Dear Colleagues:

**Fall Semester Takes Off**
It always seems that the academic year starts moving very quickly. Here we are only beginning fall semester, but the Deans and faculty are already discussing the Spring 2014 Semester Schedule. I encourage all of you to participate in these various discussions, as the way in which we build our SCC schedule will affect our future enrollments. I hope that you engage in meaningful and ongoing dialogue within the Schools and the Departments for building and promoting the best spring schedule, not merely for our faculty, but for our students.

**President’s Circle Lunches**
The SCC Educational Foundation has had a President’s Circle Program for many years. Although the membership varies over the years, two individuals, Mac McManigal (Honorary SCC degree, 2013) and Brett Johnson (North Bay Health System) have been dedicated donors to our Educational Foundation. Curt Johnston, Interim Executive Director of the Educational Foundation, and I met the two for lunch recently to thank them for their ongoing support and to give them updates on the College. Mr. Johnson (North Bay) shared with us his enthusiasm for the College’s partnership with the Jimmy Doolittle Education Center and North Bay’s readiness to cooperate with both the College and the Center.

**Meeting with Carpenters’ Union Business Agent**
Barbara Fountain and I met with Octavio Soto, Carpenters’ Union business agent, to finalize arrangements for offering Welding courses that apprentices in the Carpenters’ Union need to take. The Union members currently travel to Pleasanton to take the courses. Our interest is in helping them to find a way to make it possible to take the courses at SCC. These apprentices come from all over Northern California, to include Solano and Yolo Counties. They will use the SCC Welding Lab when College courses are not in session.

**Jimmy Doolittle Education Center Presentation**
Leigh Sata, Measure Q Bonds Executive Manager, and I heard a presentation and viewed renderings pertaining to the Jimmy Doolittle Education Center at the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. We were joined by Debra Russo of B&L Properties and Supervisors Jim Spering and John Vasquez. The county officials presented an update on this project. The SCC Governing Board will hear a presentation by the Doolittle staff at this evening’s Board meeting.
**Unveiling of Mural Done by SCC Students at Juvenile Detention Center**

On Friday, Trustees Young and Thurston joined many county officials, SCC faculty, and staff to view a mural that was painted by an SCC summer class taught by Professor Ferdinanda Florence. The mural is quite beautiful and is aimed at raising the spirit of the young people at the Detention Center located on the corner of Beck and I-80 in Fairfield. I urge all of you to see this remarkable artwork.

**Fundraising Event to Support Veterans**

Trustee Martin and I attended a fundraising event last Friday at the C.C. Yin Ranch in Vacaville to honor the memories of our veterans and soldiers. The event is in its second decade and draws citizens and leaders from throughout the County.

**SCC Accreditation Draft Report Available Soon for Your Review**

Accreditation Coordinator Annette Dambrosio reports that she is working hard this week to finalize our ACCJC 2013 Follow-Up Report. She intends to have the draft distributed to ALL by September 5 and will then begin presentations and dialogue with various College groups. Her first presentation will be (Information only) to the Academic Senate on Monday, September 9. Subsequent reports to our Shared Governance Council, President’s Cabinet, and Governing Board will follow. Please contact Dr. Dambrosio if you have suggestions or evidence to contribute.

**SCC Work Experience Program to Collaborate with Yippee Foundation**

Debra Berrett, SCC’s Occupational Education Coordinator, reports that the Yippee Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Fairfield, will provide credit for SCC student work and training through Solano Community College’s Work Experience Program. The Yippee Foundation will also receive some of our SCC students as interns, beginning with students who are enrolled in Office Technology and Business Management/Marketing.

The Yippee Foundation’s philosophy is about training disadvantaged youths to be self-sufficient, confident, and educated adults. Participants learn basic work skills, CPR, and Food Handling. They spend time one-on-one with a mentor from the community. When they have completed the training, they can apply to work in a short-term, paid position at the Foundation Yogurt Shop (Yippie Yogurt in Fairfield) to acquire some real world work skills. The Foundation's goal is for Yippee Yogurt to be self-supporting.

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“Bloom where you are planted.” (Mary Engelbreit)