Dear Colleagues:

**Two Major Events at SCC**
SCC hosted two major activities at the College last week. On Monday, we formally unveiled the *Louise Wilbourn Yarbrough Horticulture and Plant Science Institute* (Building 1000). The event was well attended with Trustees Brown, Thurston, Young, Chapman, and Martin present. The media coverage was excellent and two items appeared in the *Daily Republic* about it: an article covering the event and a “Cheers” in the Saturday *Daily Republic*. This coverage was well deserved for a family that has given a lot to the community, exhibiting much hard work and determination. Mrs. Yarbrough is the perfect role model for our students who often come from difficult backgrounds and yet are determined to make their mark in society.

The second activity was a county-wide SWAT exercise at the Fairfield Campus. The hugely successful exercise consisted of a hypothetical “active shooter” event and provided the College with knowledge of emergency procedures and an opportunity to test our readiness. The Emergency Operation Center did well, although we discovered that we still have much to learn. The SWAT exercise gave us an opportunity to work closely with law enforcement agencies. We plan to have another exercise in the next few months simulating an earthquake.

**SCC Accreditation Taskforce Meeting**
The SCC Accreditation Taskforce is a seventeen-member group consisting of Committee Chairs for each of the ACCJC Recommendations, along with those who will approve the 2013 Follow-Up Report. Members are CSEA President, Debbie Luttrell-Williams; Local 39 President, Jeff Lehfeldt; SCFA President, Jim DeKloe; Academic Senate President, Dr. Susanna Gunther; ASSC President, Gabriel Johnson; Governing Board President, Dr. Sarah Chapman; SLOs Coordinator, Dr. Gene Thomas; Professor Kevin Anderson; Distance Education Coordinator, Dale Crandall-Bear; IVP Diane White; Interim Associate Vice President of H.R., Nona Cohen-Bowman; CTO Roger Clague, Dean Peter Cammish, Dean Shirley Lewis, Dean Jerry Kea, and myself.

At our August 19 meeting, Dr. Annette Dambrosio, Accreditation Coordinator, reviewed our progress in all the Recommendations and welcomed suggestions from the Taskforce members. Recommendation 5, Equity Planning, seems to be the one area where we have considerable work to do to complete our ACCJC 2013 Follow-Up Report, especially since former Student Equity Chair, Dr. Erin Vines, took another job last May and Staff Equity Chair, Charo Albarran, is now on maternity leave. Nevertheless, thanks to an enormous effort from many of you, additional evidence is being collected and the Equity Plans are being revised for up-to-date information. Both Equity Plans will then be sent to $ALL in the next week or so for your comments, and then sent forward to appropriate authorizing groups and integrated formally into our Institutional Plan as mandated by the ACCJC standards. Recommendation 7, having to do with...
faculty evaluation and Student Learning Outcomes, is still being considered as a subject of negotiations. The intention of SCFA and the District is to have an agreement on this critical ACCJC Standard before the 2013 ACCJC Follow-Up Report is due to the Commission on October 15th. Please contact Dr. Dambrosio this week if you wish to get involved with our Accreditation efforts, particularly as we formalize our Equity Plans.

Meeting with Richard Rico
Trustees Chapman and Martin joined me to meet with Mr. Richard Rico, former publisher of the Vacaville Reporter. We discussed various programs at the College and shared our vision and plans with Mr. Rico. We also were interested in knowing whether he would accept an honorary degree from the College. He has been a model citizen and we are looking forward to his helpful affiliation with SCC.

Meeting with J.D. Miller in regard to Automotive Training program
J.D. Miller is a business man from the city of Vallejo. He brought with him John Rosner, along with Mike Fernandes (a former automotive technology instructor), after they had met with Dean Kea to discuss how they could help the College with its Automotive Program. They claim to have contacts that might invest in the program in a significant way. Their intention is to support a high quality and comprehensive program in Vallejo. Also present were IVP White, Deans Morinec and Kea, as well as Paul Hidy, SCC’s new Automotive faculty member. We will meet again on September 4 to develop the concept of a high level automotive program with Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and National Automotive Technician Education Foundation (NATEF) certification.

Swimming and Diving Team Volunteer to Promote Reading
Scott Parrish reports that student athletes and coaches from the SCC Swimming and Diving Team volunteered with the organization “My Own Book” at the Junior Giants event at ATT Park in S.F. on Sunday, August 18. The event for children and youth of Northern California focused on character development, and was sponsored by the S.F. Giants. With assistance from the SCC student athletes and staff, 2,300 new books were given out to the event participants, many of which went to children who have never had their own books.

Meeting with SCOE to Develop Print Shop Partnerships
V.P. Ligioso and I met with the Director of Human Resources for the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) to discuss the development of our partnership in sharing the SCC Graphics Department with the county. We discussed reducing the size of the Graphics Department by eliminating unnecessary equipment and expanding the existing Reading and Writing Skills Labs into empty Graphics Department space. Additionally, we wish to develop an Adjunct Faculty Work Center in the space that will be opened up.

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"Assessing, developing, attaining and sustaining needed emergency preparedness, response and recovery capabilities is a difficult task that requires sustained leadership [and] the coordinated efforts of many stakeholders from a variety of first responder disciplines, levels of government and nongovernmental entities. There is a no silver bullet, no easy formula." —William Jenkins