 them for paying attention to our student's  
10 diverse needs. So Suffolk is again -- you  
11 know, every time they took over Hastings'  
12 office again, the Senator's desk just a  
13 little bit. But it was really good, so  
14 thank you for the partnership.

15 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Thank you. Thank you.

16 That sounds great. And thank you  
17 for your efforts, very critical to us.

18 Any other business for the Board  
19 of Directors? If not, I would just request  
20 a motion to adjourn the Board of Directors  
21 Meeting and call the Board of Trustees to  
22 order.

23 MEMBER CANARY: Motion.

24 MEMBER O'CONNOR: Motion.

25 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: Is there a second?

1 MEMBER DELEON-LOPRESTI: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN MURRAY: All those in favor?

3 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
4 VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE BOARD OF  
5 DIRECTORS MEETING WAS CLOSED BY THE  
6 CHAIRMAN, E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, AT 4:15  
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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:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of February, 2020.

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