Dear Colleagues:

**Spring Semester Activities and Future Planning**
The end of the semester activities continues to bring a particularly sweet feeling for me. Sweeter still would be duplicating some of these Fairfield campus activities at the Centers, thus making the College environment a lot richer. Could there be, for example, a group performing dance numbers at the Vacaville Center or Vallejo Center? Could we someday have sports fields at the Centers and draw our teams there?

As always, the Little Theater Dance Recital was an excellent event. There were many guest performers, guest choreographers, and the special touch of Professor Ginger Cain. In addition to the regular performing dance students, there were several other groups involved in the entertainment: Hawaiian, Mexican, Tahitian, and the Ligioso Ballet, featuring Catherine Ligioso (SCC alumna) and our Human Resources Recruiter, Mayra Loza. The theme was “Celebrating Diversity” and the diversity indeed was very much on display. Several faculty and staff were in attendance over the two days of the recital, including J.J. Eaves, Maria Santiago, Yulian Ligioso, Betty Austin, Robert DaPrato, and many others. Also, Board Member Dr. Sarah Chapman was on hand to enjoy the show.

This was Professor Cain’s first dance recital where she was completely in charge and I want to congratulate her. Thank you faculty, staff, and the Performing Arts Staff for supporting the event.

**Classified Recognition and BBQ**
The faculty, staff, and administrators treated the classified staff to a nice luncheon last week. Manager of the Year, Donna Laroski, and the HR staff (Mayra, Alexis, Arlene, Marielle, and Rachel), and Donna Meyer, Administrative Assistant for the School of Liberal Arts and this year’s Classified Employee of the Year, were all present. Donna Meyer has been an anchor woman in the School and a mentor to many classified staff members. Donna Laroski manages us all!

**Distinguished Alumni and Retirement Recognition**
Last Wednesday, as part of Celebrate SCC, several alumni were recognized for their accomplishments. The list was very impressive and covered a range of individuals, some of whom we would never suspect are SCC alumni. For example: Would you think Veronica who started Favela’s Fusion Restaurant belonged to SCC? Or the County Auditor Simona Padilla-Scholtens? Would you know that County Assessor Marc C. Tonnesen or Dr. Karen McCord
earned an education at SCC? Or have you considered that the CEO for Northern Bank, Louise Walker, is one of our own graduates? John Zeltin, another talented alumni and retired Marketing Specialist for American Express, was chosen as Alumni of the Year. Since 2010, he has contributed $36,500 to SCC for scholarships, to include Nursing. SCC’s Donna Laroski was recognized as Manager of the Year. Again, congratulations to Donna for the phenomenal job she does for all of us. The honor is well deserved (see the end of this SP Direct for a complete list of all SCC Honorees).

Finally, all of us should congratulate SCC’s Educational Foundation Executive Director Curt Johnston and his staff, Cynthia and Karen, for hosting a wonderful event.

**SCC Softball: What A Run**
Solano’s record-breaking season has come to an end. The Falcons started Super Regionals with a bang, crushing Fresno City College 11-3 in 6 innings on Friday. On Saturday, however, the Falcons ended their 31 game win streak with a heartbreaking loss to Sierra College 7 to 6. The Falcons then bounced back to defeat Santa Rosa Junior College 9-0, which led them to the Championship game of the Super Regionals on Sunday. Unfortunately, too many mistakes on defense cost the Falcons their quest for a state championship when they were defeated by Sierra College 10-1. Coach Pearson-Bloom stated, “It was an incredible season. I am so proud of our student athletes and the heart they showed battling ‘till the end. Hosting and playing in the Super Regionals was a great opportunity for our College to showcase what Solano Softball is all about. Thanks to the efforts of a supportive maintenance crew, dedicated training room staff, the talented sports broadcasting student program, and everyone in the Athletics Department at Solano College, we were able to create a magical experience for every student athlete who participated in the Super Regionals.” Again, congratulations to Coach Pearson-Bloom and SCC’s most talented Softball Team.

**Dixon May Fair**
Not enough can be said about SCC’s participation in the Dixon May Fair. Trustees Brown and Martin were on hand to help staff the SCC booth on Saturday. There were great reports of Admissions Clerk Laura Guzman’s involvement (her fluency in Spanish came in handy) and Vacaville Center’s Jenny Gonzales who attended to all questions pertaining to our College. Thanks to all.

**ESL Mixer**
Professors Jane Berger and Melissa Reeve did it again. Last week, they hosted a very nice gathering of current ESL students and students from ESL schools throughout the county—an event well attended. I applaud Jane and Melissa for their ongoing leadership of ESL and their unique ability to enrich this program.

**DBI Beverage Ribbon Cutting**
Interim Dean Thom Watkins and I attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for DBI Beverage in Fairfield. This company hires over 1000 people in Northern California and distributes beverages to a wide range of events and locations. Thom connected with the Human Resources Manager, as well as the President of the Company, and is looking at some training partnerships with them. They also asked that we send them students for employment.
African-American Graduate Recognition and Celebration
The upcoming African-American Graduate Recognition and Celebration program is one of SCC’s original diversity celebrations. It is a celebration of excellence and achievement for students of African descent. Participation by all students is welcome and encouraged. This program is one way to show recognition, appreciation, and support for the academic accomplishments of African-American students. It is also an effort to assist the College in meeting one of its Institutional goals to promote, support, and participate in one of a growing number of important multi-cultural events. Congratulations Dr. McCord for upholding the graduation tradition for this group. I hope you can attend this Sunday, May 18, 3:00 -5:00 p.m., at SCC’s Fairfield campus.

Chicano/Hispanic Graduation Ceremony
A reminder that our newest graduation ceremony honoring Chicano/Hispanic students will be held on Friday May 16, 2014, at Solano Community College Cafeteria from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. The purpose of this event is to highlight the achievements of our students in a ceremony that celebrates the cultural elements of the Latino/Chicano/Hispanic culture. Students are encouraged to invite their family, friends, and professors to highlight the importance of family and community in their accomplishments. There is no fee to attend.

English Department Graduate Celebration
The SCC English Department is initiating a post-graduation reception for all English major graduates and their friends and families on Wednesday, May 21, 1:00 p.m., at Salvio at the Rock (formerly the Rockville Inn). Light refreshments will be served. The Department wants to acknowledge a wonderful batch of students (many of whom will continue their education at CSU and U.C.) This year’s graduates are to be commended for their work to earn their degrees—sometimes under very difficult circumstances. Although the names and destinations of all of the English Department graduates could not be included in this notice, the English faculty have expressed their gratitude in working with these students. Congratulations to SCC’s English major graduates and hardworking faculty.

Other Events Related to Graduation
The Human Services Program will host its graduation celebration on Friday, May 16, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Faculty/Staff Lounge. Don’t miss the Early Childhood and family graduation happening on Saturday, May 17, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the SCC Cafeteria. The Nursing Pinning Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 20, from 10:30 to noon in the SCC Theatre.

Finally, we will all convene at Doc Hollister Stadium on Wednesday, May 21, to salute the SCC Graduating Class of 2014.

SCC Nursing Graduates and Alumni Banquet
The Nursing Graduates and Alumni Banquet will be held this Saturday, May 17, 7:30 p.m., in the back half of the SCC Cafeteria. SCC is proud to host this first SCC Nursing Graduates’ Banquet, honoring not only the class of 2014, but all former graduating classes. The event is open to the public. Tickets are $25.00 per person for individuals 13 years of age and older;
May Revision Budget Update

I received this May Revise information last Tuesday and thought I would pass the information on to all of you:

Colleagues,

The Governor released his May Revision update on the morning of Tuesday, May 13. While those watching the updated revenues flow into the Treasury for the 2013-14 fiscal year may have hoped for ongoing increases even beyond the relatively strong proposal outlined in January, the Governor and his staff see a more complicated picture. While there was strong revenue growth in the 2013-14 fiscal year, the Governor does not see the current year increase carrying over into the 2014-15 fiscal year to any large extent.

Further, as the Proposition 98 minimum guarantee is based largely on year-over-year change, the upward tick in the 2013-14 year combined with a modest revenue increase in the 2014-15 projection actually decreases the minimum guarantee in the budget year relative to the January estimate. Despite the decrease in the 2014-15 guarantee, the Governor’s proposal actually manages to create room for some increased programmatic support by shifting some of the buy down of deferrals from the budget year to the current year. While more time and details are needed to get a fuller picture of the proposal, the key highlights are as follows:

- $50M is added to the Economic and Workforce Development Program (EWD) on a one-time basis “to improve student success in career technical education.” The funds are intended to develop, enhance, and expand Career Technical Education (CTE) programs that build upon existing regional capacity to better meet regional market demands.
- $42.4M is added to offset decreases in local property tax and fee revenue estimates for the 2014-15 year.
- $6M for increased technology infrastructure ($1.4M one-time, $4.6M ongoing) to upgrade bandwidth and replace technology equipment at local campuses.
- Adjustments to Access Funding and COLA—A decrease of $14.8M to reflect a change from 3 percent to 2.75 percent in funds for new access for the 2014-15 fiscal year.
- Additionally, the Governor will push back the implementation of a revised growth formula until the 2015-16 fiscal year.
- A decrease of $1.2M to reflect a drop in the COLA from 0.86 percent to 0.85 percent.
- Adjustment to the January maintenance and instructional equipment proposal—a decrease from $175M to $148M.
- All funds will go toward deferred maintenance in the revised proposal, rather than a 50/50 split with instructional equipment.
- A local match will not be required in 2014-15.
- A decrease of $1.5M for Proposition 39 projects/workforce development, due to reduced revenues attributable to the California Clean Energy Jobs Act.
The May Revise will also propose increasing the funding rate for Career Development and College Preparation courses to the rate for credit courses *commencing with the 2015-16 year*. 

- Deferral pay down adjustments –
  - A decrease of $55.5M in the prior year.
  - An increase of $133.6M in the current year.
  - A decrease of $78.1M in the budget year.
  - While there are adjustment of payments among the three fiscal years, the net result is still a complete pay down of system deferrals as of the 2014-15 fiscal year.

The Governor is expected to emphasize the need for fiscal restraint amid many calls for greater spending and restoration of general fund programs that were negatively impacted during the Great Recession. To this end, the Governor will be pushing passage within the Legislature of a ballot initiative to be placed before voters this fall that will modify a proposed Rainy Day Fund that will smooth out the state’s boom and bust budget cycles (fueled primarily by capital gains returns) and require the state to pay down liabilities. Further, it is anticipated that the Governor will work on a solution regarding CalSTRS obligations, though it is not clear at this time what he will propose.

Next steps will include a response by the Legislative Analyst’s Office (recall that at this time last year, the LAO projection of revenues was far more optimistic the Governor’s figures), review by the budget committees of each house, and a legislative conference committee to iron out differences between the two houses. It is expected that the budget will be approved and signed by the Governor prior to July 1, 2014.

Regards,
Dan Troy

Vice Chancellor, College Finance and Facilities Planning
California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office

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**Shared Governance Council (SGC) Meets Today At 2:00 p.m.**

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| 6. | Accreditation Update  
   A. Dambrosio | Information |
| 7. | Human Resources Recruitment Update  
   D. White | Information |
| 8. | Board Policies 1009 and 5505  
   N. Baig/C. Bess | Information |
| 9. | Board Procedures 4215, Smoking On Campus  
   Y. Ligioso | Information |
| 10. | VA Proposal  
   S. Gunther | Information |
| 11. | SGC Procedures-Ad Hoc Committee  
   D. White | Information/Action |
| 12. | BUDGET (Start time 2 p.m.)  
   Y. Ligioso | Information/Action |
| 13. | SGC Special Meeting for Budget (May 27, 28, or 29)  
   D. White | Action |
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| 15. | Adjournment | Action |

**SCC HONORARY AWARDS 2014**

**Emeritus Retiree Awards**
1. Betty E. Austin, School of Human Performance and Development
2. Kathleen Callison, Counseling and Special Services
3. James Ennis, Director, Technology Support Services
4. Sam Maher, Technology Support Services
5. Patrick Mallory, School of Mathematics and Science
6. Maureen McSweeney, School of Human Performance and Development
7. Ann Short, Community Education
8. Sharyn J. Stever, School of Liberal Arts
9. Thomas H. Warren, Ph.D., School of Liberal Arts
10. Earl T. Wylie, Ph.D., School of Career Technical Education and Business

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3. Sam Maher, Technology Support Services
4. Patrick Mallory, School of Mathematics and Science
5. Maureen McSweeney, School of Human Performance and Development
6. Jose Ramos, College Police Department
7. Ann Short, Community Education  
8. Sharyn J. Stever, School of Liberal Arts  
9. Thomas H. Warren, Ph.D., School of Liberal Arts

**Honorary Degree Recipients**  
1. Judi Honeychurch  
2. Buck Kamphausen  
3. Verna Mustico  
4. Richard Rico  
5. Amber and C.C. Sabathia, MLB Pitcher, NY Yankees

**Service Year Awards**  
1. Cheryl A. McDonald – 35 Years - Cosmetology-School of Career Technical Education and Business  
2. Carol T. Smith – 30 Years - Bookstore  
4. Ralph Meyer – 25 Years – Facilities  
5. Máire Morinec – 25 Years - Dean, School of Career Technical Education and Business  
6. Sarah M. Donovan – 25 Years - School of Mathematics and Science

**Alumni of the Year Award**  
1. John Zeltin, Zeltin Consulting

**Distinguished Alumni Awards**  
1. Jack Anthony, Owner, 7 Flags Car Wash  
2. Veronica Favela-Diaz, Owner, Favela’s Mexican Grill  
3. Andrea E. Garcia, Director of External Relations, Touro University  
4. John H. Hill, Vice President, General Manager, Valero Benicia Refinery  
5. Mike Martin, SCC Governing Board Trustee  
6. Aaron McAlister, Dixon Fire Chief  
7. Dr. Karen McCord, Professor of Psychology and Ethnic Studies Coordinator, SCC  
8. Mel Orpilla, District Representative for Congressman Mike Thompson, Vallejo District Office  
9. Simona Padilla-Scholtens, Solano County Auditor-Controller  
10. Marc C. Tonnesen, Solano County Assessor/Recorder  
11. Louise A. Walker, President & CEO, First Northern Bank  
12. John Zeltin, Zeltin Consulting

**Passion for Programs All-Stars**  
1. Kevin Anderson  
2. Marianne Flatland  
3. Barbara Fountain  
4. Jowel C. Laguerre, Ph.D.  
5. Marcie McDaniels

**Passion for Programs Stars**  
1. David Doty
2. Mary Haley
3. Shirley Lewis
4. Alfredo Murillo
5. Donald Pederson
6. Maria Santiago
7. Barbara Pavão
8. Alison Aubert
9. Robert DaPrato
10. Lisa Giambastiani
11. Chris Lugatiman
12. Genele Rhoads
13. Tracy Schneider
14. Anna Troupe
15. Patricia Young

President’s Circle
1. “Mac” McManigal – President’s Circle
2. Stephen Murphy – President’s Circle

The President of the United States of America has proclaimed May 15, 2014, as Peace Officers Memorial Day. All American are encouraged to display the flag at half-staff from their homes and businesses on this day.

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

“All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.”
---Abraham Lincoln