>> Chair Jerry Cook: I'd like to call the Johnson County Community College Board of Trustees February board meeting to order. Would you please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Ms. Schlicht, roll call and recognition of visitors.

>> Ms. Terri Schlicht: This evening's visitors include Dick Carter, Mark Ferguson, Melody Rayl, Nancy Ingram, and Patricia Lightner.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Next item is the Open Forum. The Open Forum section of the board agenda is a time for members of the community to provide comments to the Board. There will be one Open Forum period during each regularly scheduled board meeting. Comments are limited to five minutes unless a significant number of people plan to speak. In that instance, the Chair may limit a person's comments to less than five minutes. In order to be recognized, individuals must register at the door at each board meeting prior to the Open Forum agenda item. When addressing the Board, registered speakers should be respectful and civil and not address matters related to the individual personnel matters with the college. There are no registered speakers for the Open Forum tonight, so the Open Forum section is closed.

Awards and Recognitions, Dr. Sopcich.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Thank you, Dr. Cook. I'd like to ask Carl Heinrich to the podium.

>> Mr. Carl Heinrich: Thank you for this opportunity tonight to recognize one of our outstanding coaches and teachers that we have here at Johnson County. And I'm pleased to recognize Kent Shelley for being selected as the newest member of the Ban Johnson League Hall of Fame. The league has recognized Coach Shelley as an alum who has built an outstanding career as the head baseball coach here at Johnson County Community College. He has joined 38 other individuals from the Kansas City area, along with even the Kansas City Royals being inducted into that league. So he's a member of a very high profile group. Kent is also a member of the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, as well as the NJCAA Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, and as well as our Johnson County Community College Athletic Hall of Fame. I guess we can start calling him HOF'er or something, I'm not sure. But Kent was an all-star catcher in 1980 and '81 for the Kansas City Life of the Ban Johnson League. He attended Pratt Community College, graduated from the University of Kansas, and in 1987 he was named head baseball coach at Johnson County and since has directed the program to be one of the forefront community college baseball programs in the United States. Coach Shelley's Hall of Fame induction took place at the League's annual meeting awards dinner at Deer Creek Golf Club December 27th. Kent's team this year is currently ranked seventh in the nation, is off to a 7-0 start, and we're looking forward to another return trip to Grand Junction to the what they call the JUCO World Series.
Last night Kent's team and 141 other student athletes were recognized for a 3.0 GPA or higher. The baseball team had 29 of their 36 players represented. That's a .810 batting average, I believe, which is pretty good, and also it included 12 of those student athletes with a 4.0. If you would join me in congratulating Kent and his teams for the success that they've had.

(Applause.)

>> Mr. Shelley: Thank you very much. I'd just like to thank the Board and let you know what a blessing it's been to be able to coach my entire career at one institution. It's a great honor. It's a great privilege. I think there's a popular song my kids, I hear them hum it a little bit down in the locker room. "It's all about the bass." I'm here to tell you it's all about the players because it's the players that put coaches into hall of fames, and I've been blessed through my 28, 29 years with the greatest student athletes, the greatest assistant coaches any head coach in America could be privileged to work with. So from the bottom of my heart to yours, thank you for the opportunity to represent this great institution.

Nancy Milgram, the president of the Ban Johnson, when they presented this at the awards night, she said we had a short discussion about what to present you and we were going to give you a beautiful vase, and then there were several board members that remember watching me catch back in 1980 and they said, no, don't give him a vase, he stands a pretty good chance of dropping it and breaking it, so we'll get him a bowl.

(Laughter.)

So anyway it's great to be here tonight and thank you for this special honor.

>> Thanks, Coach.

(Applause.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: I would just say that on behalf of the trustees, Coach, congratulations again to you on all of the awards you have won and deserved and all the young men you've touched. As Trustee Musil and I were at the awards ceremony last night to see that, not only the success of the baseball team, but how they represent themselves as young men, we know you and your coaching staff have a lot to do with that. So thank you very much for everything you do. Appreciate it.

Student Senate, Mr. Redmond.

>> Mr. Jeffery Redmond: Good evening. Members of the Board, I am pleased to report the circumstances of the student body and the Student Senate are in high spirits this semester. Student Senate is keeping pace with the educational component of our goals. On February 2nd we hosted our first town hall meeting of the semester. This meeting focused on dining services policies and procedures. We brought several representatives from dining services staff together to discuss varying components that each of them are responsible for. We had the opportunity to discuss future plans with our new dietician, as well as special price negotiations for clubs and organizations, events, and activities, and I'm pleased to announce that there is a re-evaluation of those prices that has been implemented now after those negotiations.

This semester Senate has the opportunity to deliver the Out-of-State or International Student Involvement Award. Senate recognizes that tuition can be burdensome to members of this particular demographic and hopes to alleviate that burden for those that qualify. The scholarship is geared toward students who have shown an exceptional effort in terms of campus participation, and during the transition from fall into spring semester, a reorganization of the
Executive Board position has taken place. I am pleased to announce the newest member of Student Senate's Executive Board is Marie Horvat. Marie has graciously accepted our secretary position. She has shown exceptional qualities of leadership concerning campus involvement while working as a student ambassador. She also carries the title of president for Model United Nations Club. She has performed exceptionally in academia, maintaining her robust schedule and simultaneously succeeding in our honors program.

In reference to the Model United Nations Club, the team is currently in St. Louis participating in their annual Midwest Conference. So far to date they have performed admirably and will hopefully be participating in the Board's awards and recognition portion of April's board meeting. I'm also pleased to report that our Student Environmental Alliance Organization is fully prepared for the upcoming Earth Week in April. One of the sustainably conscientious promotions we will see comes out of our bookstore; with the purchase of a reusable coffee cup, one will receive a reusable bag that has been made entirely out of recycled materials, and I have seen these bags. They are not ragtag, they are high quality. The rest of the week will include but not be limited to sustainable tours which showcase Johnson County Community College's performance in maintaining a presence in the direction of sustainable development.

And, lastly, I would like to remark on the participation of one club that has stood out this last month for its personal accountability and responsibility to assess those in our community. As many of you may be aware, one of our counselors is in a particularly difficult situation. Melissa Wells is in need of a surgery due to cardiovascular complications, and several members of the administration have made efforts to raise money for this cause. Our own International Club in particular has managed to raise over $500 to put towards this situation. This club has shown an admirable sense of community in this effort and deserves recognition for it. And unless there are any questions, that concludes my report to the Board.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Mr. Redmond, we really appreciate the broad extensive work the student body is involved in and that on top of their commitments to coursework, and we really appreciate your leadership. Any questions from the trustees? Comments? Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Keep up the good work.

College Lobbyist Report, Mr. Carter.

>> Mr. Dick Carter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's hard to believe that we have just completed the fifth week and almost the sixth week now of the legislative session and there's not a lot to show for. I feel like a broken record, like I may have reported this to you before in years past at about this time. But it's interesting to note that just this past week, the legislature, the House and the Senate agreed on the joint rules that help dictate the direction the session goes, and so only now have we completed that small document which allows us to move forward and the other cogs to begin turning in the legislative process. The big hang-up or the catch was the bundling of bills, and I've talked about that before in the past. Representative Rubin has introduced joint rules in the past that would limit the number of bills that could be bundled in a conference committee report. And as you recall from reports in the past, that's the way we've been doing legislation at the end of the session, dumping a number of bills, up to 10 or 12, into a bill and passing that out of a conference committee. It gets very confusing. It's not very transparent. And the final agreement that was able to move forward was to limit the
The number of bills bundled to four per bill in a conference committee process. That actually is a positive step moving forward, I believe. However, there is an exemption for Tax Committee, which typically has a number of bills that need to be moved at the end of the session, and so that particular subject matter or committee is exempt from that rule, but that is progress moving forward.

The other thing that needed to occur for the budget to move -- the budget discussions to move forward was a little hiccup that occurred last week when the Transportation Budget Committee reversed the recommendation of sweeping $280 million in KDOT funds. That lasted for about a day until there was a meeting at the rail and, once again, we used the Bank of KDOT to help fund the current year shortfall, and that again helped move things forward.

The third thing that I didn't include in the report that was important that begins moving the process and is part of the overall bigger picture is the K-12 block grant budgeting process, and negotiations, hearings, and debate is ongoing with that particular piece, but there's a number of things that have to move forward for this year's budget to work. I didn't talk about this in the printed version of the report, but I happened to be part of a group that I was shepherding around the capitol today and one of the presenters that we had lined up was the budget director, Shawn Sullivan. And it was very important, I thought, that he made the comment to this leadership group that there is no way to cut out of the budget hole that we're in, and so revenue will have to be passed in some form or fashion. Now, the governor has proposed increasing consumption tax for alcohol and tobacco. The legislature is not keen to that particular revenue fund or source, and so I don't know what will happen with that. Today is the second day of hearings in the House Tax Committee on those issues and it faces a strong uphill battle to be passed. If that's the case, that's a significant portion of what the governor recommended in his budget recommendations to find some new dollars to help the state out of its budget hole that it finds itself in. The good news that I would report to you is that in the House, Representative Amanda Grosserode, who chairs the House Education Budget Committee, along with her committee members, replaced the dollars for the CTE money in the current year at about $1.47 million, as well as '16 and '17, which are the budget years we'll now begin discussing, to the tune of also about $1.5 million each year. No other educational entity saw an increase or replacement of dollars that were cut. And so I see that as a good thing. I don't know in the final analysis if we'll still be at those same levels. I do see that number being reduced a little bit, but it's good to know that the House is supporting technical education programs on that front.

The other interesting thing is we now await sort of these month-end reports on budgets to see where we're going, and as you are aware, January ended about $47 million below expectations. We've seen no indicators on the end of February's numbers, although we're not optimistic that it will be up. The conversations that we've been hearing bubbling around revolve around the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group, which you've heard me talk about before. They meet in November and they meet in April. There is talk about moving that group and their meeting to about May 7th or so to get a better picture of the receipts that come in on April 15th for the state income tax. Again, those numbers are expected to be down, but rather than forecasting what they think it will look like on the 15th or so of April, they're now potentially putting that meeting off. I don't think the decision's been made, but that's the
conversation to put that meeting off until May 7th. If that's the case, that's typically about the time that we would be adjourning the regular -- the veto session and being done. That certainly signals a more lengthy departure for the legislative process if that is the case.

The other issue that I wanted to talk about, and there's several in the report, but one I certainly want to highlight is the spring to fall elections. There was movement on that issue today. The bill that was being debated in the Senate dealt with -- initially dealt with partisan elections in the even-numbered years in the fall, moving the spring elections to that type of time frame. There was significant movement in the committee process, and I should also note that the Senate president placed herself on that committee. That's not typically a committee where leadership from either the House or Senate would find themselves or place themselves unless you wanted to guarantee a product came out the way that it needs to in order to pass. And she's been at all the meetings, and so a couple of days ago amendments were made when the bill was worked and things were moved from the bill originally, like I said, even-numbered years in the fall and partisan elections. Those provisions were stripped to be odd, the fall of odd-numbered years and non-partisan. That was the key piece. There were some other little tweaks in the bill. That was the key piece that sort of gets the bill to a position where most people call it a compromise position. I don't know if local units of government would call it a compromise because there's not a desire to change, but I think that's what most people refer to as the compromise position.

Today they were working the bill and there was an amendment to return the bill to its original state for partisan and even-numbered, and then the bill was killed in committee. As is the case in Topeka, things never die, and there was an immediate motion to reconsider and the bill was returned back to that, the state that it was left in after the committee worked the bill to the odd-numbered years, non-partisan. Seems like a long story to tell you, but that's the nature of where things are moving in Topeka, and that is the uphill battle that local units of government face with respect to elections. It is certain that when the bill hits the Senate floor -- and it was passed out of committee on a split vote. It is certain that when the bill hits the committee, there will be continued efforts to return local elections to a partisan nature and most likely in the fall of even-numbered years. There was a lot of social media activity regarding that issue this morning and it's certain to come back again when the measure is debated on the full Senate floor.

So that's one that we'll continue to pay attention to because it impacts boards such as this one, other local units of government, and it speaks to when we have staggered terms, as well as what would happen if we do move elections from the spring to the fall, what happens if you're already elected for a certain period of time; do you have a short term or do you extend that term? There are provisions in the bill that actually cover for some of those pieces.

I'm sorry, that was a long explanation, but it's an issue that I think is probably important to you as you sit around this table and contemplate where things are moving as we approach this -- this spring election.

A couple of other issues. There are some gun bills out there. The "constitutional carry" bill, which most people are just watching at this point, did pass out of committee this morning. That's the bill that says you can carry concealed without a permit or without training. There
were 29 senators that sponsored the bill. Pretty safe to say it's going to fly through the Senate. I don't know what will happen when it actually hits the House. There could be some additional conversations, but again, the gun issues seem to move very, very quickly and freely through the process. And then there were some other issues related to law enforcement that would impact the community college budget, although we're just watching them at this point, but that relates to body cameras. There were two bills introduced, one in the Senate, one in the House, that would mandate body cameras for all commissioned law enforcement officers. In addition to the cost of the equipment of the camera, which really is probably the small amount, there's a requirement for storage of the video for up to a three-year period, and then there's some open records components to the bill that would allow folks to request the videos for viewing, and so there are some additional costs to that as well. I don't expect those bills to go anywhere, but I just want to make you aware of them as, again, it's an unfunded mandate that we may end up seeing.

Finally, the good news, if you didn't see any good news earlier in the report.

(Laughter.)

Dr. Sopcich has been to Topeka a couple of times to present before the House and Senate Commerce Committee. Actually, it was in the reverse order, Senate first and then the House. And the report was received extremely well and it began a discussion, and I don't mean to steal his thunder because I think he may talk about this a little bit in his president's report, but this may be a good jumping off point for him to add on workforce development and what the role that community colleges play in the labor economy, and it was a very good conversation. He covered the components of all 19 community colleges; this was not just a Johnson County Community College presentation. That, coupled with his presentation before the Senate Education Budget Committee, all really highlights the leadership that we have here at the college and the role that we play in Topeka.

Additionally, Dr. Sopcich and Dr. Cook were in Washington, D.C. for the National Legislative Summit. We took a student, and Kate Allen and I accompanied them on some hill visits and again had some great conversations that just continued to develop those relationships for things like you saw yesterday in the news when Congressman Yoder was on campus for the Veterans Suicide Prevention Round Table. There are some other things that I think we'll be seeing in the future coming out of his office with respect to some things that maybe we can do on the college as well. So that's probably a good place to stop. And I don't know, Dr. Sopcich, if you'd like to add anything to that.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Thanks, Mr. Carter. I think we'll wait until a little further down on the agenda to cover some of that.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: While the trustees think of their questions, I have three items, Dick. So last week when we had our meeting in Topeka, the bill that seemed to be surfacing on moving the elections indicated that community college elections would be non-partisan, that they would be carved out, because I think there's a feeling that when you represent a community college, that is a non-partisan position. Are you saying today that's changed?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: Well, it did momentarily earlier this morning. It's back to the original position where it was.
Chair Jerry Cook: And that is non-partisan for community colleges?

Mr. Dick Carter: It would be non-partisan, uh-huh.

Chair Jerry Cook: Okay. On the budget issue, the 2% reduction that see as a result of the January budget amounted to I think about, what, a million dollars for us?

437,000.

Chair Jerry Cook: 437,000. So half a million. I think I'm hearing you say, then, that additional reductions could be certainly in place if monthly collections between now and June 30 continue to be below estimations. Is that correct?

Mr. Dick Carter: Without the -- without the increase or collection of additional revenues, which you can't do in the current year, yes, that is definitely the case.

Chair Jerry Cook: And then so we continue to meet a challenge between now and the end of the year, fiscal year. And then as the legislature considers a two-year budget, I think I heard you say then that they're hopeful that the Consensus Committee can have a little more accurate information by moving the date as they prepare the two-year budget, but that that certainly doesn't look promising, which we knew of in the discussion last year that the state funds certainly could be diminished by 2018, and apparently that's going to be much sooner. So are there any thoughts that are helpful at this point in time about the two-year budget process?

Mr. Dick Carter: I wish I had some thoughts that were helpful. I think the only -- the only saving grace is that the two-year budget process certainly gives you a glimpse or it creates a planning scenario that wasn't there before, when the legislature was only looking at things one fiscal year at a time. It certainly gives you a goal to look forward to, and obviously it would create the need for adjustments when either revenues are not there or maybe they exceed.

Chair Jerry Cook: I believe over the last three years we've moved from about 22% state funding to about 17% funding to I think this year we're right about 15% state funding.

Right.

Chair Jerry Cook: And so the point is that at least in the last three or four years, we continue to get reduced amounts from the state, which puts pressure on the local effort and our budget.

The third item, on the gun bill, my understanding is that with the last gun bill legislation, this college applied for a four-year exemption, which we're currently working within. Do you anticipate any of the gun bill legislation that's in place now to oversee that four-year exemption? That's not the right terminology --

Mr. Dick Carter: I don't believe any of the bills that are presently out there erode the current process which we're probably two years into, if not the third year into that exemption process. I -- all of those bills allow for that exemption process to continue. And there have been other bills -- sorry to extend. There have been other bills introduced that would extend the exemption. I don't believe those bills will receive a hearing, but...

Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Trustee questions? Trustee Stewart?

Trustee Jon Stewart: I think we're just one, a little over one year into our exemption, so that was December of last -- or 2013 I think.

Dr. Joe Sopcich: We're in the second year.
>> Trustee Jon Stewart: The body camera, you didn't come up with a number, but I don't know if we've looked at that, what kind of number that would be for us?

>> Dr. Barbara Larson: We have. I think the hardware was about $23,000, based on the number of officers. The storage issue is the question that it's very difficult to have a vendor respond to. We've heard a number as high as $6,000 a month in terms of storage of video, but again, there's so much more in terms of how do you administer the -- administer and respond to requests and which videos do you have to save. So there's a lot more in terms of I think the staff review of videos to determine what would actually have to be saved. So it would be very costly.

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: Yeah, I think it's just another unfunded mandate that we, you know, we just, we now have a fully certified accredited police department, we didn't have that five years ago, and that's an additional cost. Certainly they do a great job and I support that, but it's additional cost that we pay, and yet our state funding is going down. So we're getting squeezed through a lot of this.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Other questions or comments? Trustee Musil?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: I never have questions for you, Dick. I'll ask you at the end if you agree with me. One thing you didn't mention was the KPERS amount, which is I think $58 million that have been committed to KPERS for this year, which is a lot of interest on this campus that will not now be spent there, and we heard at the legislative breakfast Saturday morning the proposal to borrow $1.5 billion to make our KPERS balance look better and pay that off over time, betting on the spread that we will make more in our investments than it will cost us --

>> Mr. Dick Carter: To service the bonds.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: -- to service the bonds. I've been told that the Government Finance Association officers made a recommendation in January to all of their governmental entities not to do that. Is that a done deal within the legislature?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: I think that what we're seeing this year -- I was trying to save all the good news for the report. I think that what we're seeing this year in regards to bonding is we're seeing bonding in a number of areas of state government, not just KPERS, and so that should be concerning to folks that we're borrowing to pay the bills today when there is cash in some of those areas that are currently being funded, whether it's KPERS, whether it's the Bioscience Authority, whether it's KDOT, yeah. Bonding seems to be the word of the day.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: That troubles me because what that forces the State to do is give us the unfunded mandate by cutting our support, we end up asking more of local taxpayers, which is another form of unfunded mandate well beyond the body cameras.

I just have to say, we keep talking about we're below projections. Remember, those projections are based on the tax cuts put into place two years ago, and those projections are way below the amount that would have been received had those been less of a tax reduction or phased in over time, and the proponents of the tax cut said, well, you won't let us do dynamic, dynamic modeling because we know those projections you told us about are way too low. And I just want to point out that if we had done dynamic projections and they said it was way up here, we would be even farther below the projections than doing it just static.
I hope you will remind our legislators and our delegation on the partisan election issue, because I support partisan elections at the city and county level. Every time since I've been in Johnson County for 28 years it has been placed on the ballot of a local government, the voters have overwhelmingly said we want our local elections to be non-partisan. I think it was 65 or 70% in Overland Park. I think it was 65 or 70% in Johnson County. So if our elected officials in Topeka are as interested in doing the will of the voters as doing what they think is politically expedient for them, they will support non-partisan elections, regardless of when they're held. That's all. I'll shut up after that.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Other questions or comments? Thank you, Mr. Carter. Appreciate it. I know every day changes like the weather, and so we appreciate your leadership there. Thank you very much. We now go to Committee Reports and Recommendations. The first is the Audit Committee. In your packet, you will see that the Audit Committee met at 8 a.m. on Thursday, February 5th. We had a full two-hour meeting. You can see by your packet the number of people that were there under the leadership of what I could call Janelle Vogler heading that all up. I won't read all those names, nor will I go into the detail of the audit. I will just say that we are blessed to have such a very detailed internal Audit Committee. We meet quarterly. They're active every day. The first report you see there is a report of the College Now Information Security Review. Interestingly, they came to our internal audit team and said could you help us make sure we set up the right procedures and processes. And I believe that from a value statement that whenever we have departments within the college that have such a trust in the internal audit team that they're reaching out to the audit team to help them make sure that all of the processes they're putting in place are proper and accurate, so that was very, very commendable.

Under the Accounts Receivable Audit, again, a lot of detail there. It can be summed up I think in this term: All of the cash accounting in all accounts was accurate to the penny as reported by Internal Audit Committee. And that is just unheard of. To the penny. It was excellent. So you can see the detail of that report.

The Disaster Recovery Audit, I -- I'm just overwhelmed at -- and I -- I still am trying to figure out what Sandra Warner was saying in all of that technical detail, but it's a very expansive and enhanced program of making sure that if we ever have a disaster on campus, how we can recover all of our data. And I'm just -- it was kind of way over my head. Of course it isn't difficult to be over my head, but I'm very impressed with the work we're doing there, Janelle and Sandra and the whole team. It's a big deal. It's a big process and lots of components.

Quarterly project updates were given. The -- we're trying to move in the reporting system more to PowerPoint presentation than hard copy and technology reporting, so there's just a lot going on, on our internal audit team. We do have one item that we will vote upon, and it is the response to the RFP for annual financial audit services. I think that's electronically on Page 4 of your -- technically your iPad report. You can see that we had 14 firms notify us directly of an interest to serve as our audit firm. Six persons -- actually 14 were notified, 6 responded. There is a difference in the low bid price compared to the one that was accepted, and as we talked about that in committee, the low bid just didn't meet the broad parts of the proposal and
didn't have the experience in all the components we need and is basically the reason that we went with a different firm than the low priced one. I will say that a thorough evaluation process was conducted, which included reviewing and ranking the written proposals according to the evaluation criteria which were defined within the RFP. The four proposers who were determined to be finalists were BKD, LLP, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, McGladrey, LLP, and RubinBrown. All four proposers were interviewed by the review committee. At the conclusion of the evaluation process, it was determined that the proposal submitted by RubinBrown, LLP, best met the needs of the college. So, therefore, it is the recommendation of the Audit Committee that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of the college administration to approve the establishment of a contract for annual financial audit services for the college's fiscal year ending June 30th, 2015 with RubinBrown LLP in the amount of $79,500, and I would make that motion.

>> Second.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Any discussion? Any discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

We had our regular Ethics Line report, Behavioral Intervention Team, the KOPS-WATCH gave a report. And again, I just -- Trustee Musil had a conflict that morning, but I'm sure that Greg would concur as he attends these meetings with us that the detailed information we get and the seriousness with which all of our departments respond to the internal audit is highly professional, and I'm just very pleased with the process. Trustee Musil, in absentia, do you have any comments?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Well, on the KOPS-WATCH, everybody in this room is one of the watchers, and all of our faculty and all of our staff and all of our police force and everybody is a watcher, and they're looking for students or others that need help in various different ways, and I'm impressed with the scope of that and how quickly we then respond and how sensitively we respond to find out if that student really is in need of help and whether it's their transmission went out or their parent died or whatever, we're there to identify that, and faculty are the first line of that because they see them every day and that's just one of the greatest services they can provide beyond their teaching.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Any questions? Thank you, and thanks to everybody and, Janelle, with your team for the outstanding work you do.

Next item is the Collegial Steering. The Collegial Steering Committee met on I believe it was February 3rd. I have placed in front of you a copy of an interesting discussion. And I think for the community, again, the Collegial Steering is made up of representation from the Educational Affairs Committee, the Senate, Faculty Senate, and Faculty Association and some administration, and being we have an election coming up for trustees and we have six candidates vying for three positions, a topic that I placed on the agenda was what do the various -- those three organizations, particularly Ed Affairs, Senate and the association, deem to be the qualities of an effective trustee. And I apologize to the members of the Faculty Association, Senate, and Ed Affairs by not getting this earlier, before the meeting, but I have a
copy for you, you can have it in your hands, and we kind of came up with these 19 items. In some cases, there was some duplication, but it just seemed to me that when we are dealing with the Collegial Steering and trying to get two-way communication what the faculty thought. And I think for the benefit of the public, let me just go through this list very, very quickly.

Understand the purpose/mission of an academic institution of higher learning, basically in general. Later you'll see the mission of Johnson County Community College.

Internalize how the college performs its business of teaching and learning.

3. Be a good listener, open-minded and independent thinker.

4. Know the mission of Johnson County Community College and internalize its strategic plan. And as we know, we have four key goals that support that strategic plan.

5. Understand the big picture of the college and how it serves the community.

6. Trustee engagement is non-partisan.

7. Do not be a micromanager. That's the only "do not" on the whole list.

8. Student interests come first.

9. Provide positive visionary leadership.

10. Understand the diversity of the college.

11. Become the face of the college as a consistently strong positive advocate.

12. Be aware of emerging community college issues and trends.

13. Always practice ethical standards of the highest integrity.

14. Understand the role of long-term policy development as a trustee.

15. As the -- at the trustee level, deal with problems in a timely manner.

16. Facilitate the communication process regarding the academic curriculum process.

17. Understand the role/purpose of the adjunct positions.

18. Understand the negotiation process at the college.

19. Live and value the mission statement of Johnson County Community College.

They're not in any particular order of importance. Again, these were just kind of discussion points, in many cases there was duplication. I didn't indicate the number of items that were duplicated, but I think you get a feel of at least where that representation. Now, keep in mind, this wasn't an official vote of the Ed Affairs of official vote of the Association or official vote of the Senate. This was kind of on the spur of the moment how do you people see the effective qualities of a trustee. And so I thought you would be interested. We'll make sure that all the candidates for the positions get a copy of that, as well as the members of the Collegial Steering Team.

>> Chairman Cook, can I comment on that?

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Yes.

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: I think it's a great effort. I think that some might think I tread into number 7, maybe asking too many questions, but I think that's what's missing from this document, and I would put that on number 3, be a good listener, open-minded, and an independent thinker and ask good questions. Too often in my 11 years on the board we don't ask enough questions for fear that someone might think we're micromanaging or we're delving into an area that we shouldn't. I don't think asking good questions does that. I think if we're
really pursuing something worthwhile, whoever is presenting it should really be supporting it and should welcome those questions to further explain. So I would add that.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: That's a good point. I believe that in the spirit of the discussion that afternoon, and I would -- and Dr. Williams will be addressing us later, but I would expect that we don't have a faculty member that wouldn't want to be asked a good question about their program, because I believe they're all eager to explain it to us when we give them the time to do that. So that's a great point, Jon. Anybody else? Any questions? Trustee Cross?

>> Trustee Lee Cross: I don't see any game day program to go through all of the participants in Collegial Steering. Who all is involved in Collegial Steering?

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We have two from Ed Affairs, two from Faculty Association, two from Faculty Senate.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: And Faculty Association, we're negotiating with the Faculty Association?

>> Chair Jerry Cook: That's correct. They're the official negotiating arm of the faculty.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: And that's by statute?

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Correct.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: And what role does Faculty Senate have here? I'm confused.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Well, Faculty Senate will deal with curriculum, educational affairs. Now, Ed Affairs deals with the whole detail of revising a course, approving a new course, but Faculty Senate is really concerned with a lot of other issues other than just the negotiation process.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: You know, I'm relatively new to the board, Mr. Chair, and I'm just working to figure out --

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Workload, for example, assignments, hours, anything that has to do basically with curriculum and the teaching-learning process, not to say that the Faculty Association isn't. I don't intend for us to -- that may be a good board retreat topic to get into some depth.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: No, no. I didn't mean to suggest that.

(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Oh, I think it's a good topic. It may be one of the items that Dr. Drummond would like to spend more time on in the board meeting rather than just reporting all the time, as we talked about at our retreat.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Stewart?

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: That just brings up -- I didn't understand, I may have missed out on something, but I didn't realize we were giving out game day programs for items.

(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We are.

>> We're selling them. We're not giving them away.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Communication is important and sometimes we miscommunicate what we really mean.
The other items we discussed that day were enrollment, state testimony, and sabbatical leaves, and sabbatical leaves has been sent to Learning Quality, so I think we'll hear about that later. But, again, very good meeting and we'll work on that, but great points. Any other questions of the Collegial Steering meeting? Thank you.

Human resources, Dr. Drummond.

>> Trustee Robert Drummond: Thank you, Dr. Cook. The Human Resources Committee met on Monday, February 2nd, at 9:30. There were the usual group there, plus Dr. Cook blessed us with his presence. We had a very focused meeting. We focused entirely on the benefit review for the past couple years and projections for what it might be in the future. Coming out of that meeting, I was very pleased with the work that the administration and the board had done the last few years in trying to get our arms around the growing benefit costs, and I think that has been demonstrated with our last couple times around. The other side of that is that even with our hard work, we are going to see increases in the cost of benefits. I think we had many more claims of significance this past year and we will see the effects of that in next year's premium. We'll continue to work on all those things, but that's on our radar screen, we need to kind of focus on as we develop budget, so that will be something we'll have probably more discussion.

We also talked about the impact of the Affordable Care Act. We talked some about the wellness program and its early impact and future impact we hope. We also talked about design changes that we might have to take a look at in the future, and Holmes Murphy is our benefits company, and they hope to finalize the negotiations with our insurance company by I think April, is it? Or May, somewhere in that range, to get our rate increase for this next year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 6th at 9:30, and I'm sure we'll have more of these kinds of discussions taking place at that time, plus other things. So that is our report.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Musil?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Well, I think, Dr. Larson, you spoke to it at the retreat, not just increases in our health insurance benefits -- or health policy -- wasn't it -- or maybe it was you, Judy. It was -- you gave percentages, if I remember right.

>> Dr. Judy Korb: As far as what we're expecting?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: What we're expecting, yes.

>> Dr. Judy Korb: We're expecting somewhere between 6 and 8. We believe it will be under 8, but we don't have that final number yet.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: But that's for this coming year?

>> Dr. Judy Korb: Yes.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: And then at least that much for the following year? Is that kind of what we're --

>> Dr. Judy Korb: We don't know. I mean we don't know because it's based on your 12 months worth of claims, so we get it each year. But that will just be for the coming year.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: But, again, just to keep even with where we are on the budget, you've got to make those up out of something else.

>> Trustee Robert Drummond: We do. Plus I think if we look at this realistically, what we have this next year probably is not going to be too far off for the next couple years because it happens in threes in many cases, and the cost is just going up. I think that's the bottom line.
So as we not only take a look at next year's budget, but the next couple year's budget, I think it's not unrealistic to take a look at a similar type increase within a percentage or two that will happen for the next couple years. I stand to be corrected by our finance people, but I think that's what we left the meeting sensing.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Other questions? Thank you, Dr. Drummond. Learning Quality, Trustee Cross.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Learning Quality Committee met on February 2nd in this room. Trustee Lindstrom and I were in attendance, and according to my notes now, we had two main presentations. One went over the curriculum and one a sabbatical review that I -- we had requested at our last meeting. Beth Edmonds, Chair of the Educational Affairs Committee, presented curriculum for the review that is pending Ed Affairs approval at their February 4 meeting, and if approved, the curriculum changes will be sent forward for full board approval. Course changes include new courses, course modifications, and deletions. Detailed curriculum changes can be found in the February 19th, 2015, board packet.

Ed Affairs bylaws require that curriculum changes first pass through the division curriculum committee before going to Ed Affairs, and since August, there have been 110 separate pieces of curriculum reviewed. Many courses were modified to meet KBOR regulations, and our new Computer Support Specialist Program is the first in the state to offer the newly aligned AAS degree, which will be offered in the fall of 2015. A majority of the proposed curriculum changes were from the technology division, and career programs must constantly update curriculum and offer new career paths for students as markets change.

The second part was my favorite part about the sabbatical overview, and we had two presenters, Nathan Jones and Adam Spoolstra. And my favorite part of this was, actually it was a biblical quote from Leviticus, that for six years you shall plow your field. For six years you shall prune your vine and gather its produce. But in the seventh year, the land is to have its rest, the Sabbath year for Yahweh. You must not sow your field or prune your vine or harvest your ungathered corn or gather grapes from your untrimmed vine. It is to be a year of rest for the land. And thus is the Biblical roots of the sabbatical process that many of the elite colleges and universities throughout the world have adopted.

So that was frankly my favorite part and the basis that ultimately led to the Learning Quality Committee agreeing that the sabbatical process was and is an effective one. I do agree with what I understand to be the position of some of my colleagues that we do need to have some general oversight, and in the future we would like to have a brief overview of the sabbatical proposals that are recommended for board approval, which will be presented to the Learning Quality Committee and have some level of trustee oversight there, that a representative of the sabbatical committee will attend the LQ meeting to answer any possible questions that we have regarding the proposals being recommended, and then that the sabbatical committee will also develop clearer guidelines for completing a sabbatical report filed by the faculty sabbatical recipient upon completion of the sabbatical project. So, in other words -- oh, excuse me. Then written sabbatical reports should be provided by the sabbatical participant and available online for review, which I think would contribute to the educational
process of both the faculty, staff, administration, but also for our students to understand what it is that goes on in this world-class institution.

And some of this was my ad libbing, but I appreciate the staff putting this together and appreciate the presentations we had. The next meeting will be I believe March 2nd at 8 a.m., and I do plan to be there.

Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Cross, thank you. Any questions of other trustees. I would like to say again, because we had some good discussion on the sabbatical and because it did come up again in Collegial Steering is that none of us are opposed to the sabbatical leave process. I think we're all interested in how that process works and I think, personally, I believe that the sabbatical ought to really ought to drive three major functions. One is how does it improve the professional delivery of the individual person on the sabbatical, how does that person grow and develop. Secondly, what's the benefit to the college. And thirdly and most importantly, probably ought to be first, is what is the impact to students as they take that particular course, how will they be enriched. So it's all about process and how we go about approving and then reporting back properly about that experience. Trustee Cross?

Trustee Lee Cross: I do this in church, too. It's Leviticus 25, Verses 3 through 5. I forgot to --

Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Appreciate that.

Trustee Lee Cross: Also, if I may real quick, I have complete confidence that my fellow board members support the sabbatical process. And, in fact, Trustee Stewart and anybody else that questioned the process is just I think implementing what friends and allies of mine in the community said was just to ask good questions, what does go on in that process. So I have complete confidence in our support of the sabbatical.

Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Trustee Lindstrom?

Trustee David Lindstrom: I was just going to reiterate what -- I was going to say what Trustee Cross just mentioned there and thank Trustee Stewart for bringing it to our attention. As you mentioned, as part of the -- part of the effective trustee qualities, asking good questions, that was a good question. I learned a lot from that committee discussion, and I think that the board will be better off for your question. Thanks.

Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you.

Trustee Jon Stewart: Comment. Other comments? Trustee Stewart?

Trustee Jon Stewart: Comment. I met with three of the sabbatical applicants and they're fascinating what they're planning on doing. I think they'll meet all of those. I might question one word in the report there about "should write" a written report. I think -- I think they "will write." That's what I -- because I think that needs to be shared out in that forum. So hopefully that's the direction they're going with that.

Dr. Joe Sopcich: Just quickly, first of all, Trustee Stewart, thanks for bringing it up and getting the whole discussion going. Dr. Korb led a very positive kind of review of how we handle sabbaticals, the types of things that we need to do to strengthen the process, and I think the faculty provided very good input, as was demonstrated at the Learning Quality's meeting. So I think we feel much better where we are today, and it all got started because of the
questions that were asked at this group up here. So we're very positive of where we're going with this.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Okay. Very good. Thank you, Trustee Cross. Management Committee, Trustee Musil.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Management Committee met at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, February 4th. Information on the management meeting runs from Pages 8 through 17 of the board packet. We have one recommendation for modification of a state template contract. We were able to meet with our new Associate Vice President for Finance and our Chief Financial Officer Rachel Lierz before the meeting, and I think I saw her in the back, and she did some of the reporting and we're really happy to have her onboard. We will miss Don, but, Rachel, we're happy to have you.

The first item for action is a sublease with Am San, which is a distributor of paper towel products for use in the college's facilities. As part of the agreement, the college will sublease Georgia Pacific paper towel dispensers, the installation and lease of which is at no cost to the college, is included in our contract with Am San. As you may recall, we use a standard state form contract which has certain wording provisions which many vendors don't like and don't match their warning provisions. In order to vary from that by statute, we have to approve it at the board level, and the Office of General Counsel and Procurement Services have negotiated an agreement which includes that recommended modification. I'm confident we're still protected on warranty issues as best we can be.

So it is the recommendation of the Management Committee that the board accept the recommendation of college administration to approve modification of the State of Kansas Department of Administration Contractual Provisions Attachment Form DA 146-A for the sublease with Am San, and I so move.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Do we have a second?

>> Second.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Any discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed, same sign? Motion carries.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: There are no further action items for tonight, Mr. Chair. We received a lengthy presentation from Bruce Hartman on the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art. I think what we left from there is understanding we have the right person there who has made great strides in the acquisition of art for the entire campus, not just the Nerman. If we could make as much return or have as much investment success on our Kansas Municipal Investment Pool as we have in our art value, it would be good. Unfortunately we just can't sell off all the art. But Bruce explained a lot about the Nerman Museum, some of the background for those of us who weren't completely aware of it, and some of the challenges I think that we have to try to find ways to reduce the general fund contribution to the museum's operations. We built a beautiful building. We have beautiful art in it. We're paying a lot out of the general fund to maintain it, and it's hard to raise money for just operating costs, but I think we're all committed to try to find ways to do that. We also -- Rachel made a presentation on our
investments in the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool. It was just as exciting with Rachel as it used to be with Don.

(Laughter.)

Also provided an update on our budget development as we continue to establish budget guidelines, as the budgeting process goes forward. Mitch Borchers presented the Sole Source Bid Report for bids between 25 and $100,000. That summary is on Page 10. All of the bids were low bids that were accepted. And Rex Hays gave a monthly update on capital infrastructure projects. That's on Page 15 of your packet. And that completes my report.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Any questions? Trustee Cross.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: Just one quick comment, Mr. Chair. My wife was so enthralled with Beyond Bounds - Electric! auction we had last fall, and Mr. Hartman, we -- my wife and I joined at a relatively low level to become members of the museum. I encourage the community to do that. The investment, both private and public, that we have in this institution is incredible. It becomes a must attend event for us now at my house, so anything at the Nerman. I just wanted to comment on that and thank Bruce and the committee for it.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Appreciate that comment. Any other questions or comments? Thank you, Trustee Musil.

Next item is the President's Recommendation for Action, and the first item under that subtopic is Treasurer's Report. Trustee Lindstrom?

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31st, 2014, which can be found on Pages 18 to 31. Briefly, here are a few highlights. In Section 8, on Page 27 at the bottom of the page, please note the cash fund balances as of December 31st. We had a book balance of 55.6 million, with 15.8 million in outstanding encumbrances, leaving us with an unencumbered balance of $39.8 million. State payments -- state aid payments of 10.7 million and ad valorem distribution of 43.9 million were received during January and will be reflected in the January 2015 Treasurer's Report. On February 11th, the college received the governor's 2% allotment reductions, as was mentioned earlier. The college state aid reduction will be approximately $437,000. I believe that makes our total state aid at the 20 million range. Expenditures are -- in the Primary Operating Fund are within approved budgetary limits, and it is the recommendation of the college administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of -- ending December 2014, subject to audit, and I would make that motion.

>> Second.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Any discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

Trustee Lindstrom, any other items?

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: Mr. Chairman, that concludes my report. Thank you.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Musil?
>> Trustee Greg Musil: I think it might be good at the Treasurer's Report to recognize another thing going on in Topeka that Mr. Carter is certainly aware of about sweeping any sub -- any political subdivision that has any money in their bank account for reserves, they not swept it out of K-12, they just said we'll cut your money so you have to spend your reserves. We've been trying to get our reserves back up from where they went down to during the recession when the board was able to avoid raising taxes. I think we're all committed to continuing to fight to get our reserves up to a reasonable level for an institution of our size. But it's worth noting, and if you talk to legislators, reserves are good. Everybody seems to think they're good. But when you run out of money at the state they want you to spend it for what they want. So we have to be careful about that at all levels of local government and we're not exempt from that.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Stewart?

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: Just a comment. And I hope Mr. Carter can help educate our delegation and the legislators over there that the reserves for a community college are much different than reserves for a lot of other institutions in the state. The highest demand is put on us when we're in a recession, so we're spending down our reserves to meet the growing needs on the campus, and so it is critical that we have a level of reserves that can withstand, which we did over the last, what, five years. Without those, we wouldn't have been able to offer some of the programs we have. So it's really important. I hope you're educating the difference in reserves for the community colleges than others.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Cross?

>> Trustee Lee Cross: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I try not to embarrass Trustees Musil and Stewart by agreeing with them in public, but I do concur with them.

>> Objection!

>> Trustee Lee Cross: And I think that, you know, without being partisan, but just encouraging folks to call their legislators to encourage the return to Reagan era or Bill Graves era tax policies is not anything radical. And I think this institution and our county are on sound financial -- relatively sound financial footing, but as Dr. Sopcich representing the entire KACCT at the legislature has argued, I mean there's a lot of our member institutions that need help here, too. So I think for anybody watching, and I know they're out there because they tell me they watch, I would encourage you to call your legislators and encourage sensible tax policy, and I don't really mean to get into any strife here other than to say these institutions need it and there needs to be sound policy.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Any other comments? Appreciate that. Thank you very much. Dr. Sopcich, monthly report to the board.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Thank you, Dr. Cook. We're going to lighten things up a little bit here by having a Lightning Round. So, Dr. Korb.

>> Dr. Judy Korb: Okay. Well, I have all good news. So I first would like to welcome and to introduce to you Dr. Randy Weber. Dr. Weber started on Monday and he's our new Vice President of Student Success and Engagement. He most recently came from Pikes Peak Community College, where he was in a similar position. So he started Monday. He's still here. We think that's good. So, anyway, we're happy to have you, Randy, and welcome. And I told him he wouldn't have to say anything tonight, so.
Trustee Greg Musil: He promised me last night he did not bring the snow and cold. It was 60 degrees when he left Colorado, right?

Dr. Judy Korb: So that's not his fault. The second thing that I want to mention, you're aware of, but I just want to talk a little bit about how excited we are about the proposal that we're working on with the new Logistics Park at the Burlington Northern Intermodal in southwest Johnson County. And so we're working -- we're in the process right now of discussing with NorthPoint Development the possibility of them creating a training center, a logistics training center, which we will be responsible for operating, developing and operating. The college will be allowed to develop training courses that will meet the needs of current, both current and future employers as that area begins to grow. And so it's a unique opportunity. It's about 5,000 square feet that they will develop and there will be offices, conference rooms, classrooms, forklift training lab, and offices that will house both Johnson County Community College and Workforce Partnership. So Workforce Partnership will be able to assist individuals in connecting them with employment. So it's a great partnership. There's -- there are key, more than just us involved in this. It includes NorthPoint Development, Johnson County Community College, Workforce Partnership, City of Edgerton and also the Southwest Johnson County Economic Development Council. So, anyway, we are really excited about this. We are just in the discussion stages but hope to have the formal agreement actually put together by the first part of April. And it's not that we will be expected to offer training for free. We will be charging our normal contract rates to stay within our operating margins. But it's a great opportunity and we're really excited about it. The potential and the number of jobs that we believe will be created is going to be significant over the next few years. So a great opportunity for us.

I'm just going to pass this around. This is just our brochure that shows what kinds of supply chain logistics classes we already have developed. It's an idea, but there may be others that we will need to develop as we go forward.

So the other piece of exciting news that I have has to do with enrollment. And so we have our enrollment numbers after the 20th day census and we are up in both head count and credit hours. So we are up in head count 1.6%, and we are up in credit hours 1.2%. And we are very excited about this. As you know, we've seen declines in enrollment. There have been some challenges there. But this is truly something that we feel like is very significant. Some just general statistics. Also we've seen increases in minority students. We are up about 18% in online courses. So significant increase in online enrollment. And then another one that is important to us because of our key performance indicators is that we show about 82% of our fall '14 first-time, full-time, degree seeking students that are enrolled again in the spring. So that's that persistence that we're looking for with some of those key performance indicators. So some really good trends and indicators that we're seeing with enrollment, and so we believe that that's something we need to celebrate.

Dr. Joe Sopcich: That's great news. Judy's never one to do any negative selling, but I will tell you that compared to some of our other community colleges in the region, they're still experiencing decline. So it's a real positive for us.
>> Trustee Greg Musil: Do we try to figure out those 18% -- I mean 82% is a great number. But those 18%, did some of them already transfer to a four-year school or to try to get an idea of why, how we could better that number?

>> Dr. Judy Korb: First of all, I said 82%.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Yeah. 18% --

>> Dr. Judy Korb: I thought you said 18.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: No, 18% didn't come back.

>> Dr. Judy Korb: Oh, I gotcha. I don't think about those numbers.

(Laughter.)

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Judy put in the micromanaging point. I just wanted to make that clear.

>> Dr. Judy Korb: I did not.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: It was 18.2% I think.

>> Trustee Musil's jokes.

>> Dr. Judy Korb: We are looking at how we can figure out those different steps. That's been part of what this Enrollment Management Committee has looked at, those -- how did we get at those individuals that we have not connected with. But we're -- we figure if we're increasing that 82% and that's going up, we're hitting some of those students that are in that gap. But we have some specific things in mind to work on, on getting in touch with those individuals.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Thank you.

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: You touched on this just briefly, but I think it's worth mentioning again and reemphasizing. The head count and credit hour increases that the college is experiencing are not usual for this environment in the economy like we have, is that -- or compared to other colleges.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Community colleges across the country have been experiencing enrollment declines. As the economy has improved, people have less and less of a need to go back to school for more training. In this community, and I again like to recognize Dr. Korb's leadership, we -- after some consecutive semesters of decline, we organized, got mobilized and in a very short time frame made some adjustments to how we do things here that we think it positively impacted this enrollment growth. So we kind of turned the -- we feel very proud of the fact that everyone, everyone campus-wide contributed to this turnaround. Now, the challenge is next semester. We gotta keep this trend and pick it up from there, too.

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: Thank you.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Thank you, Judy. I'd like to recognize Karen Martley, also. When Judy was talking about the NorthPoint and Logistics Park, Karen, your team did a great job down there in Edgerton. And so thank you very much for your leadership. Okay, Dr. Larson.

>> Dr. Barbara Larson: Thank you. Thank you, Trustee Musil, for recognizing Rachel Lierz. I'd like to recognize her as well. This is her first board meeting. She's attended several of our committee meetings, but we're glad to have her. She was the -- she is a CPA and she was the controller at Rockhurst College for 12 years before joining us. She came at a very busy time; we are intently involved in the budget process here. As we've talked here, we are taking a
new approach and asking people to thoroughly scrutinize budgets based on prior year spending patterns. We have 120 budget administrators at the college, a very decentralized process, and I am thrilled to say that 100% of them submitted their budgets by the deadline on Monday. So that meant that we could start our analysis quickly. We have more work to do, but I certainly want to acknowledge the hard work of everyone here, because it is a sea change and people have really worked very hard. So thank you.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Thank you, Barbara. Mr. Anderson.
>> Dr. Andy Anderson: Thank you. There are so many things to talk about in my life.
>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Well, let's not do so many things.
>> Dr. Andy Anderson: It's got to be lightning.
>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Exactly.
>> Dr. Andy Anderson: Well, just philosophically --
(Laughter.)

-- I would like to in all seriousness remind ourselves that education reminds us, if anything, that we're part of a greater whole. We're contributing best when we're working with many other people, and one of the themes that I think has been stressed over the last several years has been on collaboration, on how we combine and build on all our programs, not as little isolated entities, but as a collective experience at the college. And to highlight some of those things that have happened just recently, some which I know some of you in fact were in attendance, but to illustrate this point on Friday the 13th, ominous day, but the Hospitality Department and the Fashion Merchandising and Design Department put on an event called Taste For Fashion: Fashion and Food Through the Decades. The food courses were from the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s and the displays were American fashion through the decades that came from our collection here on campus. We had at that event during the meal Andrea Broomfield, who's noted as a food historian, but she's a professor of English here as well as the college, she spoke on the history of food and what was going on at that time. A professor from Fashion Merchandising and Design, Britt Benjamin spoke about the fashion. So we had the culinary program, the fashion merchandising program, the English department, all collaborating on a spectacular event. Again, fashion merchandising, actually they've been busy -- they're busy all the time, to be honest, working with Career Pathways hosting -- will be hosting a high school informational event the morning before the annual fashion show that we have here each year. There will be more than 150 area high school students here for tours, presentations, and to see the fashion show. Another area that we've really been consciously working on over this past year has been reaching out to the high schools, and we're seeing more and more high school students attending events here at the college.

We're also reaching out to colleges. In fact, again, this is fashion merchandising, but Penn Valley has recently ended their program. Because of the contacts that we've maintained over the time, those students will probably be finishing their degrees in our program, which is a positive thing.

The Computer Science and Information Technology Department hosted a competitive technology event. Over 700 high school students from 22 schools competed in a wide variety of projects ranging from animation, game, web technologies, information technology, computer science, robotics, engineering, automotive, programming and Python, a computer language. It
is the first year this was held with over 30 students involved in that. But, again, that reaching out to the community is critical. In conjunction with that, this year's Common Read, which is a program in the English Department, they select a text each year that many of the departments on campus get involved with. This year's -- this coming year's Common Read is "The Other Wes Moore." The English Department is hosting events around that topic, and of note, something to put on your calendar, Father Gregory Boyle, who is the founder of Homeboy Industries, will be on campus March 10th at 11 a.m. It's a free presentation. But the Homeboys Industries, if you Google that, go and look at that program, it's an amazing program in L.A. that brings the frequently gang members, the "homies," into the mainstream and provides experiences to -- to provide actually guidance to a rather marginalized population. But it should be just a fascinating program and is a way of connecting with the community and bringing outstanding speakers to Johnson County.

And then two just little minor things that I think are -- I say minor, they're really quite remarkable. Again, the English Department will be, in the next Common Read, they've selected the "Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President," by Candice Millard. It's a "New York Times" best seller. What's especially worth noting here is that Candice Millard is a graduate of ours. She's from our college. Usually Steve Gerson introduces her because she attributes all her success, at least Steve Gerson says she does, I don't know. But anyway, she's one of our students and we're very excited to be using that book. She's agreed to come and she'll do some presentations and meet with our students and she's just very gracious.

And then just something I became aware of today as I was wandering through the ATB building, Barrett Emke, who took photography classes at JCCC, this is following his degree at the University of Kansas, he wanted to perfect and refine his digital work flow skills, whatever. That's a photography thing. Anyway, I won't go there. But as he was working here refining his photography skills, he started getting freelance assignments. He ended up at Ferguson, Missouri, on his own, just taking on that on his own. His photography, one of his photographs, he ended up being working for the TIME Magazine and one of his photographs was chosen as 100 best photographs by TIME Magazine for 2014. So a student that was refining his skills here. Two really remarkable bits of recognition that shows the quality of the programming that we have here at the college, so. Lightning, almost.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Yeah, almost. Thank you, Andy. That was terrific. Now I know, Dr. Weber, you've only been here for a couple days. I think four. But that doesn't exempt you from performing the Lightning Round, so the podium is yours.

(Laughter.)

>> Dr. Randy Weber: Dr. Korb promised I wouldn't have to speak about myself. But Dr. Sopcich did ask me to comment on last night's events. So as Carl had mentioned earlier in the Awards and Recognition, we had 140 students last night recognized for their academic achievements last semester. That's two-thirds of our total population of 210 who represent athletics, dance, and athletic training. Of particular note, 37 students recorded a 4.0 GPA. So that's awesome. And a couple of teams who received at least 70% of their students who were able to achieve a 3.0 or higher were men's soccer with 71%; softball and women's track with
women's soccer, 78%; baseball, 81%, as we said earlier; and our volleyball team had 100% of their athletes all achieve a 3.0 or higher. So really good efforts on their part and powerful event last night. Thank you for those of you who were able to attend.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Thank you, Randy. Now we have the question session.

(Laughter.)

So when you were at Allen County, how did those Allen County athletes do compared to ours? This is a trick question.

(Laughter.)

>> Dr. Weber: Percentage wise I don't know, but -- (Inaudible, speaker off mic).

I do know that we -- our coaches do a terrific job on the track team, with the student athlete here, so I feel confident in our students performing well across both -- (inaudible, speaker off mic).

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: That was a very good evasive answer. You're going to do well here, so that's great.

(Laughter.)

For our trustees, you received the Monthly Report to the Board. This is 27 pages. I have to say of all the reports since I've been doing this, this is I think the finest. And it's really -- it really is. It's representative of some outstanding accomplishments by members of our faculty, as well as our administration, and also there's a lot of activity in here that directly benefits our students. And so this was a lot of fun to read and it was absolutely terrific. A lot of effort goes into that report, so I hope you enjoy it.

I would like to follow up on Trustee Lindstrom's budget report, just to know -- just so you know that our expenses up to six months through 12/31 are down 1.9%. That's almost a 2% decline in our expenses. Our revenues are slightly up 1.4%, as well as our general reserve, our -- I mean, excuse me, our general fund reserve. So all of these are operating about where we anticipated and we're doing very well from that financial perspective.

Mr. Carter mentioned the testimonies in Topeka, and I'd like to just share a few of those highlights with you. I had the good fortune, we were invited to testify in front of the Senate Commerce Committee, the House Commerce Labor and Economic Development Committee, as well as the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The latter was on behalf of all community colleges across the state. And when we did this, we looked at things from a credit perspective and a non-credit perspective. And what's curious about this, first of all, is that notice there's no education committee on here. These are all business-driven committees, and that's kind of where we are today, the legislature looks at community colleges as drivers in workforce development, not just continuing education, but also on the credit side as well. So once the word got out there that we needed some examples of how we're doing this, I was inundated with specific types of stories and facts on how this college is serving our business community, and I want to share a few of those with you.

On the credit side, first of all, I'm going to ask you what Labconco -- you know Labconco, they do science test tubes and lab equipment, Christopher Elbow, they make chocolate, Saint Luke's Health Systems, Liberty Hospital, LMV Automotive Systems, Challenge Manufacturing, and even the Career and Technical Education Center in Lawrence,
Kansas, what do they all have in common? Well, they've all come to Johnson County Community College and in a way have asked us to collaborate with them. And I'll give you some specific examples.

Labconco -- and what's really interesting to note here is that these contacts come through our faculty. In other words, faculty members have contacts with these business firms in the community. And so Labconco came to us and engaged our professor in a joint program to utilize their freeze dryers to create new flavor extraction and isolation techniques. Now, the new flavor's kind of critical because later on, Christopher Elbow, and they apparently are a local chocolate maker. I didn't know who they were.

>> Dr. Andy Anderson: A very good chocolate maker.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: They approached the professor about helping them find a way to add whiskey flavor into chocolate. Apparently it's very popular. So this process required our chemistry professor and one of his honor students. The honor student happened to be a JCCC chef apprenticeship grad, a graduate of our program who works at Dupont Chemicals Food Science Division, and together they've put together -- they've worked with Christopher Elbow, and in March they're going to be publishing these findings in a scientific journal and our professor will be presenting at Pittcon, which is the largest scientific convention in the world. I mean that's a great example of working with the business community.

Saint Luke's Health Systems had a business need to get physicians signed up for electronic medical record training. Our own Healthcare Information Systems Department worked with Saint Luke's to draft a job description and then hire five of our students to fill this need. Today Saint Luke's is now on their third round of JCCC interns in this program. Liberty Hospital, as was required by federal mandate, and this is in Liberty, Missouri, needed to increase utilization of their patient portal. Our Healthcare Information Systems Department worked with that hospital leadership to understand the business need and created a job description and eventually Liberty hired two of our students to work on this project. Liberty Hospital.

Our Industrial Technology Program is working with Magna LMV Automotive Systems in Liberty to train their employees. Magna makes all the frames for the Ford assembly plant for the new transit van. The facility has hundreds of robots. We currently have about 20 of their employees, 20 of their employees pursuing an Associate's of Applied Sciences degree as part of their formal apprenticeship program.

Additionally, our Industrial Technology Program is working with Challenge Manufacturing in Kansas City, Missouri, to train employees. Challenge makes frames for the GM assembly plant. That facility utilizes over 600 robots. The robotics field is certainly a place where we need to think very seriously about getting into that.

In Lawrence, with USD 497, their director of current technical education is working with us or we're working with them to help them build an automotive shop in their new Peaslee Center, which is going to provide electrical technology classes in the fall of 2015. So Johnson County is involved not just in Johnson County, but also over the regions -- region and that's attributable to the quality of our faculty.

If you are here tomorrow morning at 9:00, you could join us for the Horticultural Science Day. That, we're going to have 29 booths will be set up in Regnier. We'll have high school
students from Olathe Northwest, Olathe North, and Olathe South. We'll have some big players in the local horticulture industry. In fact, Dalton Hermes will be giving the keynote address. And this is something that's organized by Lekha Sreedhar, who is a member of our faculty, again, who has done an incredible job of reaching out to the business community. She'll honor Dalton, Matt Stueck from Sunburn Lawn and Garden, and also Lyndsi Clear from Loma Vista. These have been long-time members of our advisory committee. We have at our college over 40 advisory committees where we have representatives of local businesses involved with these programs to make sure that they're working very hard on current contemporary curriculum that will best serve our students as they pursue jobs in the community.

Now, that's one side of it. Here's the other side. This is a continuation side. I'm going to run all kinds of numbers by you. Last year we had 19,000 -- 19,302 people took one course or more through our continuing education program. That resulted in gross revenue over $4.1 million. We programmed 1,705 open enrollment classes, 585 online, and we negotiated 222 contract training courses. You can see why the legislators really enjoyed this testimony. Our total billing for contract training alone was nearly $1.2 million, and that included 169 contracts with 95 different clients. Our Small Business Development Center last year handled 457 consulting cases with small businesses and recorded 2,718 hours of consulting time, and that was up 31% versus the previous year. We also conducted 111 training seminars used by 950 people. I mean it's always kind of startling when you drive up the road to go to the parking garage and you see that parking lot filled with red pickup trucks. I did that one day and I thought Mitch ordered about 50 vans by mistake because they were bright red, and we shouldn't be ordering those anyway. But those are all from -- those are all from Ryan Tree and Lawn. Right? They're all here getting sales techniques. That's a very visible example of what we do.

Our continuing education operation, they're all over the place. I mean they're -- and these are some other areas that we're really big in, and I had to describe hot jobs. And these are hot areas. Computer technology, I.T., business skills, leadership, finance, communication and assessment, trades, healthcare, transportation, supply chain and logistics, process improvement.

One of the biggest things we've got going now is our CDL program. It's satisfying an incredible need in our community. That's all through continuing ed. Our continuing education team, it's very active in the business community, they're involved in just about every local Chamber of Commerce in Johnson County. They work very closely with Kansas workforce -- the Workforce Partnership, numerous economic development organizations, Mid-America Regional Council, County Economic Research Institute, Mid-America Manufacturing Technical Center, the Chief Learning Officer Group. I mean this list goes on and on of ways that they're involved in the community, and I think it's a real credit to us.

And, lastly, when Dr. Korb talked about the Logistics Park example, one of the things we've always been asked since the beginning of that down there is what are you guys doing, what are you guys -- when are you going to do something out there? And we are. And now we are because of the work that that team has done.

So it's a tribute to the continuing education people, as well as the credit people, that we are so involved in the business community. And I can tell you when you look at community colleges across the state, they can all say the same thing. I'll give you a few numbers from
community colleges. Our community colleges statewide served 131,868 students in credit courses last year. We had 8,208 students participating in technical education. We had 3,278 people transfer to state universities. And even the private universities will tell you that 20% of their transfer student enrollment in 2014 was from Kansas community colleges. Our community colleges are recognized nationally for their productivity, efficiencies, and quality.

So at the end of the day, I think we can all take great pride in serving or working for Johnson County Community College and being a part of the community college movement across the state and the nation. So that wraps up my report.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you, Dr. Sopcich.

So back to the qualities of an effective trustee, as discussed by our faculty, item 5, understand the big picture of the college and how it serves the community; 10, understand the diversity of the college; 11, become the face of the college as a consistently strong, positive advocate, I think we've just in the last few minutes heard several examples of how broad and comprehensive the college is to the community, the state, and the region. So I really applaud you, Dr. Sopcich, and the staff and the faculty for all of the great work we do.

Andy, you reminded me that when you said of all the good things going on, and I hate to start to isolate one particular item, but it kind of surprised me. This is the 2015 National Benchmarking Conference. It seems like just yesterday when I attended this a year ago, and it's coming back again. I believe this will be the fourth annual. Patrick Rossol-Allison, I never get his last name right, I'm getting better at it, really chairs this up. And Patrick of course led our board retreat last Saturday, or a week or two ago, and some of the best researchers in the nation and college representatives from around the country will be on our campus May 12th through the 14th to become a little bit better at how we not only collect data, but how we share it back to the community. So you in essence have done a wonderful job of giving us data for us to share back to the community, and we thank you very much for that.

Any questions or comments from any of the trustees on the Lightning Round? Am I getting that right by now?

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: One comment on the Friends With Taste event on February 13th. I attended that, and it was a very fun night. Food was outstanding, and Andrea and Britt did a fantastic job of talking about fashion and food and going back the '50s on up. It was really a wonderful event. And if you get the chance, there's another Friends With Taste event coming up I think March 2nd, maybe an Irish theme. Those are wonderful things to do. But they -- you can tell them that I thought they did a very outstanding job on that presentation.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Let's just build upon something Trustee Cross said and Trustee Musil said and the example you've just given. We have a lot of terrific philanthropists in this county and this area that donate dollars to the college that go into funds that a state legislature might see as being excess. But they're there for a specific reason, and the generosity of this community really helps support what this college does, as has been discussed. But there are also funds that may be sitting in reserve in some examples that are used for very specific purposes to improve the student teaching and learning process. So if we go back again to another point, keep the students first, these are all examples of how we try to put students first. And that may be a good segue; I don't know if you have anything else on your mind, Trustee
Stewart, of an event upcoming that has to do with philanthropy. Why don't you take this opportunity to talk about it.

>>> Trustee Jon Stewart: I will do that. Thank you, Chairman Cook. I'd like to announce that the Cohen Series event this year will be held on Saturday, April 18th, and it's going to be a concert performance by the country music band Sawyer Brown. I think if you read their information, they're kind of known as The Rolling Stones of country music. They have 23 albums, lots of hits. It will be a fun evening. But the neatest part of this is that every dollar from the sale of a ticket goes to scholarship or programming. There are no expenses paid. So if you buy a ticket to that event, all the proceeds are going to help students with scholarship or programs here at the college, and we'll raise between 35 and $75,000, depending upon whether we sell it out or not. So I'd invite you all to attend that, look at buying a ticket. You can get them through the box office here and, again, it's 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18th. Thank you for letting me make that announcement.

>>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you for your support of that event and the generosity you do. Thanks, Jon. Any other questions of Dr. Sopcich on his report?

We'll go to Reports from Board Liaisons. Faculty Association, Dr. Williams.

>>> Dr. Deborah Williams: Well, good evening. It's a pleasure to be here, as always. And before I forget, I would like to recognize the individual who was involved with the whiskey flavored chocolate program was Todd Watson. He's a colleague in chemistry. So I might come back to Todd here in a moment.

>>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Did you bring any samples?

>>> Dr. Deborah Williams: You know, he didn't share. I was talking to Melanie Harvey --

>>> Mr. Chair, point of order, if I may. Not everybody in Johnson County likes whiskey flavored chocolate.

>>> Chair Jerry Cook: Yeah. Let's stay with the report. Thank you.

(Laughter.)

>>> Dr. Deborah Williams: I'll pass that on to Todd. Maybe he'll come up with something else.

Well, I, you know, it's funny because when I was sitting in our -- we were -- contract negotiations were going on earlier today and I was sitting there thinking, wow, I need to come up with a board report. This may be an uncharacteristically brief report from me because I didn't have anything really pressing I wanted to say and I thought, well, something will come to me, and something came to me. I'm going to channel Annie here for a moment and borrow his concept of if we want to be philosophical, I want to be philosophical for a moment and actually go way back into the program to a quote that Coach Shelley offered us about it's all about the players. And I was thinking tonight as everyone was talking how many of you in many different ways really referenced this notion of collectivism and collaboration and community, and really it is all about the players, whether you're a coach of a winning sports teams or whether you are, you know, crafting whiskey flavored chocolate or many of the different examples that we had talked about, and then keep in mind that we're all players. So in the various roles that we play on campus and the various opportunities that we have to collaborate, we should take advantage of those and just honor the exchanges that can occur when we bring
what we can offer to the table and receptively listen to what can be offered by those other participants as well.

Which is a nice segue into one of the things I wanted to certainly at least mention. I know I can't say much about we are well into negotiations. It's progressing very well. I can say as an aside, since I'm not on the team per se as the Faculty Association president, I am not on the negotiation team but an outside observer, when this process started about a week or so ago, and I was sitting passively or tried to be passive -- it's very, very difficult for me to be a passive anything, learner, observer, and it was somewhat difficult, as those probably watching me understood, I really wanted to say something and really couldn't, or couldn't in the ways that the process allows. And so when I backed off and started watching, I think I saw a lot of this, you know, this theme about collaboration and cooperation, and what I had reported, you know, a month ago about the hope of reaching a symphony, I think we're well on our way to achieving that. There is openness, there is honesty, there is patience, and there's some, you know, there's a novice element I think that's palpable. But I see respect and professionalism and genuine communication where everyone is really interested in getting us to the best possible place for this institution. And so for that, whether I'm actively involved in it or passively observing it, I want to thank the board and the board team and the faculty team really for modeling that.

So moving right along, I started scribbling different things maybe I could mention. A couple of things came up, and I think I'll go back to Trustee Cook's comment about, you know, the 19 qualities that we'd like to see, the faculty would like to see in an effective trustee, and I started jotting down a few more and trustee -- mostly based on, you know, some of the comments that were made tonight, and sabbaticals came up again, it's something that came up at the table, and I think we can cross that off our list. I think those questions that were asked, whether it was perceived this way or not, I think the faculty welcome those questions. It's hard questions that get us to start thinking about what we're doing and how we're communicating, and maybe we're not communicating the process well. But we are at a place where I think everyone understands it better and I think we all understand that there just was a simple solution that we needed someone to say, hey, you know, why was it being done this way and what can we do to make the information more accessible. And so, again, I think we can cross that off our list as something that we're at a much better place because that dialogue started a couple months ago.

So, again, it's all about the players. We heard some information from our college lobbyist tonight, and we always do, about, you know, the budget and what's happening in Topeka. One of the things that maybe sometimes we don't appreciate so much is how educational budget cuts impact institutions other than our own, and so we talk about peer institutions. I'm going to take a few moments and talk about an elementary school in Lawrence, Kansas, and how I had the pleasure to be a part of a science fair judging experience, and this was organized by Melanie Harvey, who is a colleague in chemistry. Pinckney Elementary School is the school that hosted the science fair. But this year it was funded by the school itself and a lot of contributions made by parents because of budget cuts, there was no district science fair. And so colleagues like Lynne Beatty in geology, Paul Decelles in biology, Heather Seitz in microbiology -- I hope I get this name right -- Azin Agah in chemistry, she's an adjunct, and myself came together, we all
live in Lawrence, and tried to help make this event occur, and I have to say it was one of the most pleasurable experiences that I've had in a while just, you know, young science projects, a lot of them about mold and what they were learning in there. I was responsible for obviously judging the biology for third and fourth graders. I guess it was kindergarten through fifth grade was the age range. But we broke it all up based on discipline areas and it was just a really enjoyable experience. And so it's just something to be mindful of is that we're affected by budget issues, our colleague, our peer institutions are, but even elementary schools that some day, you know, it's a pipeline of students that we may be seeing at some point. So let's not forget, you know, the importance of contributions and investment I guess in education at whatever level, because someday one of those Pinckney Elementary School students like Todd Watson could be a part of, you know, a really interesting career endeavor like helping to make whiskey flavored chocolates.

So with that, I'll just close my report and, again, and with this reminder, it's all about the players.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thanks, Dr. Williams. Appreciate that. Any questions or comments from the trustees?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Well, I have to bring this up. I saw this on Facebook awhile back, but it's science project. The hypothetical is how much turmoil does a science project cause families. The materials are at least one kid, at least one grudging parent, and at least one half-baked idea of dubious merit. The results were 75% of the kids cry, 90% of the parents yell, an average of 15 hours of family time sacrificed. The findings were that everyone hates the science fair.

(Laughter.)

It's set up like -- I disagree with it, but it was funny having gone through that as a parent of a child.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you for your comments. Thank you, Dr. Williams.

>> Dr. Deborah Williams: Not all science fairs are like that.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: I would recommend the two of you get together after the meeting and talk about science fairs.

(Laughter:)

>> Dr. Deborah Williams: It would be a pleasure.


>> Trustee Greg Musil: We've not met since our last meeting. We will meet in April. We are looking for an -- to put out a Request for Proposal for a public relations marketing firm. Nobody -- we've never done that. We did a report, a five-year report to the community last April. The -- although we have a very good website that tells the citizens and taxpayers who are paying an eighth of a cent on everything they buy in Johnson County what this is going for, to do something that would be more proactive. Each of the university functions has a communications function, but we're trying to coordinate that and consolidate it without spending a lot of money, but make sure that taxpayers realize what they're getting for the
millions of dollars that are being generated every year from the Johnson County Educational Research Triangle tax. And so I'll report more on that in the future.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. The next item is the KACCT. We had our last meeting last week in Topeka, on Thursday. It was in conjunction with the Phi Theta Kappa luncheon. Each college has two students that are recognized with the Phi Theta Kappa Award. Dr. Sopcich and I attended. We also had opportunities to go to the Statehouse and make visitations. All of the students spent the morning or a great portion of the morning at the Statehouse and were introduced in the House for their recognition as Phi Theta Kappa Award. Rod Risley, the executive director of Phi Theta Kappa, spoke at the noon luncheon, and it's always a really very, very nice program. Each college presents their students with their Certificate of Merit.

We met in the afternoon at KACCT. As Trustee Cross had mentioned earlier, some of our friends struggle financially and with attendance across the state. Of the 19 community colleges, 3 currently have interim presidents, and so this whole issue of where are tomorrow's leaders continues to be of concern. Rod Risley spoke to us in our KACCT meeting about the impact of Phi Theta Kappa and gave each college a customized report as to the involvement their college has, and we'll be addressing those results here at Johnson County Community College.

Had our typical business meeting and report. I had an update on the leadership administrative course that's underway and also our trustee development program that there is high interest of all of our colleges in.

I'd like to take this -- and our next meeting is June 12th and 13th at Barton County Community College. By the way, an aside item, and I didn't address Mr. Carter about it, but one of the national issues that we became aware -- well, we didn't become aware of it. We were updated with it, with both Senators Roberts and Moran and Congressman Yoder when we made our visits to Washington last week, as Mr. Carter reported, but there is a high interest as to the future of Ft. Riley. And when I say that our next meeting is at Barton County Community College, that's a community college that is the beneficiary of a number of military students that take courses at their community college. And so with the potential reduction in force of our military at Ft. Riley, that's a very high concern to the community colleges in that particular area, and it's a main topic at the national level.

So we did attend, as Mr. Carter had indicated, in Washington the National Legislative Summit. I presented to each of you a summary of those days' events. As the ACCT coordinator for the state of Kansas, I've also sent that out to all of the 19 community colleges, the trustee representatives from their colleges to share with their boards. And I'm not going to go through the complete report, but I would share with you an opportunity. Clarence Anthony was one of the speakers on Tuesday morning. Clarence Anthony was mayor of South Dade County in Florida for 24 years. He's now the executive director of the National League of Cities. And I thought it was really interesting how he positioned that the NLC is a database organization, they have lots of research, and he challenged us as colleges of how to work with our communities on infrastructure, particularly as that infrastructure may assist recruiting students to the campus. So whether those are bus routes, whether those are ways we can encourage students to get to our campus that don't have transportation, that was an item. He
spoke a lot on the items that are -- the administration has reported on tonight about the community engagement, and to identify those unique opportunities within your communities and work with your city, within your college region for economic development, how can your college, particularly in workforce development, help train workers for companies that either exist in your community or have the potential to come to your community. But if you have a chance to ever hear Clarence Anthony, he's a very, very positive speaker. He's very interested in partnering -- of course he was addressing the community college family, but how cities and community colleges can work more effectively together to help students become stronger players in the workforce.

Ted Mitchell, Under Secretary U.S. Department of Education, spoke as I addressed and really spent time talking about the ranking system that is of high topic at the national level. And as I've indicated in the second bullet point there, he pointed out that the ranking of colleges will be really based upon access, affordability, quality, and completion rates, all things that we're very interested in in our key performance indicators. But that's a national agenda topic, and really emphasize the point that this is really a time for community colleges to excel even more than they have been. That was reinforced by Jill Biden on Wednesday morning. And as I pointed out, Jill Biden is an English teacher at a community college in northern Virginia at the national level and out of the administration's office, a very strong advocate for community colleges and gave a very, very nice -- a very nice presentation.

Other speakers I won't get into. But I draw your attention to the overall themes of the summit presentations on that last page. The Congress is currently reauthorizing the Higher Education Act. There are a number of items within that act that affect us funding wise that our administration will be dealing with. The second bullet point there, the Pell Grant funding, there used to be year-round Pell Grant funding and that was taken away, but the window appears to be open that that may reopen again, and so both of our senators and Congressman Yoder were aware of that and are dealing with that.

The third bullet, pretty important I think to all of us. Market, market, market the success of your community college, students and programs to your community. We all need to do a better job of marketing the good news we heard tonight and so the community understands what that impact, and all speakers, particularly Jill Biden, said remember the faces of your students when advocating. Remember the faces of your students when advocating. And as Dr. Williams has indicated in her remarks, we have a lot of players on this campus. And so I would say not only remember the faces of our students, but the faces of all the people that help those students enhance their teaching and learning opportunities.

You have in front of you the quarterly magazine. The front page is Robin Smith, she's the new chair for ACCT from a community college in Michigan. If you're interested in keeping up-to-date on what's going on in Washington, I would draw your attention to Page 5. There's a website that you can sign up for. It's the LAW, the Latest Action in Washington website. And they try to keep -- Gehangly and his staff try to keep up-to-date of the discussions. So you've got the website link there. If you want to have daily or weekly updates on what's going on in Washington, I draw your attention to that website.

And with that, I would ask any questions you may have. Thank you.
Next item is the Consent Agenda. It's the time when we deal with a number of routine items, and I would ask if any trustee has an interest to pull an item off the agenda. Any items that you would like to pull off the agenda? At this time, I'd like to entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

>> So moved.
>> Second.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Any discussion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

At this time, we will move into an Executive Session. I would like to entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing consultations with the board's bargaining representation in employer-employee negotiations to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract. This session will last 45 minutes. We would like to invite Joe Sopcich, Judy Korb, Barbara Larson, Andy Anderson, Jim Lane, Becky Centlivre, Susan Rider, Tanya Wilson, and Melody Rayl to join us, and I would entertain a motion to do so.

>> So moved.
>> Second.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We have a motion and a second, excuse me, to go into Executive Session. The wall clock says about 6:53. We'll take a seven-minute recess and the Executive Session will start at 7:00. Thank you.

(Executive Session.)

Chair Jerry Cook: We are back from Executive Session. No action was taken. At this time, I would ask for a motion to adjourn the February meeting.

>> So moved.
>> Chair Jerry Cook: Is there a second?
>> Second.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Motion by Drummond. Second by Cross. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries. We are adjourned.