My Dear Colleagues:

I hope you are still maintaining your silent or declarative New Year’s resolutions. Only my silent one is still going. My promise to get more sleep has been violated and I even forgot that I had made it until I was reminded. The one that is still going is to take better care of myself (should not enough sleep be part of that?) and I feel that I am. I say this not to brag about my well-being, but rather to say that we are facing some daunting challenges with the state budget. As such, maintaining a healthy self will help us all go through these difficult times with a good sense of humor and aspiring for better days ahead. Some of you are correct, we are already facing more pleasant days, they could have been worse had we not been moving in a more positive direction.

I am writing to you just a little bit after four o’clock on Wednesday. We have just ended the FaBPAC meeting (Financial and Budget Planning Advisory Council) where your representatives voted for us to plan on a budget that would cut $6.3M ($6,300,000) from our budget. They looked at all the alternatives and are realistic about our situation. There are many details with this figure; we look forward to discussing these with you in open forums, at divisions meetings, at committee meetings, or one-on-one. The worst scenario would have been $8.6M. We need to finalize our budget right after the June election, if the Governor is successful at having an election in June. Let me, perhaps, say it for you; IT IS BAD!!!!!!!!!!

There is nothing bad we cannot overcome when we decide to team up, face it, and confront it. For our long-timers, they have probably seen worse. But, facing “Show Cause” was probably one of the hardest blows we have had. You came together: Academic Senate, SCFA, CSEA, LOCAL-39, ALG (Administrative Leadership Group), Cabinet, Governing Board, etc; and we dug ourselves out of that hole and onto Probation and progressing up. You decided to interact better, to plan better, to execute plans better, to manage better, and to govern better. You dealt with a nebulous concept and did extremely well. I am positive that you are ready for this arduous task of cutting $6.3M from the budget. It will not be easy, it will hurt and it will be painful. Just like a surgery one recovers from or an ailment one recovers from, we will be fine at the end and be able to restore what we may be losing now. As the philosopher Christie Speck said to me as I came in as President, “You are brave! I guess what does not kill you will make you stronger.” Our goal should be to emerge from this crisis stronger than we are entering it. We will need to not just talk about it, but act on what we decide.

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.” And, “The ultimate measure of a man [woman] is not where he [she] stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he [she] stands at times of challenge and controversy.” We have seen the staircase. It is just a little bit steep. Holding on tightly to our core values and one another as we climb will make the ride much easier. Let us count on each other.

Happy New Year! I look forward to our discussions.

Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D.
Superintendent-President

P.S. The only good news about the budget is that we have no more cuts for this fiscal year.
Mission Statement

Solano Community College prepares a diverse student population to participate successfully in today’s local and global communities. We accomplish our mission by providing:

- quality teaching
- innovative programs
- effective transfer preparation
- a broad curriculum
- services that are responsive to the needs of our students
- life-long learning
- economic and workforce development

Board of Trustees Meeting Report

At its meeting on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 the Governing Board took the following actions:

Resignation: The Board accepted the resignation of Journalism Professor, Mary Mazzacco. We are so sorry to see her go to Diablo Valley College. We will miss her.

Agreement Between Kanatsiz Communications and Solano Community College District to Provide Web Content Programming, Sitemap Development and Organization of Content: The Board approved this contract to upgrade our Web site. This will allow us to progress faster to improve the Web site.

Establishment of the Nonresident Tuition Fee for 2011-12, Resolution No. 10/11-19: The Board approved an increase in Non-Resident tuition from $190 per credit to $197 per credit.

Extension of Agreement with Kitchell, CEM, Inc., Construction Management Services: The Board approved an extension of our contract with Kitchell, CEM, Inc., for the continuation of Measure G management.

Public Hearing to Consider Approval of the Flexibility Provision for Categorical Programs Contained in the 2010-11 Budget: The Board adopted the flexibility provided for categorical programs. This helps us to be flexible in categorical funds within the categorical family of programs.

Resolution Proclaiming February 2011 as Black History Month at Solano Community College, Resolution No. 10/11-22: The Board approved a resolution for February as Black History Month. We encourage you to participate in events commemorating the contributions of African-Americans to American life.

Resolution Proclaiming February 2011 as Career and Technical Education Month at Solano Community College, Resolution No. 10/11-23: The Board adopted a resolution for February being Career Technical Education Month. We congratulate our colleagues in Career Technical Education. We reaffirm the importance of Career Technical Education for the ongoing prosperity of America and for the opportunities it provides to millions of young people.

Solano Community College District Governing Board Rating: A compilation of the Governing Board rating was distributed. The results indicate that the Board was rated “Effective”. The other categories are “Good,” “Average,” and “Below Average.” The Board, as a group, has been working very well together and is receiving excellent leadership from its President, Denis Honeychurch and its Vice President, Trustee A. Marie Young.
Important Dates to Remember

Special Events
- May 20 – 65th Jazzy Anniversary
- Upcoming Board Meetings
- February 2 – Board Study Session
- February 16 – Regular Board Meeting

Budget Impact – From Community College League of California

District Budget Impact

Solano

Assuming June Tax Package is Approved

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Notes and Assumptions
- Each district's impact is calculated using Recalculation information from 2009-10.
- For the scenario "Assuming Governor's Budget is Approved," the projected cut is the district's proportionate share of a $400 million reduction, with a net reduction calculated based on the district's proportionate share of $110 million in statewide fee revenue.
- For the scenario "If June Tax Package Fails--Prop. 98 Funded at Minimum," the projected cut is the district's proportionate share of a $620 million reduction, with a net reduction calculated based on the district's proportionate share of $110 million in statewide fee revenue. The $620 million assumes California Community Colleges Receive 11% of a Proposition 98 funding level $2 billion below ($47.3b) the governor's January 10 budget ($49.3b).
- For the scenario "If June Tax Package--Prop. 98 Suspended," the projected cut is the district's proportionate share of a $899 million reduction, which is apportioned 4.2% of the additional $12 billion in cuts necessary to balance the budget, with a net reduction calculated based on the district's proportionate share of $110 million in statewide fee revenue.
- In all cases, the student enrollment reduction assumes each college's share of the net funding cut on an average statewide weighted funding rate of credit, noncredit and noncredit-CDCP FTES.
Presidential Excellence Award at Flex Cal

I heard that it was one of the best attended Flex Cal events. I want to express my gratitude to all who helped with the activities with their presentations and programs. I thank Executive Vice President Reyes, Ms. Judy Spencer, Mr. Peter Bostic, Professor Rachel Dwiggins-Beeler, Mr. Roy Stutzman, and Vice President Ligioso for taking over my part of the program during my absence. If you took EVP Reyes’s statement about needing four of them to replace me seriously, please drop it. He was doing an improvisation of Jay Leno. We have capable people to lead us forward.

The following faculty, staff and administrators were honored at the Spring Flex Cal event.

- **Kandy Carlsmith**: Excellent Emergency Service. She was the sole officer or staff of the Police Department on duty during a reported armed person on campus. She performed her duties with precision, accuracy and calm and did her best to keep us safe.
- **Sandra Diehl**: Excellence and going beyond the call of duty. Not only has she built and maintained the Horticulture Program, but she has expanded it to become a real community and College treasure.
- **Ken Williams**: Excellence and going beyond the call of duty. Not only has he built and maintained the Horticulture Program, but he has expanded it to become a real community and College treasure.
- **Dale DeFreece**: Excellence award. He is known as a reliable Facilities employee who strives to satisfy the needs of his clients.
- **Sheryl Scott**: Excellent Service to Business/CTE – Managed Deans Changes. She has organized March for the Cure (of cancer) and served as one of the leaders of CSEA. Her cooperative spirit elevates the College to a high level.
- **Donna Laroski**: Effective and reliable services. She is a hard working and pleasant personality in the Human Resources Office. She does whatever she can to make sure that we all remain employed and make the paperwork requirement for new employees look easy because she is so helpful and patient and caring.
- **Christie Speck**: Dynamic leadership and service. Not enough can be said about a true leader and a champion of our treasures. She takes pride in raising our little boys and girls as we study or work at the College. She has made SCC a leader in the community for Child Development.
- **Amy Gaylor**: Outstanding Counselor. She takes great care of students in need and when we lost one of our counselees, she was with the family until the bitter end. She helped us get through this period of time with class.
- **Coach Terri Pearson-Bloom**: Championships and organization of alumni gathering. Not only has she won championships, but what we want to recognize is the fact that on her own, she brought back former players and alumni and has helped them not only to transfer, but also to start careers. She has served the faculty by being its chief negotiator.
- **Cynthia Simon**: Excellent leadership to CSEA. She has been responsible to keep peace between CSEA and the District for a long time. She is frank, but knows how to see and value the best interests of the employees and the District. Her leadership and mental toughness are rare qualities. Some of the reasons for her being excellent are that she was born and raised in Kansas.
- **James DeKloe**: Dedication and leadership in Biotechnology. Not only has Mr. DeKloe built with his colleagues a great Biotech Program; he has maintained its quality and made it a real asset to the community and to the world. His knowledge of Solano County and the State of California is a wealth to the leadership of the College. We never hesitate to take him places with us because he impresses everyone.

The College and our students are in perfect hands with these great employees. They will be invited to dinner at the president’s home on a date to be determined.
ACCJC Presentation in Burlingame

Trustee Young, Special Trustee Henry, and I met with the members of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) and updated them on developments at the College since the October visit. Our report was succinct and was well received. I want to thank Trustee Young and Special Trustee Henry for their support of this effort. Of course, that day and the presentation were possible because of the efforts of our employees and our collective board. We should hear a decision from the commission at the beginning of February.

Vallejo Chamber Chose SCC as Business of the Year

At its 136th Annual Officers Installation, the Vallejo Chamber selected Solano Community College for its Large Firm Business of the Year Award. The Filipino Chamber of Commerce leadership nominated the College for the award. We are grateful to both chambers for recognizing the College’s worth to the community. This is a testimony that SCC is attending to its relationship with the business community in Solano County and Winters.

Meeting with Senator Boxer’s Field Representative

Following our visit to ACCJC last Thursday, Trustee Young and I met with Megan Miller, Field Representative for Senator Boxer. We discussed a few issues among them, the earmark process and support for our potential work with the Nigerian Government. She has always been cordial and helpful. We extended an invitation to her and the Senator for our Sixty-Fifth Anniversary gala scheduled for May 20, 2011.

Meeting with Non-Instructional Areas

Tracy Schneider, Jeff Lamb, and I met with the Institutional Support areas of the College to discuss Service Area Outcomes (SAOs) for compliance with ACCJC expectations. This is an opportunity for us to establish best practices as a leading institution. This is a new endeavor for us with good pay-off potential. These areas include Facilities, Graphics, Police, Human Resources, etc.

Meeting with SunGard Executives

Several members of the Cabinet and I met with some executives of SunGard and discussed the contract and its final stages to ensure that we transition smoothly into the next phase of the Banner project. We also discussed unresolved or unsettled issues. We will meet once a month until the end of the contract.

Meeting with Trade Union Leaders

Executive Vice President Reyes and I met with Lou Franchimon, Dick Zampa, and Jon Riley, to explore partnerships with the trade unions in areas where we could supplement each other’s capability for training for international students. We are planning a tour of their facilities for the month of February.
County Superintendent Sworn-In

The new Solano County Office of Education Superintendent, Jay Speck, was sworn-in Monday, January 3, 2011. Trustee Honeychurch and I were in attendance at the event, which was well attended by elected officials, educators, members of the business community, and students.

District Attorney Investiture

President Honeychurch, Chief of Police Dawson and I attended the swearing-in ceremony for District Attorney Ron Dubain. He is focusing on educating young people. That agenda is very much in line with ours at Solano Community College.

Meeting with MIG

Director Froehlich, Executive Vice President Reyes and I met with the MIG group. This is the firm that worked on our most recent Educational Master Plan. We are discussing several possibilities with them, including an updated and more focused plan as well as our report to the community. Rosa Perez from the CFW group arranged the introduction for us.

Speaking to UMOJA Students

Jocelyn Mouton invited me to speak with the UMOJA students this past Friday. The students are primarily African-Americans. I had the opportunity to share statistics and information with them related to academic achievement and the societal and financial pay off of a college degree. They had very intelligent questions for me and received the message for them to complete their studies. Prior to my addressing them, Executive Vice President Reyes spent time with them answering their questions and encouraging them.

Conversation with William Berry for Potential Bond Measure

Several of us met with Mr. Berry and learned about the activities he undertook for the last Bond and heard his interest in working with us for the future Bond, based on his expertise. We will soon make a decision on our next steps.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

The tenth annual Martin Luther King (MLK) celebration took place in our Cafeteria on Sunday, January 16. The event was attended by a nice crowd of over three hundred people. Attorney John Burris delivered the keynote address and received the Life Time Achievement Award. Among the notables in attendance were, Trustees Young, Thurston, and Student Trustee Glidden. We appreciate their support of the program with their presence. Two trustees from Napa Valley College were also in attendance. The MLK Committee of Shirley Lewis, Mostafa Ghouw, Carolyn Moore, Thomas Trujillo, Erin Vines, Jesse Branch, and many others put a lot of work into the program. We are grateful for their work.

Solano Sports at Home

Go Falcons!

- January 26 – Women’s Basketball (Marin College)
- January 26 – Men’s Basketball (Marin College)
- February 2 – Women’s Basketball (Laney College)
- February 2 – Men’s Basketball (Alameda College)
- February 11 – Women’s Basketball (Los Medanos College)
- February 11 – Men’s Basketball (Los Medanos College)
SCC “Foster Youth Success Pilot Program

By Maureen Mason-Muyco

In Fall 2010, three joint meetings were facilitated by California Community College Chancellor’s Office Foster Youth Success Initiative (CCCCCO FYSI) consultant with Solano Community College (SCC) staff; Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) staff, and Solano County Health & Human Services Child Social Welfare (SCHHS CSW) staff to build partnerships to provide outreach and in-reach services to help former foster youth access post secondary education at SCC. Our first co-sponsored event on-campus was held on October 26, 2010, called “Starting the Climb”.

The foster youth target population are ages 15-24 which are served by the county Independent Living Program (ILP) and Transitional Housing Program (THP) providers. This population is also served by the Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success-Independent Living Program (YESS-ILP) grant co-sponsored by SCOEO Career & Technical Education (CTE), and SCC Fine & Applied Arts Behavioral Sciences Division.

Here are some upcoming activities that SCC staff will participate in this year:

1. SCC was chosen to become one of the 10 schools statewide for the CCCCCO Foster Youth Success Pilot program.

2. One of the 3 regional statewide pilot schools trainings will be held at SCC FF campus on March 8, 2011.

3. FYSI “Student Success Bridge” program to be offered at SCC in Summer 2011.

The first event planned for Spring 2011 is Foster Youth “Meet & Greet” pizza lunch for students under age 25 with SCC Administrative leaders, faculty, and staff. This “Meet & Greet” is co-sponsored by SCC and SCHHS CSW to provide SCC students who are current or former foster youth the opportunity to get to know the campus community and how to find resources to succeed in college. Please mark your calendars to attend this Foster Youth “Meet & Greet” pizza luncheon on Thursday, February 10, 2011, from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the 1400 building, back ½ of the Cafeteria.

If you are interested in helping to serve this special population of SCC students, please contact Maureen Mason-Muyco, Financial Aid or Cynthia Simon, EOPS.

Meeting with Clarence Williams for Auto

Trustee Chapman introduced me to Mr. Clarence Williams, owner of the Chrysler dealership in Vacaville. Trustee Chapman, Executive Vice President Reyes and I met with him and had a very good conversation about an automotive program at the College. He provided some contacts for us to pursue. Any introductions to other dealers or auto shop owners would be appreciated.
Zeltin Supports Nursing and General Students

Executive Director of Institutional Advancement Peter Bostic and I welcomed Mr. John Zeltin to Solano Community College on December 27. Mr. Zeltin met with the student who is the first Zeltin scholar and left a powerful impression on the young man. We discussed the possibility of establishing a nursing scholarship in his mother’s name. He agreed to do that. This scholarship will be awarded for the first time at the May Pinning ceremony. You may recall that Mr. Zeltin is an executive with American Express. He is a graduate of Vallejo Junior College and is grateful for the quality education he received from the College. I had the pleasure of visiting him during a family trip to New York last April. He is providing funds to award scholarships to our students annually.

News from Rotaract Solano Community College

By Dena Hudson

I wanted to share this wonderful email from Rebecca Wong with you, in case you haven’t seen it. The Rotaract club and MESA students, under Rebecca’s leadership did such a wonderful job with their fundraising event during the winter break, raising $1,400 for Mission Solano! Our students are so amazing; I couldn’t keep this news to myself!!!!

“Happy Holidays! The gift wrapping event was a success!!!! The event was from the 20th to the 24th from 12pm to 6pm. Sometimes we even stayed overtime! We raised over $1,400! The donations will go to Mission Solano. Customers were very pleased with our services and our gifts looked really good. We are experts now! I am really proud of everyone who came out every day to help!

Volunteers of Gift Wrapping event: Chris Porter, Rebecca Wong, Mittrel Paulus, Neo Thao, Anna Chao, Julie Chao, Akash Singh, Gagan Singh, Linda Tran, Melissa Rodriguez, Priscilla Franson, Anamarie, Janet Stevens, and Ting Lin. They are extra great for donating supplies.

Contributions and Donations: Cordelia Rotary, Westfield Solano Mall, Pam Muick (Rotary Club Advisor), Tina (Rotary), Linda Tran's Work, Steven Liu, Dena Hudson, and the people who got their gifts wrapped!

We also had some people help at St. Marks Sorting Food and passing it out to the needy! This event took place Dec 18th-20th. Thanks to Melissa Rodriguez, Rebecca Wong, Janet Stevens, and Gagan Singh!

Happy Holidays. See you next year guys! I wish you the best and I hope all of your wishes will come true! Eat well and enjoy it! See you soon!

Love,

Rebecca Wong
Rotaract President”
Good News from the Children’s Center

By Director, Christie Speck

I wanted to take a moment to share the outcome of the holiday giving program. It’s heartwarming to be a member of a community that supports our work with young children and their families.

The campus community embraced the Children’s Programs this past holiday season by providing art supplies and children’s books donated during the campus holiday party in December, and through our annual holiday giving program that provided assistance to 45 children and their families. The charitable gifts of warm clothing, food, books, toys, and gift cards made the holidays brighter for each family.

Research shows that building strong families is the most effective way to ensure the health and well being of children. The families who received gifts were uplifted by the generosity and the knowledge that they are members of a community that truly cares about their well-being.

The Children’s Program staff and I are grateful to the Solano Community College staff, faculty, women’s athletic teams, and the Human Services classes who took time out of their busy schedules to make a positive difference in the life of a child.

Semester in Preview

Challenges:
- Emergency Response: We are putting together a presidential advisory committee to spearhead efforts in this area. One of our own part-time faculty, Rachel Dwiggins-Beeler, is a trainer in Emergency Preparedness.
- Budget: We will continue to work toward resolving the effects of any changes in the budget.
- Banner: We will be making more progress toward completing the Banner project.
- Accreditation: We will know by the beginning of February where we are with our probation status.

Expectations:
- Center Staffing and Leadership: We should figure out and develop more a sense of ownership for the leadership of the Centers.
- Accreditation Self-Study: We will have completed the Self-Study for accreditation. We look forward to your ongoing involvement.
- Vacancies: We will be filling most of the remainder of our current vacancies.
- Facilities: Improvement in the appearance of the entrances to the College.
- Energy Sustainability: We will form an internal group, the President’s Sustainability Advisory Council. We need to do more in energy conservation and generation. We should put in place an infrastructure that will allow SCC to lead in this endeavor.