Dear Colleagues:

**ACCJC Team Visit and Next Steps**
On November 4, the ACCJC team of three visited Solano Community College to evaluate how we did in meeting the four non-compliance Recommendations from the last visit, and how we have maintained the five with which were found to be in compliance. The Team members selected the individuals they wanted to interview and those individuals included two Trustees. The visit lasted one day. Following the visit, the Team Chair will send me a summary of her findings to review any factual errors and will then submit the Report to the Commission. The Commission meets in January to make a final decision on the accreditation status of our College.

My sincere appreciation to all those who spent countless hours working on the Accreditation Report. I feel particularly indebted to those who worked long hours over the weekend prior to October 15 when the Report was due: Pei-Lin, Hai-Yen, Janet, Tom, Jim, and Annette. Many thanks go to Scott Ota and Eugene Buban, Kathleen Callison, and Roger Clague for additional IT support. I have no idea where some of the helpers came from to help the College at the last minute, but I am appreciative to all.

I also want to thank those who met with the ACCJC Team on Monday and who confirmed information from our Report and/or provided additional explanation. We have done our best and now we await the Team Report. In the meantime, we will continue to support the success of our students and to meet the Accreditation Standards.

One decision we made last year was to not pause after the Accreditation visit, and instead, to continue to move toward our next Accreditation task. Based on that, IVP White and I have discussed with Coordinator Dambrosio what needs to take place to begin our comprehensive self-study that will be submitted in 2016. For example, Dr. Dambrosio will review past Accreditation Recommendations and will evaluate our progress. She will assist us to bring more uniformity to how we document what we do and elicit our ideas about maintaining Accreditation Standards. We have much work to do, but we are shaping a solid plan and will be relying on your collective expertise as we engage in continuous self-study.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge so many of you are intrinsically motivated and dedicated to building a much better SCC. Please join us as we move toward a “sanction-free” College.

**ALG Proposal For a “No Meeting Zone” Each Semester**
As part of the development of our leadership, many administrators have argued that we have too many meetings. One solution they proposed is to have a week each semester when there are no meetings. This “no meeting zone” experiment happened last week and many of us did observe the “no meeting” idea (we simply thought of the experiment as a break in the middle of our semester). We will evaluate the experiment to determine its merits.

**Measure G Bond Update for 11.6.13 – 11.13.13**
FAIRFIELD CAMPUS:
• As part of District’s PhotoVoltaic Project, PG&E is scheduled to complete its electrical tie-in at the Fairfield Campus on November 10, 2013 (Sunday). Campus power will be shut down to ensure safe and effective electrical tie-in. No classes are scheduled on this day. Please note that the College Web site will be impacted for access to District/College registration and scheduling applications. It is anticipated that the campus will be operational by the end of the day on Sunday. The Kitchell CEM team and District facilities will be onsite with PG&E and contractors through completion of this project.

VACAVILLE CENTER:
• Regarding the same project, PG&E is scheduled to complete its electrical tie-in at the Vacaville Campus on November 9, 2013 (Saturday). Campus power will be shut down to ensure safe and effective electrical tie-in. Please note that the College Web site will be impacted for access to District/College registration and scheduling applications. It is anticipated that the campus will be operational by the end of the day on Saturday. The Kitchell CEM team and District facilities will be onsite with PG&E and contractors through completion of this effort.
• Work at the Center new Parking Lot continues this week with no impacts to campus traffic.

VALLEJO CENTER:
• The Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) water treatment project is now complete, and major issues have been resolved. Kitchell CEM and District facilities are working together to ensure, specifically, that heating pumps issues are corrected. We apologize for the continued problems with the heating and cooling systems at Vallejo.

SHOW ME THE MONEY:
• There was a rumor last week that there was no more money left in Measure G. We still have one whole building to finish with Measure G funds and other commitments to meet. I would like to officially dispel last week’s rumor.

Meeting with Representatives of Carpenters’ Union
Barbara Fountain, Associate Dean of Admissions and Records, and I met with Octavio Soto, District Coordinator, Carpenters Training Committee for Northern California, to finalize the partnership the College has developed with their apprenticeship program. The Carpenters’ apprentices will be on campus taking Welding courses when the Welding Lab is otherwise closed. The College will encourage these students to take more College courses, whether in Welding, in Liberal Arts, or the Sciences. The focus Ms. Fountain would like to see is for the Carpenters’ program to serve as a feeder for expanded College enrollments. Mr. Soto stated that the students are thrilled to be able to take classes here. They have hitherto been going to Pleasanton for college classes.

Presentation on SCC at Rotary Club of Cordelia
Executive Bonds Manager Leigh Sata and I made a joint presentation to the Cordelia Rotary Club on the progress on Measure Q. The presentation was well received with lots of positive comments about the College. One of the members of the Club is an alumnus of the Aviation program and is thrilled to see what is being proposed for Nut Tree. The Cordelia Club has sponsored the Oak Grove (trees planted alongside Suisun Valley Road).

Attending World Food Center (WFC) at U.C. Davis
U.C. Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi invited me to the public announcement of its World Food Center on Thursday. The Chancellor also introduced the Center’s Founding Director, Roger Beachy. A news item on the announcement stated, “In choosing noted plant biologist Roger Beachy to head U.C. Davis’ new World Food Center, Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi picked a leader with close ties to agribusiness, Science and Washington, D.C.”
Beachy’s selection, announced Thursday, underscores how seriously U.C. Davis is taking its World Food Center plans, which include the anticipated development of a $100 million endowment to unite more than 30 centers or institutes on campuses that engage in research related to food, nutrition, and health.

During the presentation, I had the opportunity to interact with some of the faculty and administrators at U.C. Davis. My most interesting conversation was with Dr. Rahim Reed, Associate Vice Provost. We discussed the current relationship between U.C. Davis and Solano College in transfer articulation. We agreed to develop our relationship further. We are planning to meet in the next few weeks to develop a Memorandum of Understanding that will guide a formal partnership. We already have strong ties with the University in Biotechnology, but we would like to expand them into other areas, such as Engineering, Medicine, and other common disciplines, including the Liberal Arts.

**Art History Textbook Launch**
Art History Professor Ferdinanda Florence notified me that her textbook has been officially launched for national sale. It will be available at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com soon, but you can preview the first chapter at the publisher’s Web site: [https://titles.cognella.com/approaches-to-art-9781621319887.html](https://titles.cognella.com/approaches-to-art-9781621319887.html). I am sure you will like it!

**French Lessons for the Elementary Schools**
For the first time, Foreign Language 101 (FLNG 101)- Cross-aged Teaching has added Occupational education (OCED 090) as a co-requisite. This new educational arrangement has enabled students to learn how to design and present foreign language lessons in Professor Lorna Marlow-Munoz’s Cross-aged Teaching class and (at the same time) earn transferable credit through OCED 090 by presenting those lessons at several of our area elementary schools.

Professor Debra Barrett is encouraging other academic instructors to consider pairing their courses with OCED 090 and cites a 2012 study by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* that reported that an internship is the single most important “credential” for recent college graduates to have on their resumes in their job search among all industry segments.

**SCC Theater Performance**
I was pleased to attend the first theater production of the year. *A Golden Fleecing* is a comedy that will get you laughing and inquiring about what is “really going on.” The cast of College students does a great job performing this comedy. It is enriched by a live performance of the Abbott and Costello legend of “Who is on First?” We are not yet where we were with the previous Theater Association, but we are well on our way to creating something special with our two new faculty members. I encourage everyone to support the Theater in its resurgence.

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

“I don't mind going back to daylight saving time. With inflation, the hour will be the only thing I've saved all year.” *Victor Borge*