Dear Colleagues:

**Accreditation 2013 Follow-Up Report Count Down**
The Accreditation Task Force met this week to discuss various details and to evaluate where we stand regarding final content. With the exception of Recommendation 7, SLOs in the Contract, about which the District and the Solano College Faculty Association are still negotiating, the Report looks complete. For those of you who have inquired about the exact language of the Commission rulings, both the 2012 Visiting Team’s November 13, 2012 report and the February 11, 2013 Commission letter are posted on our SCC Web site. With regard to Recommendation 7, the Visiting Team concluded that:

“The team finds that the assessment of SLOs is insufficiently explicit to meet the standard as a component of faculty evaluations. The connection between the rule that ‘all faculty will develop and assess SLOs/SAOs’ and the evaluation instrument is too tenuous and lacks the documentable rigor required of this standard.”

The District and SCFA must now determine how best to express the requirement that SLOs become a “component of faculty evaluations.”

The Report represents hours and hours of work and I want to thank everyone who has had a part in this project and has worked diligently to ensure that the 2013 Follow-Up Report is acceptable to the Accrediting Commission and the ACCJC Visiting Team. The ACCJC 2013 Follow-Up Report will be presented by Coordinator Annette Dambrosio to the Governing Board for action tonight; the Report will be completely reviewed and printed in the next week.

**Ten Plus One Meeting**
The joint Senate and Administration Committee met last Monday and the issue of whether to increase credit for a couple of English courses and to revalidate LR10 dominated the agenda. There are several considerations that we need to take into account as we deal with this issue and similar issues at the College. As IVP White explained to the Committee, there were various conversations that took place between her and faculty members who have a stake in LR10. Senate President Gunther inquired as to whether a formal communication has gone back to the SCC Curriculum Committee, which is the official body to adjudicate any decisions pertaining to curriculum. The issue of increasing credit for a class was left hanging without resolution. The customary course of action is to return it to the Curriculum Committee and IVP White intends to do just that.

I wish to reassure each of you that, like the LR10 dispute and similar issues, there are appeal processes in place at the College where any dissatisfied individual may seek redress of his or her complaints. My point is that often faculty and staff do not choose to voice their concerns to the appropriate people or in
the appropriate fashion, and as a result, morale is compromised. If you have a concern, document your concern, and explore the various venues in which to seek resolution. Whether or not the final resolution is to your liking, you should take advantage of the many opportunities to have your voice heard and your concerns reviewed fairly.

**Doolittle Discussion with City of Vacaville**
City of Vacaville Manager, Laura Kuhn, joined SCC Bonds Manager, Leigh Sata; Jimmy Doolittle Center Executive Director, Brian McInerney, and myself to review a concept for the Vacaville complex that includes the Aeronautics program, a conference center, and a hotel. The drawings by Architect Ed McFarlan show how the various components to be built will be linked. If you are interested in seeing the preliminary renderings, contact Leigh Sata.

**Speaking Solano Christian Academy Students**
One of the highlights of my week was the time I spent with the students at the Solano Christian Academy. I was impressed that 125 young boys and girls receive their education there and enjoyed the opportunity to address the whole school about my personal educational journey. It was a real treat to address these students, as I know they will be our leaders in a short 10 to 20 years from now.

**Solano Volleyball Beat Napa**
Hearty congratulations to the Volleyball team and Coach Darla for a fantastic victory against Napa College. We had been a perennial loser to Napa in years past; however, last year we split the season with them and we started this year by dominating them. The return game is scheduled for October 15 at Napa Valley College.

**East Bay MUD Student Internships**
The East Bay Municipal Utility District, commonly referred to as East Bay MUD, will hire five student interns from SCC’s Water/Waste Water program and pay them stipends of $7,600 each for their work experience during the spring 2014 semester.

The students will take Professor Berrett’s Occupational Education 90 course and SCC’s Educational Foundation Office will administer the scholarships. The East Bay MUD stipends represent an important opportunity for our SCC students, as Water/Waste Water professionals are required to spend up to 1800 hours as interns prior to working as full-time employees. These positions are seldom paid for, so we are especially fortunate. Thank you East Bay MUD!

**Meeting with Solano County Office of Education (SCOE)**
Last week, VP Ligioso, Bonds Manager Leigh Sata, and I met with a team from the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) to discuss the possibility of building a structure at our Vacaville property to house some students with special needs. We are looking at the benefits this project would bring to the College and wish to share the concept with you soon. The program would serve qualified students 18 or older.

**Principals’ Breakfast**
Academic Affairs and Student Services teamed up for a special gathering of our annual Principals’ breakfast, which included administrators from our local school districts. The event was well attended. Professor Melissa Reeve described the SCC ESL program and asked for a closer partnership with K-12. Associate Dean Barbara Fountain gave an overview of the new Student Success Initiative and Dean Peter Cammish elaborated on the academic performances of SCC students. I look forward to continuing to sponsor this important event.
The Road Not Taken

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."

- Robert Frost (1916)