Colleagues:

**Accreditation Follow-Up Report Finale:**
This past week, Co-chairs Annette Dambrosio and Shirley Lewis finished the Follow-up Report to the Commission. It was delivered on Monday, October 15, along with the SLOs report that was due to the Commission as well. We have been informed that the ACCJC Team Visit will take place on Tuesday, November 13. In addition to thanking Annette and Shirley, I want to thank Peter Cammish, Scott Ota, Eugene Buban (student), and all who contributed. The Accreditation Follow-Up Report is on our Web.

**Education Initiatives and Volunteer Work:**
This past week a major voter registration effort was undertaken by the faculty to draw attention to education initiatives Propositions 30 (Yes) and 32 (No). The student turnout was outstanding and I thanked the students for their enthusiasm to register to vote. I also informed them that Measure Q is an initiative that will allow us to greatly improve the College’s infrastructures. Several community volunteers for Measure Q were on hand to let students, faculty, and staff know about the measure. The volunteers signed up others to help with the campaign.

Over the weekend, I spent time at the Measure Q headquarters in Suisun. I encouraged our volunteers to tackle the work that needs to be done. There are many yard signs to put up and deliver and outreach to voters is necessary. Many volunteers I spoke with were genuinely excited to learn about the plans we have for the College.

**Measure G Bond Steering Committee:**
Though there are very few projects left from Measure G, there are still some activities that are ongoing, e.g., the Child Development Center, Fine Arts Building, and the Cosmetology space and signage. To solicit constructive feedback, I invited the Deans, as well as representatives from the Academic and Student Services...
areas, to join the Measure G Steering Committee. Their involvement will be carried over onto Measure Q projects; thus, ensuring broad representation on the steering committee.

**Measure Q Concerns:**
Though some of our employees have expressed concerns that Measure Q, if passed, might merely provide funding for buildings and ignore existing programs, I wish to alleviate this fear. If Measure Q passes, some of the proposed buildings will replace existing ones or place currently underserved programs into new buildings. For example, the Aeronautics program went from six students to over forty in a matter of a few years, thanks primarily to the work of the dedicated faculty. Measure Q dollars could help to build a facility for this program.

As you know, we cannot depend on the state to grow our enrollment and we have had to be increasingly resourceful to plan for facilities. We are currently working on several projects to bring us more revenue: water conservation, increase non-resident tuition revenue, contract training, etc., but we have no facilities planned for programs such as these. Furthermore, some of our existing buildings need remodeling, e.g., Building 1200. Measure Q, if passed, will enable the College to engage in the long-range planning and implementing of facilities that can support the many SCC programs that we would like to expand and/or initiate.

**Welcome Reception for Cal Maritime President:**
Over thirty people from throughout the county attended a welcome reception for Cal Maritime Academy’s President Rear Admiral Thomas Cropper and his wife. In attendance were Trustees Young, Thurston, and Chapman, as well as Senate President Gunther, Cynthia Garcia, Jerry Kea, and Curt Johnston. The reception was hosted by the Vallejo Education and Business Alliance, a committee the College was instrumental in forming to bring together the higher education institutions serving Vallejo (Cal Maritime, SCC, and Touro University) and the Vallejo School District. The Vallejo Education and Business Alliance also includes one major employer (Sutter Medical) as well as state and city officials and members of the Board of Vallejo USD and SCC.

**George Maguire’s 50th Theatre Production:**
Beginning October 25, Solano Community College’s Theatre Department will present “Of Mice and Men,” a play written by California’s own John Steinbeck and directed by Solano Community College’s own George Maguire. “Of Mice and Men” will mark George Maguire’s 50th production and I hope that all of you will attend this production.
This Week:

**Monday:** Reports delivered to the Commission; SCC Athletics Golf Tournament; Meeting with Academic Senate to address Shared Governance at SCC; MIG and Educational Master Plan

**Tuesday:** Media Training with the Community College League of California

**Wednesday:** Jelly Belly Owner Herm Rowland (Measure Q) support; Governing Board meeting in Vallejo;

**Thursday:** FERPA Training (Privacy Rights Act)

**Friday:** CSEA Board

**Saturday:** Work on Measure Q

**Sunday:** Work on Measure Q

Upcoming Activities:

October 26 – 27: Presidents’ Round Table – Phoenix, Arizona

October 29 – November 2: USAF Civic Leaders Conference – San Antonio, Texas

November 16: Vallejo Schools, SCC and Chambers-Job Creation through Training

December 7: Media Training

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~ Winston Churchill ~