Dear Colleagues:

**Student Success Score Card**

Last week was an eventful one for the 112 community colleges in the state of California. Chancellor Brice Harris unveiled the Student Success Taskforce Score Card for our institutions. The idea of a Score Card came up almost two years ago in response to the interests of the legislature to fund colleges based on student achievement. The Score Card reveals the data that has been gathered in the CCC system over the years indicating where each college stands regarding student progress. Progress is based on such criteria as completion of credits, retention and persistence, and/or achievement in a program such as Career Technical Education. Ultimately the Score Card will be tied to funding and SCC is currently engaged in planning to implement local strategies to continue to improve our student achievement efforts. We will have a presentation of SCC’s standing on the Score Card at this evening’s Board meeting under the President’s Report.

The Score Card represents a convergence of several interests and assumptions, including:

- The public may judge better for itself what each college has accomplished from year to year.
- The public may judge better how each ethnic minority group is succeeding.
- The Score Card sheds light on the effectiveness of the Student Success Taskforce recommendations, where more accountability is being put on students and the institutions they attend.
- The Federal Government has an interest in students moving through the educational system so as to justify Pell grants and other programs, and has tightened the timeframe for students to receive financial aid.

**SLOs Report**

I have started to review the fall report wherein all faculty were asked to assess their courses that end in an even number. My initial reaction is that the faculty have done well overall. Under the leadership of Dr. Gene Thomas, SLOs Coordinator; the various School Coordinators, and some of the Academic Administrators, we are seeing a difference in the quality of the SLOs assessments.

One additional value in SLOs assessment is that faculty might also be able to use their assessments to advocate for needed equipment to improve student success. Two examples that come to mind are a professor in Film and one in Human Performance whose assessments indicated that if the Institution could purchase certain equipment, the faculty and student
objectives would likely improve. In both cases, SLOs assessment provided a starting place for funding classroom and/or program needs, in addition to documenting academic successes.

We are learning that we can tie assessment and planning to resource allocations. In the two examples I cited, we have to now find the funding to ensure that students are able to improve their opportunities to succeed in our courses. We are also learning that we must continue to refine our policies and requirements to assist to improve student success. Finally, as we reflect more on how to help our students to do better, we are also further strengthening the Institution overall and meeting the expectations of the Accreditation standards.

**Accreditation Moving Forward:**
This week, Dr. Annette Dambrosio was selected to serve as the College’s Chief Accreditation Coordinator, a role she performed last year. With this hire in place, the College is poised to move forward with its Accreditation responsibilities. One of the items we must focus on is the need for us to do more in Program Review than our current Program Review schedule indicates. With this objective in mind, IVP White and others are working to present some proposals to the Academic Senate for its support. Furthermore, we must report on all nine recommendations, despite the fact that some of them, like the Code of Ethics and the Mission Statement, have been completed since we submitted our October 2012 Follow-Up Report. Other recommendations need additional work in order for SCC to have all sanctions removed.

**Visit with Department Heads of City of Fairfield to Discuss Measure Q:**
Our Educational Master Plan Consultant, VP Ligioso, and I visited the City Manager of Fairfield, along with his leaders. We presented Measure Q deliberations that pertain to all SCC sites, while focusing primarily on Fairfield. Of particular significance is a housing project that is slated to be built near our Baseball stadium. In our exchange of ideas, we spoke of creating a partnership to further investigate how SCC could get involved with this housing project and City Manager Quinn will get us in touch with the developer. As Board President Chapman has observed, the need for student housing is not limited to international or out-of-state students, as we have discussed. We have other student housing needs too. For example, our foster youth often need housing and according to what is transpiring in the state, student athletes from outside of the area may have housing needs in the near future.

**Celebration of Student Workers**
Just before spring break, SCC faculty and staff recognized the contributions that our student employees are making to the College. At an event designed to recognize student workers, some twelve students were recognized. At the SCC recognition event, former student employees who are now working as regular employees at SCC talked about their experience when they were student workers. For example, one student, April Takahashi, started working in Admissions and Records has had a long tenure in that position. I want to extend a big thank you to the committee, led by Robin Darcangelo, for making the celebration happen. We want to make this a yearly event.

**Meeting with Dana Dean and Sue Fisher**
Dr. Rennée Moore, Chuck Spillner, Curt Johnston, and I met with Dana Dean of the Air Quality group in Benicia, and Sue Fisher, Public Affairs Director for Valero Refinery. We discussed the
possibility of the College taking over an air quality station in Benicia and turn it into an educational benefit for the College. Our discussions have centered on the interest in enabling our College scientists to incorporate air quality experiments into the curriculum in an effort to expand opportunities for student experiments.

**Meeting on ICON Aircraft Partnership**
Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator; Vacaville City Manager, Laura Kuhn; VP Ligioso, and I met to discuss the potential for a three-party partnership with ICON Aircraft, the sports airline company, to be located in Vacaville. We discussed how the county could support the College in land acquisition for the project. We have more meetings scheduled and I will keep you informed.

**Trustee Thurston and the City of Suisun**
The city of Suisun administrators, two Council members (Jane Day and Mike Hudson); City Manager, Suzanne Bragdon; Trustee Rosemary Thurston, and I met for the first time to open dialogues between the city and the College to include Measure Q, Harbor Theatre, Facilities Master Plan Presentation, and Workforce Training. Our first session went well and we acquainted the participants with Solano Community College. We plan to meet again soon.

**Horticulture Support Meeting**
Dr. Rennée Moore, Sandra Diehl, Ken Williams, VP Yulian Ligioso, Dan Broadwater, Greg Armstrong, and others had an excellent meeting with representatives of the Trade Unions and the Solano County Farm Bureau. We are looking forward to engaging in a similar activity with the Yolo Farm Bureau. We discussed our Agriculture projects and solicited support for the program and the building of a special Horticulture program.

**President’s Advisory Council on Emergency Preparedness**
This Council has existed for a couple of years, but recently became dormant. Its focus is to raise awareness about emergencies and to advise the College employees and students on appropriate steps during emergencies. We are pleased to be able to include Under Sheriff Gary Elliott in the group as we work closely with the Sheriff’s office for emergency responsiveness.

**Presentation to New Foundation Students**
The Golden Hills alternative High School has a program near Juvenile Hall in Fairfield for young adults who are incarcerated for four months. I was a guest speaker there last week. I shared my personal experience and the fact that poor current circumstances do not have to dictate a life of poverty for us, but can be used to motivate us to achieve even more. I shared the advantages of attending a community college, especially SCC. Judging by the questions and active listening, it was a good session.

**Ten Plus One Committee**
The Ten Plus One Committee met to discuss the need for strong Academic Senate engagement in contributing to the work that is needed to fulfill the recommendations of the ACCJC and to participate in the development of the next Accreditation report that is due on October 15. The meeting was one of positive energy and the understanding is that we have a promising opportunity to demonstrate SCC’s accomplishments in our October Report. The Academic
Senate will formally address their participation in SCC’s Accreditation at their next meeting.

**Measure Q Advisory Committee**
The Measure Q Advisory group met last week for the first time and has agreed to serve also as the Facilities Master Plan Committee. I am pleased that the group includes two students who are Veterans. We discussed the next steps for implementing the Bond and are going to support the hiring of the next Executive Bond Manager.

**SCC Sports Stars Continue Their Accomplishments**

Scott Stover, SCC Head Baseball Coach; and Darla Williams, SCC Women’s Volleyball Coach, have volunteered much deserved praise for some of our SCC sports alumni.

(Baseball) From the 2011 team, Coach Stover reports that Victor Romero has started every game for #18 Oklahoma State U. Trevor Matern (3B) is leading Georgetown University in hitting (.371). Slick fielding Patrick Johnson is leading Missouri Baptist University in hitting and Ethan Gibbons is leading the pitching staff in innings pitched and K's. Kagen Hopkins has thrown 2 complete games in his last four starts and is leading the way again for CSU Chico. Gene Nanney (Culver-Stockton University) is leading his team in extra base hits and among the leaders in RBI.

Additionally, Ryan Lipkin (2007) was 1X2 in big league camp for the Oakland A's and has been assigned to double A Midland as a starter. Daniel Baptista (2010) is set to play independent league in the mid-west, and Daniel Castillo (2010) is going to play in El Paso after graduating at Prairie View A&M. Current Solano pitching coach, Dustin Crenshaw, signed to play professionally in the Can-Am league. He will be in Quebec.

(Women’s Volleyball) Coach Williams reports that Lainey Brown, junior transfer to Menlo College, was selected to join the Menlo Lady Oaks Volleyball team. Brown joins the Oaks following a pair of stand-out seasons at Solano Community College where she led the Falcons in both digs and aces as a two-year starting Libero. During her two-year tenure at Solano, Brown recorded 853 digs and 115 service aces in her impressive two-year career and earned her a place on the first-team All Bay-Valley Conference and the Falcon Classic’s All-Tournament Team in 2011 and 2012.

To Coach Stover, Coach Williams, and to of all of our talented alumni—Cheers to All!

**African-American Male Scholars**
The African-American Male Scholars held a celebration to honor several African-American College employees. In addition to recognizing 17 honorees, the men paid a special tribute to our Board President, Dr. Sarah Chapman, who has motivated the students to be at their best all of the time. As you may recall, the African-American Male Scholars’ primary goals were to assist young black male students to help them to communicate their various educational needs and to especially improve their Math and English skills. SCC salutes this group and hopes to see their efforts continue to be supported.
On Boston and Our Duties as Educators
We are all saddened by the terrible act of violence that interrupted not only an excellent athletic event, the Boston Marathon, but so brutally interrupted many lives. Please keep the victims and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Let’s hope for the healing of the physically and emotionally wounded. This shattering event was another reminder that we live in a world where hatred wants to triumph over love; but as we know, our duty as educators is to ensure a more peaceful and abundant world by educating minds to shape good decisions. Boston’s upheaval is yet another reminder for us to care for one another.

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To honor the memory of former Professor David E. Froehlich who passed away this past week:
"If you are going to say something to people, say something that enriches their lives. Touch people with a little bit of truth". [David E Froehlich, SCC Professor, 1954-1990]