Dear Colleagues:

**Shiloh IV Wind Project Blade Signing Ceremony**
Last week in Rio Vista, I attended—along with Professor Mark Berrett—the “blade signing” ceremony of the Shiloh IV Wind Project of eDF Renewable Energy. The Shiloh IV Wind Project is the largest “repowering” project in the country wherein older technology is upgraded allowing for an increased generation of clean energy with even fewer wind turbines. While at the ceremony, I spoke with Tristan Grimbert, President and CEO of eDT Renewable Energy. Mr. Grimbert is a Francophile affording me the delightful opportunity to engage in what I will call the “French perspective” regarding various potential energy collaborations with Solano Community College! At the same time, Professor Berrett arranged to take SCC students on tours of the Shilo IV Wind Project farm in Rio Vista.

**Evening Rotary Club Address**
Last week I addressed the Evening Rotary Club at the Fairfield Hilton Inn. In my address, I presented SCC’s concerted efforts to effectively respond to the ACCJC recommendations, our local graduation rates, and a variety of SCC’s plans, which include four-year institution outreach, our School of Aeronautics expansion, and ideas for supporting a Middle College High School, in addition to a variety of plans for the College’s main campus and Vacaville and Vallejo Centers.

**Fairfield-Suisun Chamber Meeting**
I attended the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce meeting recently and reminded the Chamber of SCC’s role in the community’s economic development. I shared the news of our recent grant award from the Department of Labor, our partnership with the Jimmy Doolittle Museum, and SCC’s initiative with Sunpower Corporation—a proposal which will allow for Photovoltaic Solar Electric Generating Systems at all three of our campuses.

**Solano County Farm Bureau Idea Session**
Rennee Moore (Interim Dean of Mathematics), Professor Ken Williams (Horticulture), and I met with Derrick Lum, President of the Solano County Farm Bureau, and Jeff Dittmer, Solano County Farm Bureau Board member, to discuss potential interest in supporting the College’s development of an Agricultural program. While this interest is only in the discussion stage, we brainstormed a variety of ideas to expand our existing Horticulture program to a full-fledged program of Agriculture. Looking to the future, an Agricultural program at Solano Community College could serve to benefit our economic and educational interests.
Accreditation Report Status
The SLOs Coordinator, Accreditation Co-chairs, and other Educational Administrators met last Tuesday to discuss several issues regarding course outcomes and assessments, and the responsibilities of various College groups to meet the requirements of ACCJC. Our meeting was productive in that the dialogue helped us to continue to shape our plans to make outcomes and assessments—*an ongoing responsibility for all.*

Additionally, the Accreditation Co-chairs, Dr. Shirley Lewis and Dr. Annette Dambrosio, have reported to me that they are currently revising the draft Accreditation Report for the last time and expect that the Report narrative will be complete by this Friday. The reason for this self-imposed deadline is that the Co-chairs must then merge all nine sections of the Report into one document, check all evidence, construct appendices, write an introduction, work with IT to format the document, etc. If you review the Accreditation calendar, you will see that October 8 has been their deadline for completing the entire Report. This evening, Wednesday, October 3, the Accreditation Report will be brought to the Governing Board for their approval.

Upcoming Activities:
October 3: Speaking to SCC retirees about the College at their luncheon
October 6: Kaiser Wellness Day – Fairfield Campus
October 12: Speaker at Pearson conference on Leadership in Tough Economic Times
October 15: SCC Athletics Golf Tournament
November 2: Staff media training
November 8-9: Education Trust Conference in Washington, D.C. with the Russo’s
November 16: Vallejo Schools, SCC and Chambers “Job Creation through Training”

Have a good week.

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Seek the lofty by reading, hearing and seeing great work at some moment every day.

Thornton Wilder