Dear Colleagues:

**SCC Hosts ACCJC Regional Workshop**
This past week, SCC hosted a workshop sponsored by the Accrediting Commission (ACCJC) in the back half of our Cafeteria. This regional workshop on Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment was attended by several of our colleagues from Northern California. Vice Presidents Dr. Susan Clifford and Mr. Jack Pond of the Commission were in charge of the program. Mr. Pond commended our beautiful campus (his first visit to SCC). Participation was by invitation only and SCC’s participants were IVP Diane White, Academic Affairs; Accreditation Coordinator/Editor Dr. Annette Dambrosio; SLOs Coordinator Dr. Gene Thomas, and Dean of Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness, Peter Cammish. We were pleased that ACCJC selected our College to host the event as that fact is, indeed, a good step in building a strong relationship not only with the Commission, but also with those sister institutions that visited us.

**Accreditation Progress**
The 18-member SCC Accreditation Task Force met again on September 16 and discussed progress on our ACCJC 2013 Follow Up Report and Equity Plans. We viewed our SCC Accreditation Shared Drive created by Roger Clague, SCC’s Chief Technology Officer, and engaged in a discussion as to how we might begin to institutionalize our Shared Drive to continue our ongoing efforts to be in compliance with ACCJC Standards at all times. Currently, the Committee Chairs have been posting evidence in the Shared Drive; as all of you have access to view the Evidence now, please let us know what might be missing. The Accreditation Task Force will meet again on September 30.

Both SCC Equity Plans --Student Equity (SEP) and Staff Equity (EEO)-- were approved by our Governing Board at the September 18 meeting. Prior to the meeting, Dr. Annette Dambrosio met with the Board Accreditation Leadership Adhoc Subcommittee: Trustee Young, Chair; Trustee Chapman, and Trustee Martin, to respond to questions pertaining to these Plans. Student Trustee Alexander was also in attendance. As the Plans are central components of the ACCJC 2013 Follow-Up Report, the Plans must be carefully edited prior to completing the Report. Please read through both Equity Plans and the second draft of the ACCJC Follow Up Report that Dr. Dambrosio posted to all of us last week. She needs critical comments immediately.

**Meeting with Michael Goring**
Michael Goring is an engineer who lives near the College. He came from a family of scientists and values the sciences, as well as business. He retired at an early age from Valero Refinery and is interested in volunteering at the College. He has seen how unprepared young people have been for the workforce and wants to help prepare them. We met with Chief Student Services Officer, Dr. Shirley Lewis, and looked at different ways he could become involved. For now, he will concentrate on working with
MESA, the Tutoring Center, and UMOJA. We look forward to his contributions to SCC. Mr. Goring is interested also in connecting with the College business classes and hopes to be a guest lecturer, as needed.

**Dixon Rotary Club Activities**

I spoke to the Dixon Rotary Club about a medical clinic in Saint-Georges, Haiti, which they are helping to sponsor. Additionally, I shared with the Club the College classes we are going to initiate at Dixon High School. As you know, the Dixon School District has dedicated a wing of their new High School to Solano Community College. We have been working with the school to re-start a partnership that allows College classes that are open to the general public, as well as to the high school students. Title 5 requires that SCC classes must be open to the public; the Dixon School Board recently passed a resolution declaring that parts of the high school campus are open in order to comply. This resolution allows the College to offer courses at any time at the high school. We are hoping faculty who live in Dixon and eastward will be interested in teaching there to make the program successful.

**Meeting with the School of Liberal Arts (SLA)**

At the fall welcome speech, I promised that I would visit the different schools at the College to answer their questions, hear their opinions, and share relevant information. I began these visits with the School of Liberal Arts this past week. We discussed the following issues:

1) As the school is looking for an Interim Dean, the faculty and staff asked for internal candidates to be considered. IVP White is putting together a committee and has asked for interest from internal candidates. We discussed these opportunities as a way to develop potential internal talent pools for internal promotion.

2) Communications: The SLA would like more direct face-to-face communication versus emails.

3) There is an issue of partnership with community television to work with the College. The adjunct faculty in film and television would like to be included in the discussions.

4) We had some extended discussions about experimenting with department chairs as well as faculty peer evaluation—innovations that might be useful in times of SLA transition like this. These two items that are of interest to the bargaining process and will continue to be considered.

5) A faculty member complained that sometimes it takes too much time to get answers to important College questions. I suggested that before giving up, the President’s office (Judy or I) should be contacted as we can often answer questions and explore what can be done.

6) There was recognition that Michael Wyly, Rennée Moore, and IVP White have done a tremendous job at “holding down the fort” while a Dean is not in place. Faculty members also recognize that having the Social Sciences and Behavioral Dean in the 700 building has helped with immediate administrative concerns. Special thanks to both Interim Dean Sal Codina and his Administrative assistant, Kimberly Stutzman.

7) We discussed the timing for the hiring of the permanent Dean and I encouraged the faculty to start working on a plan now so we may advertise the position by November and then interview in February, with a hiring in March and a new Dean to begin in July 2014.

8) I encouraged the faculty to be involved with the final stage of the Education Master Plan and the Facilities Master Plan. I updated them on our efforts with the Jimmy Doolittle Museum and stated that our efforts with ICON are ongoing. I also noted that I am taking
a proposal to Shared Governance Council for a Corporate College and told the SLA group that our efforts for a Title III grant, as well as grants pertaining to a Hispanic Serving Institution, could get us some funding to support students. I urged that we all need to make a greater effort to be more visible for our prospective students and ended with a brief update on Building 1200.

**Upcoming SC Theater Event**
“A Golden Fleecing” is coming to SCC’s Theatre and show times are November 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16 (8:00 p.m.) as well as November 10 and 17 (2:00 p.m.).

Enjoy the fun of comedy melodrama, produced by the Solano College Theatre Department. Ticket prices are only $7.00 for students, $10.00 for seniors and military personnel, and $12.00 for general admission. Performances will be in the Theater Building at SCC’s main campus.

Order Tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com). For more information, visit [www.solano.edu](http://www.solano.edu) and click on the Theatre icon.

**SCC Sports Events Today**
Our fall sports events are moving along quite sportingly! Our Volleyball team will play Napa Valley College today. This is always a big rivalry game. Napa usually beats us, but not without a huge fight from our team. Napa is coming to our gym this Wednesday also. We did beat them last year and hope to repeat our victory this year. Come cheer the Lady Falcons today at 6 p.m. Finally, Soccer is also in full gear. The schedules of the games are posted online.

**Vallejo Ursula Awards in Vallejo**
Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ramona Bishop, and I were the co-emcees of the Ursula Awards this past Saturday, an event that awards independent films and videos produced by various school districts, students, and employees. Trustee Young and I would like to encourage Solano Community College to submit film subjects items for consideration next year. This event, in its second year, has the potential to grow in coming years. Cadets from Cal Maritime also participated. It was a great event, capped with my daughter (and myself) singing Bon Anniversaire to former Trustee Dr. Tony Ubalde, Chair of the event.

**Early Childhood Education (ECE) Conference Commercial on YouTube**
Maureen McSweeney reports that a commercial for SCC’s upcoming ECE Conference is on YouTube. Special thanks to Gregg Poff (Speech) who created this wonderful commercial. Take time to go to YouTube and type in Solano College ECE Conference. ECE has been sharing the special YouTube commercial with our students and our community partners.

**Special Meeting of Shared Governance (SGC)**
The SGC is holding a special meeting today. Members of SGC and the agenda are below:

**Faculty**
- Susanna Gunther, Academic Senate President
- James DeKloe, SCFA Administration
- Richard Crapuchettes
- Yulian Ligioso, Vice President of Finance and Institutional Effectiveness

**Local 39**
- Jeff Lehfeldt
- Gabriel Johnson

**Advisory Members**
- Diane White, Interim Vice President, Academic Affairs (Chair)
- Richard Crapuchettes
- Yulian Ligioso, Vice President of Finance and Institutional Effectiveness

**Minority Coalition**
- Kevin Anderson

**Students**
- Gabriel Johnson
### Itemized Agenda

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Action | | 2:00 p.m. |
| 2. Special Assistant to the President Job Description  
 J. Laguerre | Action | | |
| 3. Corporate College  
 Y. Ligioso | Information/  
Action | | |
| 4. Accreditation Report  
 A. Dambrosio | Action | | |
| 5. Adjournment | Action | | 4:00 p.m. |

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

**Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.**

*George Eliot*

**Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower.**

*Albert Camus*

**Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.**

*John Muir*