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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Minutes

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A P P E A R A N C E S:

BOARD MEMBERS:

- E. Christopher Murray, Chair
- James Morgo, Vice Chair, Trustee
- Shirley Coverdale, Vice Chair, Trustee
- Gordon D. Canary, Secretary
- Gemma deLeon-Lopresti, Trustee
- Kevin O'Connor, Trustee
- Belinda Pagdanganan, Trustee
- Zachary Frost, Student Trustee

A L S O P R E S E N T:

- Edward T. Bonahue, Ph.D., President
- Sandra O'Hara, Assistant to the President
- Alla Brodsky, Deputy General Counsel
- Patricia Munsch, Vice President for Student Affairs
- Tom Lupo, Suffolk County Comptroller's Office
- Maria Barbara, Legislative Aide to Presiding Officer McCaffrey
- Tim Freeman, Aide to Education and Labor Vice Chair Stephanie Bontempi
- Samantha Portillo, Student Trustee Elect
- Ethan Rothburd, President Elect of Student Government Association

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2 CHAIR MURRAY: Good afternoon,  
3 everybody. We will get started, we have  
4 a quorum. I welcome everybody and ask  
5 Gordon to give the Pledge.

6 TRUSTEE CANARY: All rise. Flag is  
7 up here.

8 [Following the Pledge of Allegiance,  
9 the meeting of the Board of Trustees of  
10 Suffolk County Community College was  
11 called to order by Chair Murray at  
12 4:06 p.m.]

13 CHAIR MURRAY: Do you want to  
14 introduce our guests?

15 PRESIDENT BONAHOUE: Thank you,  
16 Mr. Chairman.

17 We have several guests with us today  
18 that it's my pleasure to introduce.

19 Mr. Tom Lupo is here from County  
20 Comptroller Kennedy's office.

21 MR. LUPU: Good afternoon.

22 PRESIDENT BONAHOUE: We also have  
23 from Presiding Officer McCaffrey's office  
24 staff member Maria Barbara. Maria, thank  
25 you for being here.

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2                    From Education and Labor Vice Chair  
3                    Stephanie Bontempi's office we have  
4                    Mr. Tim Freeman, staff member. Tim,  
5                    thank you for being here.

6                    We have our Student Trustee Elect,  
7                    Samantha Portillo is here. Samantha,  
8                    thank you for joining us.

9                    And also the President Elect of the  
10                    Ammerman Student Government Association  
11                    replacing Jose Riquelme will be Mr. Ethan  
12                    Rothburd. Ethan, welcome.

13                    Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

14                    CHAIR MURRAY: So at this point I'd  
15                    like to request a motion -- and this will  
16                    be the last time I think we're doing  
17                    this -- request a motion to adjourn the  
18                    Board of Trustees' meeting and call the  
19                    Board of Directors; meeting to order.

20                    TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: I'll make a  
21                    motion.

22                    TRUSTEE CANARY: Second.

23                    CHAIR MURRAY: All those in favor?  
24                    Any opposed?

25                    [The motion made and seconded was

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2 voted on and carried. The Board of  
3 Trustees' meeting was recessed at  
4 4:07 p.m. and resumed at 4:17 p.m.]

5 CHAIR MURRAY: So first I have to  
6 request a motion to approve the minutes  
7 of the April 20, 2023 Board of Directors  
8 meeting.

9 Motion?

10 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: Motion.

11 CHAIR MURRAY: Belle.

12 A second?

13 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Second.

14 CHAIR MURRAY: All in favor.

15 Any opposed?

16 [The motion made and seconded was  
17 voted on and carried.]

18 CHAIR MURRAY: The minutes have been  
19 adopted.

20 So at this point I'd like to  
21 introduce Vice President for Student  
22 Affairs Dr. Patricia Munsch to present  
23 the Association's financial report.

24 DR. MUNSCHE: Good afternoon, members  
25 of the Board.



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2 motion for the approval of the  
3 Association Resolution No. 2023.83.

4 TRUSTEE MORGO: I would like to make  
5 that motion.

6 CHAIR MURRAY: You can make that  
7 motion.

8 And Gordon, why don't you second it.

9 TRUSTEE CANARY: Seconded.

10 CHAIR MURRAY: So at this point  
11 we're going to have a little discussion  
12 on this, because it has some significance  
13 in the way that the Association will be  
14 governed.

15 PRESIDENT BONAHOUE: And  
16 Mr. Chairman, I'll be glad to start and  
17 then I will also call on Vice President  
18 Munsch.

19 Trustees, you know that this  
20 potential action is being recommended by  
21 the governance committee after a lot of  
22 research on how student fees are managed  
23 throughout the SUNY system, and in  
24 particular in community colleges. To  
25 date, Suffolk has been the only SUNY

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2 institution that has let the Board of  
3 Trustees, which properly has a  
4 policy-setting function, also in charge  
5 of managing student fees. So based on  
6 research led by the governance committee  
7 and supported by the offices of Student  
8 Affairs and Legal Affairs, it's most  
9 appropriate to make this change.

10 Just as a reminder, this resolution  
11 would transfer governing authority to a  
12 new board. The Association Board of  
13 Directors thereafter will ultimately be  
14 responsible for making any further  
15 adjustments to its own membership. The  
16 initial roster that's being recommended  
17 at this time still includes many in  
18 college leadership, two trustees, with  
19 the Director of Business for the  
20 Association and college president being  
21 assigned roles of ex officio support.

22 Vice President Munsch also reports  
23 that the new directors have all consented  
24 to serve, and if the Board of Trustees  
25 takes this action the new Board of









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2 When I first proposed it there was  
3 pushback from administration. In fact,  
4 Patti, your predecessor thought I was  
5 insulting him because I wanted to change  
6 it, which wasn't the goal at all.

7 It was shepherded through, as  
8 Dr. Bonahue said, by the governance  
9 committee, and particularly by Gordon  
10 Canary, who when I had the broader  
11 vision, Gordon got down in the weeds with  
12 counsel and didn't let it go. So if  
13 anybody really has to be praised, Gordon  
14 stayed with it, and the governance  
15 committee -- remember the creation of the  
16 governance committee and why it was  
17 created? Again, Paul Pontieri made the  
18 suggestion, that's how long ago it goes,  
19 and there was another situation that was  
20 sticky, and the governance committee  
21 picked that up. So I am not using  
22 blandishments here, Gordon. You've done  
23 a really fine job of taking this through.

24 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you.

25 CHAIR MURRAY: Gordon?

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2 TRUSTEE CANARY: So again, as many  
3 journeys start with a question, and  
4 that's where we started. When Jim asked  
5 that question, you know, why is this  
6 scenario the way it is, and I'll tell you  
7 that our research just kind of indicated,  
8 and this is speculation, is just that  
9 when the original, when the college was  
10 established and the original board of  
11 trustees were first appointed, they just  
12 felt it was easy to have those  
13 individuals also sit as the members of  
14 the Board of Directors for the  
15 Association so they didn't have to go out  
16 and find new bodies, and I just think  
17 maybe it was a little laziness on their  
18 part? But I think that's really where it  
19 started from and just carried over over  
20 the decades until, again, that fateful  
21 question was asked, wait a minute, why  
22 are we the only college that has that  
23 this setup.

24 TRUSTEE MORGO: And the answer we  
25 originally got, well, because it was

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2                   always done that way.

3                   TRUSTEE CANARY: But there's a lot  
4                   of people to thank.

5                   Alla Brodsky's predecessor here, who  
6                   did a great job in counsel's office,  
7                   Alicia, working diligently over the  
8                   years, and you know, two things delayed  
9                   this progressing; one was an outstanding  
10                  lawsuit, we won't go into details but it  
11                  kind of stymied us from really getting  
12                  into the research on this and going  
13                  forward with it, and of course the second  
14                  thing was COVID hitting us when it did.  
15                  So those two things kind of delayed us as  
16                  well.

17                  But here we are today. Exciting  
18                  that we are finally, have reached this  
19                  milestone, we're ready to pull the  
20                  trigger on this and make it happen.

21                  TRUSTEE MORGO: I want to thank the  
22                  President and the Vice President and the  
23                  Governance Committee and the Chairman for  
24                  getting this done before the end of June.

25                  TRUSTEE CANARY: A lot of people

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2 involved, a lot of effort, and it just  
3 goes to show that when smart people get  
4 together and decide we're going --

5 TRUSTEE MORGO: Takes six years.

6 TRUSTEE CANARY: -- to do something,  
7 it only takes six years.

8 So here we are. Thank you.

9 CHAIR MURRAY: Just personally, I  
10 think it's a great idea, I think it's a  
11 great move. We talked about some of the  
12 pros, one of which I think is it will  
13 involve more people in the process,  
14 especially students, student  
15 representation. It's their fees, it's  
16 their activities, they should have a role  
17 in how it's done. The administration  
18 will participate and we will have  
19 representation on the board. So I think  
20 it's just a good thing to have as many  
21 people involved in a process because I  
22 think it encourages good outcomes. So  
23 I'm -- Jim and Gordon, really deserve a  
24 lot of praise.

25 TRUSTEE MORGO: Thank you.

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2                   So we're going to vote now.

3                   CHAIR MURRAY: Any other comments?

4                   If not I would -- oh, we already have the  
5                   motion and it's been seconded, so all in  
6                   favor of the motion please say?

7                   Any opposed?

8                   [The motion made and seconded was  
9                   voted on and carried.]

10                  CHAIR MURRAY: Hearing none, the  
11                  motion is adopted, and it will make our  
12                  meetings a little quicker going forward  
13                  also.

14                  So this is effective June 1st, so we  
15                  have to adjourn the Board of Directors'  
16                  meeting and go back into the regular  
17                  Trustees. So can I get a motion?

18                  TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: I'll make a  
19                  motion.

20                  CHAIR MURRAY: Second?

21                  TRUSTEE FROST: Second.

22                  CHAIR MURRAY: All in favor.

23                  [The motion made and seconded was  
24                  voted on and carried.]

25                  CHAIR MURRAY: So now we are back



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2 into the Board of Trustees. That will  
3 make my agenda less as we go forward.

4 So at this point I'd like to request  
5 a motion for the approval of the minutes  
6 of the April 20, 2023 Board of Trustees'  
7 meeting.

8 Motion to approve the minutes?

9 TRUSTEE MORGO: So moved.

10 CHAIR MURRAY: Second?

11 TRUSTEE CANARY: Second.

12 CHAIR MURRAY: All those in favor?  
13 Any opposed?

14 [The motion made and seconded was  
15 voted on and carried.]

16 CHAIR MURRAY: The motion is  
17 adopted, or the minutes are adopted.

18 And at this point I'd like to  
19 introduce Associate Dean of Financial  
20 Affairs, Sarah Gordon, to present the  
21 college budget and college financial  
22 records.

23 MS. GORDON: Thank you, Chair Murray  
24 and members of the board. I'm happy to  
25 be here today to give financial report

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2                    for the college while Dr. Harris is  
3                    celebrating his daughter's college  
4                    graduation.

5                    So to start with, just an update on  
6                    our Fiscal '24 budget. Requested budget  
7                    has been submitted to the county. The  
8                    budget presentation will be made to the  
9                    Education and Labor Committee next  
10                    Wednesday, the 17th, and we will see what  
11                    kind of questions or concerns they have.

12                    On Tuesday we did receive a notice  
13                    that the state budget has passed.  
14                    Unfortunately, community colleges did not  
15                    receive any additional funding. We were  
16                    only given the basic floor funding, so  
17                    our stated revenue for Fiscal '24 will  
18                    remain at our original budget of  
19                    50.16 million. Once the Legislature  
20                    approves our budget we'll submit it to  
21                    SUNY for their review and approval.

22                    As far as our current financial  
23                    year, financial statements submitted for  
24                    the month of April cover eight months of  
25                    the Fiscal year '23, and this year we

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2 have a fairly clear picture of tuition  
3 revenue for the fall and spring. Fall  
4 tuition full time and part time came in  
5 about 1.5 million below our budgeted  
6 amount. However, we did have a recovery  
7 a little bit in the spring, where we were  
8 up about 900,000 over our budgeted  
9 estimates. Currently for spring, we are  
10 projecting an additional 300,000 under  
11 budget; however, we know summer  
12 registration is still going on and will  
13 continue through the first week in July,  
14 so we're really hoping there are  
15 opportunities for increases there.

16 So in total for what VP Harris  
17 refers to as our basic, or core tuition,  
18 we're coming in at about 927,000 below  
19 our budgeted revenue figure.

20 We do have some positives. Looking  
21 at the other tuition categories, which  
22 includes our non-credit programs,  
23 specifically our non-credit ESL, which  
24 has about a 400, over \$400,000 better  
25 than budget, we're about 733,000 in total

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2 over our estimated budget, so in total  
3 for tuition, our credit and non-credit,  
4 we're looking only at about \$190,000 less  
5 than budget, and being that our total  
6 revenue budget is 76 million, that's less  
7 than a quarter percent off our budget, so  
8 we are really on track to be with our  
9 budgeted figures for that.

10 As far as the fees as they're  
11 presented on revenue report, we're  
12 anticipating about \$340,000 under budget,  
13 it's about 2.4 percent variance from  
14 budget to actual on there. And of  
15 course, in our department we're  
16 constantly monitoring revenue changes,  
17 managing costs, and trying to shrink the  
18 anticipated use of fund balance.

19 As far as our expenditures,  
20 personnel costs, we're looking at about  
21 \$1.3 million savings. Our net  
22 contractual expenditures, which is mostly  
23 utilities, is going to be about \$750,000  
24 over budget, and as has been discussed in  
25 the past, our net benefits, we're looking

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2                    at about \$2.2 million over budget, mostly  
3                    due to EMHP and retirement system  
4                    contribution increases.

5                    Our fund balance usage, initially we  
6                    budgeted about \$13.6 million. At this  
7                    point we are anticipating that we'll come  
8                    in about 12 million in fund balance  
9                    usage. As we get closer to the year end  
10                   of course we'll have a better idea, but  
11                   we are anticipating savings. One area in  
12                   our accounts receivable write-offs,  
13                   usually we have about a 1 to \$2 million  
14                   write-off for bad debt at the end of the  
15                   year. However, because we've been able  
16                   to use the HEERF funding to cover  
17                   outstanding balances and discharge them  
18                   during COVID semesters, we are looking at  
19                   a much smaller write-off come audit time.

20                   Leading into HEERF, we had a no-cost  
21                   extension for our HEERF funds that  
22                   extended to the 15th of this month, so we  
23                   are on track to exhaust all of our HEERF  
24                   funds. In fact, yesterday we drew down  
25                   the remaining funds, so we are at the

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2 point we're closing out both of those  
3 grants. For our HEERF student grants we  
4 expended \$35,926,902, and on our  
5 institutional funds 48,140,364, and of  
6 that there was about \$3.2 million in  
7 student balance discharges.

8 Any questions?

9 CHAIR MURRAY: Anybody have any  
10 questions?

11 No.

12 Thank you.

13 So at this point we're going to  
14 approve the college Resolution  
15 No. 2023.30 to 2023.37.

16 Do I have a motion?

17 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Motion.

18 CHAIR MURRAY: Second?

19 TRUSTEE deLEON-LOPRESTI: Second.

20 CHAIR MURRAY: All those in -- wait.

21 PRESIDENT BONAHEUE: Sure, I'll be  
22 glad to just run through them, Mr. Chairman.

23 Item one, of course, is our payment  
24 for three months of health insurance for  
25 employees. As usual, this is a catch-up

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2 month where the invoices from the county,  
3 we've now received them and processed  
4 them and that's what you see in  
5 Resolution Item 1.

6 Items 2 and 3, Accept the college's  
7 participation in the work-study portion  
8 of our Title IV financial aid, and Items  
9 4 and 5, Accept the college's  
10 participation in another category of  
11 Title IV, Supplemental Educational  
12 Opportunity Program. Of course, these  
13 are critical to our participation in  
14 federal financial aid.

15 Item 6 comes from the governance  
16 committee, as discussed last month, and  
17 would reappoint Anthony LaPinta to the  
18 Ethics Board, which is a resource to the  
19 Board of Trustees.

20 Item 7, you'll see is a small  
21 increase in a grant, and Item 8 will  
22 allow the college Legal Affairs office to  
23 hire a part-time attorney on an as-needed  
24 basis to support any transactional tasks  
25 that may require legal review.

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2 CHAIR MURRAY: Any questions on the  
3 resolution?

4 Any further discussion?

5 If not, all those in favor of  
6 Resolutions No. 2023.30 through 2023.37  
7 say aye.

8 Any opposed?

9 [The motion made and seconded was  
10 voted on and carried.]

11 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you.

12 Next on the agenda is the committee  
13 reports.

14 Budget and finance, I assume you did  
15 not meet, unless you didn't tell me.

16 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Did not. Did  
17 enough.

18 CHAIR MURRAY: Student success?

19 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: Thank you,  
20 Mr. Chair.

21 Our Student Success Committee met on  
22 Tuesday, May 2nd. During the meeting the  
23 three-year program presented their  
24 student success work. Their main goal is  
25 to support students through to





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2 Alla Brodsky, and recording secretary  
3 Sandra O'Hara stepping in for Gail.

4 Again, thank you, Sandra.

5 The committee discussed a resolution  
6 regarding the Suffolk County Community  
7 College's restructuring of directors.  
8 The resolution names the titles of all  
9 the new directors. Everyone agreed with  
10 the structure and were pleased that the  
11 process of appointing new directors was  
12 moving forward.

13 President Bonahue informed the  
14 committee that Dr. Patricia Munsch, Vice  
15 President of Student Affairs, had  
16 surveyed all the new directors for their  
17 interests in the appointments, and they  
18 have all accepted. The effective date  
19 for when the new directors will take over  
20 the management of the Association is  
21 June 1, 2023, and on this date the Board  
22 of Trustees will cease serving as the  
23 Association's Board of Directors.

24 Committee Chair Canary suggested  
25 that Trustee Morgo move the motion, since

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2 it was his concept for the new structure  
3 well over five years ago.

4 Committee Chair Canary announced  
5 that Mr. Anthony LaPinta had agreed to  
6 serve on the Board of Trustees' Board of  
7 Ethics Committee for another term.

8 And there not being any new  
9 business, we, well, we just, we set the  
10 agenda items, which will be just update  
11 on establishing the new Board of  
12 Directors for the Association, but by  
13 that time it should be over and done with  
14 and well under way.

15 Next Governance Committee meeting  
16 will be scheduled for June 12th at 4 p.m.  
17 via Zoom, and we adjourned at 4:06.

18 So 3:57 to 4:06, I think we beat our  
19 record.

20 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you.

21 Any questions?

22 If not, personnel committee, I know  
23 we haven't met but there's been some --

24 TRUSTEE deLEON-LOPRESTI: Yeah, to  
25 update the results of the survey came in

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2 in executive draft form and that was only  
3 a couple of days ago, so between now and  
4 the next meeting the personnel committee  
5 will meet to go over the results.

6 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you.

7 Advocacy I know Priscilla is not  
8 here. I don't think they met.

9 Facilities?

10 Foundation?

11 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: Thank you,  
12 Mr. Chair.

13 We met this last, past Tuesday and  
14 the Foundation board addressed the  
15 following: The Foundation Board of  
16 Directors Strategic Planning Committee  
17 submitted its draft plan for  
18 consideration by the full board.  
19 Mirroring the process demonstrated by the  
20 college during its recent strategic  
21 planning effort, the Foundation gathered  
22 input for the plan via transparent  
23 approach to conversations. The  
24 Foundation's plan places emphasis on  
25 increased revenue, planning for the next

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2 major Gifts campaign, and meeting  
3 baseline fundraising goals set for the  
4 development team.

5 Second, the Class of 1970 alumnus  
6 Robert Walter received designation as  
7 Director Emeritus for, on the Foundation  
8 Board. A retired Director of Risk  
9 Management for Astoria Federal Savings,  
10 Bob's first leadership position was at  
11 the college, where he served as the  
12 President of the Student Government  
13 Association. He was elected to the  
14 Foundation board in 1994, serving as  
15 chair from 2004 to 2012. Bob and his  
16 wife Roseanna met at Suffolk in 1967 and  
17 married in 1969. They had three grown  
18 children, two of whom also graduated from  
19 Suffolk.

20 Third, Suffolk Scholar Christine  
21 Mae Castillo was welcomed by the board as  
22 she shared her experiences following  
23 completion of the New York Cancer and  
24 Blood Specialist's fellowship program.  
25 Christine will graduate later this month



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2 The annual Golf Classic will start  
3 at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon,  
4 with cocktails and awards dinner starting  
5 at 5:00. For reservations and  
6 sponsorship information, please contact  
7 the Foundation office.

8 That's our report.

9 CHAIR MURRAY: Any questions?

10 So student trustee? Zach?

11 TRUSTEE FROST: Hi, everyone.

12 First off, congrats to Samantha and  
13 Ethan. You're going to have a great  
14 year. It's a great experience.  
15 Congrats. We'll talk later.

16 Anyway, graduation is coming up on  
17 the 18th, so if anyone, you guys can make  
18 it, please come.

19 Additionally, on April 29th the  
20 college held a push-up contest to raise  
21 awareness for veteran suicide. The event  
22 was a big success and a big hit amongst  
23 the students that participated.

24 We also saw on April 23rd was  
25 Suffolk County Community College's Open





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2 cybersecurity team here for the college  
3 innovation award and get some recognition  
4 for them. And that's due in June, I  
5 believe.

6 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Who would do  
7 that?

8 TRUSTEE FROST: I think any trustee  
9 can do the nomination.

10 TRUSTEE MORGO: Can we do it as a  
11 board?

12 TRUSTEE FROST: Oh, yeah, hundred  
13 percent.

14 CHAIR MURRAY: So why don't we do  
15 that?

16 TRUSTEE FROST: You go to Saratoga  
17 for it and they give out all the awards  
18 there.

19 TRUSTEE MORGO: In August?

20 TRUSTEE FROST: I'm not sure if it's  
21 in August. I think it's September.

22 TRUSTEE CANARY: Question,  
23 Mr. Chairman.

24 Zach, who did the most push-ups and  
25 how many were there?

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2 TRUSTEE FROST: I'm not too sure. I  
3 think -- I'm not too sure. I saw it on  
4 social media. There was one person there  
5 that went into the hundreds.

6 TRUSTEE MORGO: Can we make the  
7 resolution, or do you want to wait to do  
8 that?

9 PRESIDENT BONAHOUE: I don't think a  
10 resolution is necessary.

11 TRUSTEE MORGO: All right, so let's  
12 do one from the board then.

13 PRESIDENT BONAHOUE: Yeah, Zach gave  
14 me some preliminary information on the  
15 different types of awards sponsored by  
16 NYSED, and what we can do is look at  
17 those. I'd love to see us make  
18 nominations in several categories when we  
19 can identify the right programs.

20 TRUSTEE MORGO: And Dante will cover  
21 it, of course.

22 PRESIDENT BONAHOUE: All right. But  
23 we'll circle back to the board and I'll,  
24 with information about each of those.

25 CHAIR MURRAY: Okay, great.

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2 TRUSTEE CANARY: Zach, June is your  
3 last meeting?

4 TRUSTEE FROST: Yes. Can't get rid  
5 of me yet.

6 CHAIR MURRAY: So those are the  
7 committee reports.

8 The Chair's report, a couple of  
9 things. One is at this point the Chair I  
10 guess appoints ad hoc committee for like  
11 a nominating committee. We talked about  
12 it and Jim is going to do this on his way  
13 out, but --

14 TRUSTEE MORGO: Things you have to  
15 do.

16 CHAIR MURRAY: So Jim is going to do  
17 a report. We give that next June meeting  
18 and then we'd vote on the slate at that  
19 point.

20 Also, just would encourage you, even  
21 though I can't go, to go to the budget  
22 hearing even though you don't have to  
23 speak or anything, but I think just to  
24 show some support for the budget request.  
25 It's May 17th at 11:30.

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2 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: 11:30?

3 CHAIR MURRAY: And also would  
4 encourage the Trustees --

5 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Have to register?

6 CHAIR MURRAY: No, you're not going  
7 to speak, you just show up.

8 And then June 5th, as Belle  
9 mentioned, is the Foundation golf outing,  
10 so I would encourage all the trustees. I  
11 will be attending the dinner, won't be  
12 able to golf.

13 And just on a personal level, I am  
14 switching firms as of Monday. I left my  
15 old firm on Wednesday so if anybody is  
16 sending me e-mails I'm not getting them.  
17 My cell phone number is still the same,  
18 so text me if you need anything and then  
19 Monday I'll have a new e-mail address.

20 Rivkin Radler, it's just across the  
21 hall, not too far.

22 TRUSTEE deLEON-LOPRESTI:  
23 Congratulations.

24 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you.

25 So that's the Chair's report, and

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2 we'll just go to the President's report.

3 PRESIDENT BONAHOUE: Thank you,  
4 Mr. Chairman. And Trustees, thank you,  
5 as always, for volunteering your service,  
6 your time, your energy for the college.

7 Thank you, Dr. Ciampa, for hosting  
8 us here at the Grant campus. It's great  
9 to be here. It's also great to see both  
10 the STEM building, which is just about  
11 ready for our opening on June 1st, and  
12 then Trustees, if you saw a strange  
13 crane-looking device behind the arena and  
14 the police academy, that is the GUS  
15 system, the Get Up Safely crane that has  
16 been put in place by the NOWTC, the  
17 National Offshore Wind Training Center.  
18 And so as you drive out you may be you'll  
19 see that.

20 I'd also like to take this  
21 opportunity, I usually recognize our  
22 governance leaders. None of them are  
23 here today because I'm sure they're all  
24 actually giving and grading finals. I  
25 want to thank our governance leaders,

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2 because as a group, they offered a  
3 college-wide session that Dr. Harris and  
4 I presented on the budget, so that there  
5 was a lot of transparency within the  
6 college. Dr. Jones and I also spoke  
7 about some retention initiatives, so that  
8 the whole college got to hear basically  
9 the presentation that you've heard and  
10 that we'll make to the Education and  
11 Labor Committee next week.

12 CHAIR MURRAY: And just a comment,  
13 that Mark Harris, we were able to arrange  
14 so that he can give the last --

15 PRESIDENT BONAHOUE: Exactly.

16 CHAIR MURRAY: I was just going to  
17 say that Mark Harris will be giving the  
18 presentation, the budget presentation on  
19 behalf of the college.

20 PRESIDENT BONAHOUE: Correct.

21 I also want to recognize Dr. Dante  
22 Morelli. Thank you, Dante, for being  
23 here today from the Faculty Association.  
24 Sean Tvelia is here for the  
25 Administrator's Guild, and Josephine



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2                    have expressed specific interest in the  
3                    Stony Brook Seawolves at Suffolk, and of  
4                    those, 115 have now started the  
5                    application process.

6                    Our plan for evaluating this going  
7                    forward is to compare how many students  
8                    this coming fall actually go into one of  
9                    the guaranteed joint admissions pathways  
10                   and then compare that against previous  
11                   falls. It already feels like that number  
12                   will be up, but we'll be able to check  
13                   that going forward.

14                   Financial report, as was shared  
15                   earlier, the budget passed by the state,  
16                   including some stable floor funding for  
17                   community colleges, despite the  
18                   system-wide decrease in enrollment, but  
19                   nothing further. There was a pool of  
20                   non-recurring funds similar to last year.  
21                   Last year that pool of non-recurring  
22                   funds brought us an additional over a  
23                   million dollars for some equipment and  
24                   some faculty lines. That will be at the  
25                   discretion of the SUNY Board of Trustees,





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2                                    our increase in revenues. We feel like  
3                                    we're turning a corner on enrollment and  
4                                    retention, with a goal of 2 percent  
5                                    enrollment increase for next year, again  
6                                    with the priority on retaining the  
7                                    students that we have, as well as growing  
8                                    revenues from our non-credit programs,  
9                                    from work force, from ESL, from our use  
10                                   of facilities by community partners, all  
11                                   of those have been up this year.

12                                   We're also focusing on controlling  
13                                   our own costs, as you heard before.  
14                                   We've reduced our non-personnel costs by  
15                                   over \$3 million in the year ahead, or  
16                                   nearly 13 percent, continuing to put  
17                                   priority on our mission critical  
18                                   services, and you've also previously seen  
19                                   the head count data in each area of the  
20                                   college. We're looking at every  
21                                   personnel line that comes open to control  
22                                   our personnel costs as well, and again,  
23                                   focusing on mission critical positions  
24                                   that we know we must sustain.

25                                   In academic affairs, you heard last

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2 month how we have, how we're bringing in  
3 \$2 million in investment from the Navy to  
4 support our welding and manufacturing  
5 programs. We're now working with a Navy  
6 vendor on how those scholarships will be  
7 implemented. As you would imagine  
8 there's quite a few details to work out.

9 We also learned this week that the  
10 college has been awarded a new grant from  
11 SUNY, also in offshore wind, but whereas  
12 the National Offshore Wind Training  
13 Center is really focusing on our  
14 partnerships with labor, the new grant  
15 from SUNY is more focused on youth  
16 education, community education, and  
17 growing the capacity within the education  
18 ecosystem. So the funds will support a  
19 summer course on wind energy for students  
20 from Bay Shore, Brentwood and Wyandanch,  
21 a development of a new introductory  
22 course in the composite materials used in  
23 wind turbines, instruction in welding for  
24 40 adult learners, and also establishing  
25 a new dual certification in welding and

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2 composites, and then in collaboration  
3 with our National Offshore Wind partners,  
4 we will develop some wind career  
5 exploration modules for youth and  
6 community members, again, trying to  
7 develop the visibility of wind energy as  
8 a renewable resource and trying to bring  
9 that to the community as an area for  
10 consideration for work force development.

11 On development, after our last  
12 meeting I wrote to Linda Alvarez-Groneman  
13 that you have approved the college  
14 entering into a naming agreement for the  
15 Jane Shearer School of Nursing, and the  
16 Foundation staff and I will now work with  
17 the Shearer family on the details  
18 regarding that naming agreement.

19 On Tuesday, I met with the  
20 Foundation board and proposed that in the  
21 year ahead we will launch a new  
22 scholarship and major gifts campaign with  
23 elements focusing on scholarships,  
24 facilities naming opportunities,  
25 including things at the classroom and lab



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2 because the National Grid and National  
3 Grid Foundation was so generous in terms  
4 of making that happen.

5 So in line with our naming policy,  
6 I'm asking staff within the Office of  
7 Legal Affairs and the Foundation to  
8 complete the resolutions that we need  
9 that will formalize the partnership for  
10 your consideration at the June meeting,  
11 and it will be, of course, be retroactive  
12 back to the opening of the facility.

13 Except for reminding everyone about  
14 graduation, which is a week from today,  
15 and sharing with you all that just two of  
16 our graduate's inspiring stories were  
17 featured in Newsday today. If you want  
18 to hear more inspiring stories, please  
19 come to graduation. You know, when you  
20 see the articles like this in Newsday,  
21 what so many of our students have  
22 overcome, what so many of our students  
23 have done to rise above circumstances and  
24 injury and background, and never having  
25 been acquainted with what higher

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2 education means in terms of improving  
3 your life, improving social mobility,  
4 improving your work force prospects.  
5 Graduation is such an inspiring time, and  
6 so I do hope that everyone will try to  
7 attend at least one of the ceremonies,  
8 either at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. on Thursday a  
9 week from today.

10 Mr. Chairman, that concludes my  
11 report.

12 CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you.

13 Any questions?

14 If not, we'll go to Round Table.  
15 Anybody have anything to talk about?

16 Okay. So at this point I need to  
17 request a motion to enter into executive  
18 session to discuss the medical,  
19 financial, credit or employment history  
20 of a particular person or corporation or  
21 matters leading to the appointment,  
22 employment, promotion, demotion,  
23 discipline, suspension, dismissal or  
24 removal of a particular person or  
25 corporation.

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2                    Do we have a motion to go into  
3                    executive session?

4                    TRUSTEE COVERDALE:    So moved.

5                    CHAIR MURRAY:    Second?

6                    TRUSTEE O'CONNOR:    Second.

7                    CHAIR MURRAY:    All in favor?

8                    [The motion made and seconded was  
9                    voted on and carried.]

10                   CHAIR MURRAY:    Thank you.

11                   (Time Noted:    4:48 p.m.)

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