Dear Colleagues:

**Wrapping Up Hartnell’s Self-Study and Looking to SCC’s Ongoing ACCJC Work:**
At Hartnell College’s ACCJC visitation, we had a chance to visit with some excellent faculty, staff, and administrators. Our team of ten learned much that is relevant to our own ACCJC accreditation issues. We are very grateful for the opportunity to work with Hartnell College; I am also grateful to the SCC Governing Board for allowing me to serve as the Chair of the team and appreciative that ACCJC selected me to serve as Chair for Hartnell College’s self study.

On the local level, a report was issued last week documenting that some faculty members did not follow up on their responsibilities to assess their courses during Fall 2013 semester. Interim Vice President White and I are evaluating the situation to make sure that we support those who need help, and to hold everyone accountable. We can ill-afford to fall behind again in our outcomes assessment, as was the case with SLOs last time. Doing what is formally expected of us as an institution is the key to avoid ACCJC sanction, but more importantly, is a central condition for making us an excellent and respected institution. I am sure that your Deans will be conversing with some of you. Please help SCC stay on track.

**Spring Break Next Week:**
The College will take a break from April 1st to April 7th. During that week, I will be in China with some faculty members from Vacaville High School where we will be promoting the relationship the District has with VHS. Additionally, I will meet with the consultant who is working to help us to recruit Chinese students to enroll in SCC classes.

**Meeting with Solano Coalition for Better Health:**
Solano Coalition for Better Health is an organization whose focus is to provide collaboration among the health care providers in Solano County, to include institutions that provide healthcare education, in this case, Touro University and Solano Community College. I serve on the Board of Directors as does SCC Governing Board President, Dr. Sarah Chapman. One of the discussions we had centered on promoting health insurance to our students in the fall and spring as a result of the new Healthcare reform. We will work with the Student Health Center and the ASSC to find the most effective way to make student health insurance available.

**Solano Hispanic Chamber Gathering:**
Dr. Annette Dambrosio and I attended an informal gathering of the Solano County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce last week. We discussed ideas for partnerships with the College and our plans to Celebrate SCC toward the end of April. Of interest to the Chamber is the possibility of
initiating an Hispanic Business Institute at the College. We will have more discussions on this topic with the Academic Senate’s Ten Plus One Committee.

**Meeting with City Manager and Chief of Police of Fairfield:**
Sean Quinn and Chief Walt Tibet visited me on Friday to ascertain the College’s interest in partnering with the city of Fairfield in expanding the Public Service Academy and the Youth Center. The Public Service Academy covers the area of Criminal Justice, Science, and Kinesiology. The Youth Center is a place where we could partner with the City in the area of business entrepreneurship and nutrition. In the next few months, interested College personnel (faculty, staff and administrators) may visit these sites and explore the educational possibilities in formulating such partnerships.

**Congratulations to Another SCC Faculty Mom:**
Professor Lisa Romero reports that Valentino Mariano Flores was born Sunday, March 17, 2013 (St Patrick's Day) at 6:24 a.m. at Vallejo Kaiser, which by the way, she awarded an “A +” to every nurse, staff, administrator, doctor, and midwife she encountered. Congratulations to both parents and their new baby boy!

**A Student Success Story:**
Dr. Karen McCord reports that Katrina Pinkerton-Lloyd, former Solano College Student (2010-2011), has been accepted as a candidate for the Master’s Degree program in Nurse-Midwifery/Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner in Yale University. In her letter to Professor McCord, Ms. Pinkerton-Lloyd states that she is “forever indebted to Solano College for the rigorous education and the manifold of opportunities offered to me there.” She explained that “academic success is not about how smart someone is, but about how hard one works, and about taking advantage of every opportunity available to learn, grow, and sharpen one’s intellectual abilities.” Congratulations to Ms. Pinkerton-Lloyd who will move her family to New Haven, CT, to begin classes at Yale in August 2013. Congratulations to Dr. McCord and to all of you who helped to mentor this student.

**SCC Tax Free Day:**
Under the leadership of Professor Kheck Sengmany, Solano Community College (Fairfield campus) will sponsor a Free Tax Preparation Day event April 6, 2013, 10:00 a.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m. in Room 1525. The tax workshops will be staffed by Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), a FREE income tax preparation group. At VITA sites, trained volunteers prepare FREE Electronic Tax Returns for taxpayers making less than $51,000 in total income (2012). I am proud that SCC will engage the VITA group and wish to thank Professor Sengmany for providing this much-needed service.

**Shared Governance Council meets today from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
Shared Governance Council meets today. Be sure that you know who represents you so you can keep abreast of College issues.

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### Action

- **Measure Q Executive Bond Manager Position**
  - Jowel Laguerre

- **Governing Board Policies Series 1000 and 2000**
  - Jowel Laguerre

- **Strategic Proposals Feedback Process Update**
  - Peter Cammish

- **Review of Brown Act**
  - Diane White

- **Review of Conflict of Interest Law related to Alternates for Council Members and Strategic Proposal Selection Process**
  - Diane White

- **Task Force on Committees Update**
  - Barbara Fountain

- **Electronic Transcripts**
  - Barbara Fountain

- **Student Services Council Mission Statement**
  - Barbara Fountain

- **Agenda Items for the Next Meeting – May 8, 2013**
  - All

- **Governing Board Agenda – April 17, 2013**
  - All

### Adjournment

**Enjoy your Spring break!**

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

**In honor of our student workers and volunteers:**

> “Don't try to fix the students, fix ourselves first. The good teacher makes the poor student good and the good student superior. When our students fail, we, as teachers, too, have failed.”

- Marva Collins