

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: We also got the chance to see how
23 our New York Budget System works and we got
24 to talk about basically funding all things
25 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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CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK)

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 25th day of February, 2020.

Janice Antos

JANICE L. ANTOS

