Dear Colleagues:

We experienced a fairly quiet week at the College last week given that faculty members were away and many staff members also took vacation time leading to Thanksgiving. In contrast, the earlier part of the semester was often hectic, yet yielded productive outcomes for our College. Our semester’s work thus far has included:

- Supporting the Measure Q campaign that took so much extra time since we could not run the campaign on College time;
- Organizing and implementing accelerated work on Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment;
- Overseeing the Accreditation Follow-Up Report that took considerable time to complete in order to address the recommendations for compliance. We know, however, that we still have to fulfill compliance mandates for developing a Code of Ethics and completing our Mission Statement, for example;
- Preparing for the ACCJC Team visit and the necessary logistics;
- Coordinating efforts to get the SCC swimming pool going again;
- Actively assisting the Board of Trustees campaign;
- Securing the loan/bond for the solar projects;
- Working to continue to refine the Education and Facilities’ Master Plans.

With the passage of Measure Q and Proposition 30; however, we now have additional opportunities to solidify our financial base. We are also projecting some increased revenue as we welcome international students. As discussed before, increasing our international student population will not only assist us to fill more classes in ESL and in mathematics, but also enable us to offer more services for our existing students.

We have the College foundation going forward with planning and the goal to be self-sufficient. We are on track to receive a $700,000 grant for alternative fuel to serve the region.

The opportunity to do more in our communities is also on the horizon: For example, I am submitting to the Academic Senate the possibility of hiring an Agriculture faculty member to
expand our curriculum as the potential for partnering with the Center for Land-Based Learning near Winters is an excellent step for us to serve Agriculture in Solano County and Winters.

Overall, we have much good work ahead of us. During the second part of the academic year, I intend to work more closely with the Academic Senate and the Shared Governance groups. I will take the lead to implement Measure Q and include those of you who wish to be involved, so that our planning is inclusive and transparent. We have much planning to do in general at SCC, to include the creation of a new Strategic Plan to guide our next three to five years.

Above all, I am excited about the expanded opportunities we will provide for our students. The community has been great to us and we need to give back to them. I look forward to continuing our efforts to make Solano County and Winters a place where excellent education is available for all.

**Accreditation Visit:** Dr. James Hottois and two of his colleagues visited the College on November 13th. There were several activities scheduled and interviews with several faculty, staff, and members of committees. The day seemed to have gone pretty well with no surprises. The ACCJC Team noted the progress we have made in SLOs and Institutional Planning as well as our efforts to provide equitable services to the Centers. The Chair will send his report to the Commission and we will hear the results in early February. One exhortation that was clear is that we need to continue the momentum we focused on in our Accreditation Follow-Up Report, particularly as we continue our work in SLOs and assessment, ongoing Institutional Planning, and continued work to provide services to our Centers.

**Solano Transportation Authority (STA):** Recently, the SolTran operator that operates the buses from Vallejo and Benicia to our College decided to implement a $5 fee for transfer. This was a surprise to the students and they were not happy with the change. I have arranged a meeting with the Executive Directors of STA, the operators of the buses for Fairfield and SolTran, as well as a student representative group to discuss the issue.

**Memorial for Charlene Snow:** The College will hold a remembrance for Charlene Snow, our beloved faculty and Dean who passed away recently. The gathering will be in the back-half of the cafeteria this coming Friday at 2:00 p.m. A scholarship fund has been established in Charlene’s name and donations are being accepted through the Office of the Dean of Science.

**SCC Tutors attend Of Mice and Men:** Marie Mayne reports that her tutors were delighted to attend a “night at the theatre,” namely a performance of SCC’s *Of Mice and Men*. The fact that many of our tutors had not ever even visited our Theater made the performance even more special, and the quality acting impressed them. All in all, the “night at the theatre” provided an educational and social outing that helped to build community among the tutors who are so busy during the day. Special thanks to George Maguire from the SCC tutors.
Citizen Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC): The Measure G CBOC met last Monday. At that time, we shared with them the success of Measure Q and the projects it will support. We also shared the financial updates on Measure G. They reviewed the expenditures and the progress on Measure G. The CBOC was pleased with our presentation and the progress the College continues to make to achieve the goals of Measure G.

Positions released for recruitment: After consultation with the President of the Academic Senate, VP of Finance, and the EVP of Academic and Student Affairs, we are moving forward with recruitment for the positions listed below (these positions were previously vetted by the Deans and Academic Senate). Each Dean and his/her faculty will determine whether enough time is available to recruit for spring 2013 or to recruit for fall 2013. Your Dean will then notify me and VP Ligiosso of the semester selected.

Our promise to go forward with faculty hires was the promise we made if Prop 30 were to pass and, lo and behold, it passed--- thanks to all of our efforts.

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SGC meets today, Weds., Nov. 28 (agenda below)

1. (a) Call to Order
   (b) Approval of Agenda
   (c) Approval of Minutes
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2. Campus Cat Coalition
   – Phillips

3. Facilities Master Plan - Final
   – Barthelman

4. Institutional Research and Planning Reorganization
   – Laguerre

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5. **Higher One Payment Plans**  
   – Fountain  
   **Action**

6. **Nursing Reorganization**  
   – Laguerre/Morinec (Nursing Staff if Available)  
   **Action**

7. **SLO/SAO Report**  
   – Thomas  
   **Action**

8. **ASC Report**  
   – White  
   **Action**

9. **Human Resources Staffing**  
   – Laguerre  
   **Information/Action**

10. **New Positions**  
    – Ligioso  
    **Action**

11. **Student Services Mission Statement**  
    – Vines  
    **Action**

12. **Governing Board Agenda – December 5**  
    – Laguerre  
    **Information**

13. **Updates/Announcements: Any and All**  
    **Information**

14. **Adjournment**  

   **4:00 p.m.**

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

“It ain’t what you don’t know that gets you in trouble. It’s what you know for sure that just ain’t so.” – Mark Twain