Dear Colleagues:

As We Edge Closer to Election Day…

After two years of intensive planning and public appeals, the outcomes for SCC’s campaign for Measure Q structural innovations at each of our campuses will be decided by Solano County and Winters’ voters this Tuesday, November 6, as we know.

The Measure Q Bond promises to expand the School of Aeronautics program to include a potential co-location with the Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum at Vacaville’s Nut Tree Airport, the potential to design an Agriculture program in Vacaville, the construction of a new academic building in Vallejo; the Biotechnology Training Center in Vacaville, an expanded Science building in Fairfield, a new library for the Fairfield campus, a renovated and expanded Performing Arts Center, an Automotive Technology program, etc. Much is at stake for the College and the needs are real. I want to thank the Board members as well as our employees who embrace the vision that Measure Q seeks to realize.

We intend to gather at our headquarters in Suisun City to issue statements about Proposition 30 and Measure Q as the results come in on Tuesday. In order to keep you informed, I will schedule three open forums at the College on Wednesday to go over the results: 11:00 (Board Room); 2:00 (Board Room during the first hour of FABPAC); and 4:30. (Faculty Staff Lounge).

In the meantime, there is much work to be done before Tuesday. Monday the campaign office will remain open to make calls. The office is located at the Harbor Center on Main Street in Suisun City.

Of Mice and Men:

*Of Mice and Men* is a good play and our first performance given under the management of our new theatre. As you may or may not know, this play is George McGuire’s final play as a full-time faculty member. I attended the play on Friday evening, November 2, and was charmed by a young man, one of Herman Rowland’s (Jelly Belly) grandsons who was excited to attend the play because he had read the book in middle school. If you can attend, here are the dates and times of the remaining performances:
Thursday: 11/8 at 7:30 p.m.  
Friday: 11/9 at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 11/10 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 11/11 at 2:00 p.m.

French Immersion Saturday:  
Professor Lorna Marlow-Muñoz hosted the annual French Immersion Saturday this past week. Students from area high schools and Solano Community College had an opportunity to practice their French in a “real life” setting, in contrast to the classroom. They were also taught dances by one of their classmates, to include Solano Community College student, Cat Ligioso. I visited with them, speaking French, of course. The involvement of the high school students exposed them to the excellent French program that exists at the College and serves as a good recruitment tool. This French immersion day program will continue to evolve, as more high schools participate and we invite other community colleges in the region to participate.

Visit to Randolph Air Force Base:  
The US Air Force Civic Leaders’ Group, of which I am a member, had its conference in Texas this past week. I attended only part of the conference because I wanted to be at home for Measure Q. At the conference, I became acquainted with the rigorous training and the enormous opportunities the US Air Force provides for young people. The education they receive is top notch, and can easily be complemented with courses from most all colleges and universities.

Upcoming Activities:
November 6: Election Day!  
Fairfield Suisun School District and ESL faculty discussions of Adult School  
November 7: College Veteran students gathering;  
Open Forums to discuss Election results: 11:00, 2:00, and 4:30;  
Governing Board meeting.  
November 8: Superintendent-President orientation of new administrators  
President’s Cabinet meeting.  
November 12: College closed for Veterans Day  
November 13: Accreditation site visit  
November 16: Vallejo Schools, SCC and Chambers “Job Creation through Training”  
November 30: Memorial for Charlene Snow

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“I also want to draw attention to the responsibilities that people have to live up to their election promises and to live up to the votes that were cast by the people of Wales, in the General Election, in the expectation that we would deliver this promise.” Ron Davies