>> Chair Jerry Cook: Good evening. It's my pleasure to call the February 20th meeting of the Board of Trustees for Johnson County Community College to order. Would you please join me for 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: Roll call and recognition of visitors. Ms. Schlicht.

>> Ms. Terri Schlicht: This evening's visitors include Mark Ferguson, Dick Carter, Richard Schroeder, Dr. Zamierowski, and the Honorable Reagan Okumu.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Trustee Cook, may I say a few words?

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Yes, please.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: A few words of introduction. First of all, Mary Smith is joined today -- oh, I should say David Zamierowski, Dr. David Zamierowski, the visionary behind many incredible things that have happened here at our college. Of course, Mary Smith coordinates many of our programs with our service projects abroad. But Honorable Ronald Reagan Okumu. Reagan, could you please stand up. Thank you for being here. We are honored by your presence. Reagan is a member of the Ugandan Parliament. He is an incredible leader of Northern Uganda, specifically the Gulu region. He himself has instigated many projects in that region that are benefitting students and the people who live there. He's worked with us very closely and he's been the key to our own service projects having access to certain areas. Reagan was a gracious host when I was there several years ago. Does this remind you like a committee hearing in the Ugandan Parliament? It does, yes. That's --

(Laughter.)

Well, we look forward to spending more time with you in the week ahead and thank you for being here. And, David, thank you for hosting, and Mary as well. Thank you very much.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you, Dr. Sopcich. And thank you very much. Some of us are in the Rotary Club Monday and I understand you're going to be there, so we're looking forward to that very, very much.

Next item on agenda 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. Tonight we have zero registered speakers, and so the Open Forum is hereby closed.

Next item is awards and recognition. Dr. Sopcich.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: If I may, Carl, would you like to take the podium.

>> Carl: Dr. Sopcich. Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity. Board of Trustees, I appreciate the opportunity that you have afforded these young ladies. They have definitely taken advantage of every opportunity that you have given them. They have -- last November,
they played in the national tournament in Toledo, Ohio, knocked on the door, but finished third, and they're a great group of young ladies. I would like to also let you know that they have a team GPA of 3.49? 3.49. We're getting to the hundredths that are really important, so. Great bunch. They finished overall 31-7 last year. They were the conference runner-up champ. Third place at the national tournament. Coach Jenny Ei was the district coach of the year. Individual honors, and she couldn't be here tonight, Preecy Seever. She has transferred at semester to go to Rockhurst. She was the Volleyball Coach's Association First Team All-American. She was the NJCAA First-Team All-American. She made the all-tournament team. She was the national D-I Player of the Week. She was the Region 6 District in first team. She was All-East Jayhawk Conference. And she was the Verizon Wireless Player of the Week in the conference twice. Again, that's Preecy Seever.

Another young lady that's here tonight, Lori Angello. Lori also made First-Team All-American and she was the NJCAA Region 6 District in First Team Player, also the All-East Jayhawk Conference. Also here tonight is Lexi Hartzog. She was the NJCAA Region 6 District Second Team Player, All-East Jayhawk Conference. And also Bethany Farres, who is also here, and she made second team as well. Okay.

(Laughter.)
So on behalf of that, we would like to receive this trophy.
(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: I would just say, and it's a gorgeous trophy. And on behalf of the board, one of the things that I try to deal with every day is, is what I did yesterday, is what I'm doing today, and is what I have planned for tomorrow -- (Inaudible). Obviously, ladies, you have done that very, very well, and we wish you the very best. Congratulations, coach. Congratulations, Carl. Thank you very much. And we sincerely appreciate your very, very hard work on the court and in the classroom. Thank you very much.
(Appause.)

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Carl, could we please have the girls step to the podium, introduce themselves, where they played in high school. That would be much appreciated.

>> Course of study.
>> Don't stutter.
(Laughter.)

>> Bethany Farres, McPherson High School.
>> I'm Brianna Pontious and I played at McPherson, too.
>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Is McPherson like a power house or something?
(Laughter.)

>> I'm Lexi Hartzog and I played at Maize High School.
>> I'm Jordan Halsey. I played at St. Thomas Aquinas High School.
>> I'm Hannah Sittig and I played at Blue Valley High School.
>> I'm Daijana Wallace. This is my trophy.
(Laughter.)
And I played at Junction City High School.
I'm Lori Angello and I played at Lansing High School.

I'm Anna Bell and I played at Louisburg High School.

And I'm Bailey Pfeiffer and I played at Boonville High School in Missouri.

Dr. Joe Sopcich: Coaches? Can we have the coaches step up? You have to tell us where you played.

Jodi Rogert. I barely remember high school.

(Laughter.)

I'm from Nebraska. So I played at Nebraska and finished my career at Missouri Western.

Jenny Ei, and I played at Cardinal Gibbons in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Thanks. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

Thank you.

Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you, Carl. As the ladies leave, I would like to take this opportunity to make one other acknowledgment, recognition. We all know that recently Virginia Krebs passed away. We would like to take this moment to recognize Virginia. She was a member of the JCCC Board of Trustees from 1985 to 2008. She was elected to the board for six consecutive terms, the last in April of 2005. When she resigned from the board in October of 2008, she was named the college's first trustee emeritus. As a college trustee, she served as clerk, treasurer, vice chair and chairman. Virginia spent a lifetime contributing to the community and to Johnson County Community College. In her earlier days she was very involved with our public school systems. Her articulate and forceful support of public education in Johnson County earned her statewide recognition and she was named program chair for the Kansas state PTA.

She was very instrumental in establishing the county's public school infrastructure. School consolidation loomed large in the '50s and the early '60s. She was appointed to a state task force responsible for the revision of the state school code and the consolidation of area school districts. From this, the Shawnee Mission Unified School District was formed.

In 1963, following her PTA involvement, Krebs was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to a task force charged with studying the feasibility of building a community college in Johnson County. She worked for three years on this task force. Ultimately the proposal was approved 2-1 by Johnson County voters in 1967.

When the first Board of Trustees election was held that year for the new Johnson County Community College, a total of 137 candidates ran for the six board positions. Krebs was urged by many in the community to run but chose instead to become the college's first employee, the assistant to the first Board of Trustees.

She kept the official board records, was instrumental in helping the original board establish the philosophy and mission of this college. She also helped, with her husband, her late husband, helped establish buildings in Merriam, the first buildings there. In 1969, Krebs was hired as the first director of community service at JCCC and figured prominently in the development of what has become, as we know, one of the largest and most successful continuing education programs in the Midwest.

As a college trustee, Krebs received the American Association of Community Colleges Regional Trustee Award in 1993 and the Regional Leadership Award from the National Council
on Community Services in Continuing Education Region 7 in 1996. She was also recognized by the American Association of Women in Community Colleges, which conferred on her its prestigious Woman of the Year Award.

In 2004 she was named to the Mid-American Education Hall of Fame at Kansas City Kansas Community College. Virginia was widely recognized and respected in Johnson County, where she served as a volunteer for and on the boards of many different community organizations.

Memorial services for Virginia will be held Saturday, March 8th, noon in the Polsky Theatre of the Carlsen Center here on the campus of Johnson County Community College. Virginia's legacy is greatly appreciated and obviously she will be greatly missed.

With that, I would ask any board member if they would like to make a comment, or Dr. Sopcich, in recognition of Virginia Krebs. Trustee Stewart.

> Trustee Jon Stewart: Yeah. I had the extreme fortune to work with Virginia for five years on this Board of Trustees, and I came here in 1980 from central Kansas. She was one of the first people that I met at college that came over and talked to me at some meeting and it was like she just really cared about students. She was an untiring advocate of Johnson County Community College, continuing ed and non-credit, she was really a strong force in that area. But just all the history, sitting around Will Billington's kitchen table taking the minutes for the meetings that happened back before the college was actually started. And the Krebs family itself has done a tremendous service to Johnson County Community College with Fred, who passed away recently, I think he had been here 40 years, and then Virginia, from day one, and actually before day one. But she was a great leader and she will be missed and I look forward to the service. I'm sure it will be an overflow crowd there on March 8th.

> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Others? Trustee Lindstrom.

> Trustee David Lindstrom: Well, I didn't know Virginia all that well, but I had a chance to meet her on a number of occasions. But suffice it to say that when people talk about one of the finest communities in the country, they talk about Johnson County. And when they talk about why Johnson County is such a fine community, they talk about Johnson County Community College. When they talk about why Johnson County Community College is such a fine institution, they talk about the leadership of Virginia Krebs, and for that, I thank her, and she will be missed.

> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Others? Trustee Musil.

> Trustee Greg Musil: There's not much to add. All of us have an obligation to try to reach somewhere near the high standard that Virginia and Will Billington and Hugh Speers and other people set for us as trustees on this board and as advocates of public education and what it can do to encourage economic growth, quality of life, all the things that we cherish here in Johnson County, and Virginia and the Krebs family, as Jon mentioned, were as responsible for that as anybody and we should not let them down.

> Chair Jerry Cook: Others? Dr. Sopcich.

> Dr. Joe Sopcich: If I may share my favorite Virginia story. The Foundation had an event one night and we were in 1.5 over here at the Commons, maybe a hundred people, the lights were low and we were going to have a video that we were going to show. We cut the lights, so it was dark, pitch black actually, and the video didn't ever come on, and so -- and I'm
at the podium. And out of the darkness I hear Virginia's voice saying "Say something intelligent, Joe." She had such a way with words.

(Laughter.)

But, you know, Virginia's leadership touched so many people directly through her leadership as a trustee, an employee, and also indirectly. What people may not know, the Hudson scholarships, Hudson Auditorium, those all came about because of the relationship that Virginia shared with us and we were able to work with the Hudsons. So she was quite a special person and certainly a role model for all leadership here at the college.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We often use the words foundations and pillars in a variety of ways, and it just is so representative that Virginia and Fred were foundations and pillars of this college. So hopefully each of us in our own way and in our own time can take the opportunity to reflect upon the great contribution that the Krebs family has made. We thank them dearly for it.

Mr. Rogers, difficult to put you in the next position, but Student Senate report, and we're pleased that you're with us this evening.

>> Mr. Elliot Rogers: I couldn't help but to comment to Patrick at the volleyball team that you never tell me when I have a hard act to follow here.

(Laughter.)

But I will do my best. So I would like to share with you that this last month has been a very exciting time for Student Senate to kick back into gear. As our first meeting started, we've acquired actually six now prospective members attending our meetings, three of which -- actually, four of which could potentially be voted in this coming Monday, two of whom have already turned in all their paperwork, so we will be voting on them. If this goes through, we could reach about 21 people on our Senate at one time, which is more than I think I've had previously. So I'm excited about that.

Besides the prospective senators, I've also been appointing new representatives to be filling on campus-wide committees such as educational affairs and the Student Experience Team. Some of the senators I had serving on those committees stepped down because they were transferring over winter break, so I'm working to put people back into those positions and represent the student body again.

Over the last two weeks, Student Senate has formed two new committees. Ideas about starting a student mentoring program have been in Student Senate since the beginning of the school year and we're just starting to move forward with those. A student senator by the name of Alicia Chow, she initially voiced her intent to start mentoring programs at our first meeting, and she was supposed to be here today as she would be shadowing me in interest to learn more about the presidential role so she could run for office next school year, but she is in St. Louis with a Model United Nations Conference, so hopefully next month she'll be joining me here.

The other committee is devoted to evaluating and developing ideas from inside, as well as outside the Student Senate. Now, the total foundation, a little over a year ago I was elected as student parliamentarian. Now, before I was able to run for that position, I had to go to the executive board meeting and tell them why I thought they shouldn't get rid of the position entirely. When the last person stepped down and left the college, he removed himself from school entirely, he said that he didn't think the position really had that much to do. So I had to
present my case why I thought the position should be there, and then I ran and I got the position.

Now, they were trying to get rid of the Rules and Conduct Committee, which is what the parliamentarian was overseeing, and they already had removed the Green Committee, which developed ideas relating to sustainability. Now, first I argued to bring back the Rules and Conduct Committee, which I got pretty quickly. And just this last month, we've brought back the Green Committee, only we have changed it into a brainstorming committee to evaluate all sorts of ideas that come to us. We have very wide variety of ideas that are just kind of thrown at us as in this would be cool to have on campus. Obviously, football team comes up a lot. But there are good ideas in there as well.

(Laughter.)

So we are trying to give ourselves a sort of administration to process those ideas and then give recommendations to the senate as for which ideas to pursue and which ones not to.

In addition to forming our new committees, through the Rules and Conduct Committee, we are establishing specific by-laws for each committee outside of the Student Senate constitution. The idea behind this was to help new executive board members who were not able to shadow their predecessor or Student Senators who are put into leadership roles who didn't necessarily know they were going to be there in time to shadow. We wanted a set of guidelines for those people to read and understand what the mission was for the committee that they're supposed to be chairing.

Finally, our executive board elections committee has begun meeting as of yesterday, reviewing the officer election material and publicizing dates for campaign and voting. At this time, the executive board is encouraging all returning members of Student Senate to shadow current officers and to run for next year's executive board. Right now I believe I do have at least one senator following around each position, so I'm hoping to have a full executive board to come after. And I thank you all for your interest and continued support.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Any questions of the trustees?

>> Trustee Lee Cross: Just one quick one. Mr. Elliot, what is the Student Experience Committee?

>> Mr. Elliot Rogers: Student Experience Team? It is a committee that mostly reviews the online and distance learning systems for students, such as switching to Desire2Learn, they had a large presence on that, as well as other Internet resources for students.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: I meant to say Mr. Rogers.

>> Mr. Elliot Rogers: It works.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Any other questions?

>> Thank you.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you very much. Appreciate all your leadership and what you're doing. Thanks.

Mr. Carter. Lobbyist report.

>> Mr. Dick Carter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Usually I like to come up here and start off my report with something humorous or a little joke, but I'm afraid all of the humor has been sucked out of me this session so far.

(Laughter.)
And it's been replaced with a cold that I've had since the 8th of February, and unfortunately this evening my ear is clogged on this side, so I won't be able to hear if you have any questions. So I'll proceed to move through the report and try to read lips as best as possible.

The -- I can probably just say read the "Hutchinson News" editorial on the last page of my report and then sit down because that pretty much describes some of the interesting antics that we've encountered thus far. It's really not been that busy of a session until just the past couple of weeks. Between the snowstorm and some other planned and unplanned activities, the legislature has had sort of an interesting schedule thus far. But they are racing to a deadline that's coming up, and that's February the 28th, which will be the first house of origin deadline where all the bills in the Senate need to go over to the House and vice versa.

But this session has not been without ambush hearings that we like to call them where we find out at 4:00 p.m. about a 9:00 a.m. hearing the next morning and the testimony has to be turned in 24 hours in advance. We've been crafting bills conceptually on the fly recently. Even this morning did one and it was tried to -- the committee tried to send it out, but thankfully to some of the committee members, they were able to at least wait until the bill was printed before they acted upon it. And that's kind of what we're dealing with in Topeka. You've seen in the news a little bit of what we're -- how Kansas is being viewed both nationally and internationally from some of the bills that have been heard, voted on, and moved through the process in Topeka, and that certainly is not having a positive effect on some of the other pieces of legislation that are out there.

I will talk about a few things that do have some impact to the college or impact to the trustees sitting around table. First of all, the concealed carry amendments that were heard early on in the session have moved out of committee. They are on the House general orders list. They've not been acted upon yet. I've heard that things have slowed down a little bit just because of some of the coverage that Kansas has received from some of the press on bills that we've been dealing with the past couple of weeks. I think, first and foremost, the bill pre-empts the college's ability to direct through employee policy how we may deal with concealed carry for our employees, and that's the biggest concern. We didn't really address much of the issue related to the guns, although we did submit some concerns when that bill had a hearing. The other issue that we have is we have students who fall under the student policy guidelines who are also employees, and so how is that covered? And that's a question that we raised to the committee, how is that covered in a situation where we have someone who is both a student and an employee. Again, a concern moving forward. I'm pretty sure that bill will move through without any problem, but things have slowed down for the time being with respect to some of the bills that are a little bit further out there.

There was an open records bill that was moving through the process. It never got to have a hearing. It's been pulled from a committee and placed in another committee where we're told that it will not have a hearing. And when I say open records, that sounds like something that would be good for everyone. This particular bill would require any contracts or incentive programs that might be put together to lure whether it's a company or whether it's a corporation, any of those incentives would need to be made public, which then gives your opponent or
competitor first-hand knowledge of what's in the package. It would affect us on the fringe, but certainly would impact things at the college. And so that bill is not going to be heard, as we understand it, for the rest of the session.

The one that I think is important that probably we should pay attention to is the movement of the elections to the fall, local elections. This is an issue that's been around for a couple of years, but there's been some significant movement in the past few days, and I think both committees will be voting on these bills next week, both in the Senate and in the House. The House version of the bill would move local elections to the fall of odd numbered years and make them -- keep them non-partisan in nature. At that particular hearing, the only proponent stood up and testified that it was the goal, or their goal, to make fall elections in the even numbered years, which is when the presidential elections, the larger elections are, and make them partisan. So this -- that's just a first step move, and it's seen as the compromise, the odd numbered non-partisan year.

The other bill in the Senate would keep them in the even numbered years, take them to the fall. It does make them non-partisan through an amendment that was made in committee. There was another amendment, though, that I think is somewhat concerning given that you've just dealt with this recently and likely will see something happen in the future where you have to deal with it where if there's a vacancy on a local board of -- a local governing board, typically that is filled by application and in an interview process. This, the amendment made in the Senate would fill the vacancy by precinct committee men and women. It's unclear whether it would be -- which party it would be or how that would work, especially since the bill is considered non-partisan, at least at this point. But those are two bills that will likely be voted out of committee next Monday and then will be on general orders in their respective house.

I have a list of committee members that I'm happy to forward to folks if you'd like to make contacts with them and express any concerns or questions that you may have. But it's something that at least should be considered given that typically the local elections have historically been held in the spring, and for a good reason.

So those bills are listed there in the report, and if you have any questions, I'd be happy to attempt to answer those.

There is a reporting bill that anyone who employs a lobbyist with public funds would be required to report the contract amount or salaried amount if that's an employee. The way the bill came out, it also covered associations and any groups that would be on the fringe if you are a member of a group, the college would have to report what that -- those dues are, how much of those dues go to lobbying for whatever that group might be, and it could be anything. And I'm sure that we have a number of faculty and staff and members that are members of associations across the state and nation. It would be a large reporting requirement. That was pulled out this morning as the bill was -- this is one of those bills that I was talking about that was conceptually formed, and reduced to a reporting only requirement, which would require the lobbyist to report the amount of the contract or salary. That's going to be an interesting one moving forward, and we'll see how it plays out, but something that we should remain concerned about since we do have an interest in advocacy at the state house.
On my way over here, and again, this is just sort of part and parcel for the way the session is going, a colleague texted me and said that a bill had been pulled out of the Interstate Cooperation Committee, and that's probably not a committee that you're familiar with or have ever heard of. That's okay. That's where bills go to sort of just rest peacefully. And so it's concerning that a similar bill that was passed through the Senate in a House bill came back over to the House, was sent to that committee last year. A reporting bill with a little bit more significant reporting requirements was pulled out of that committee and forwarded to the -- to the House committee on ethics and elections. While I was sitting here in the audience, and this all just happened within the past hour, while I was sitting here in the audience I was texting with the chair, who tells me he was unaware that that bill was pulled and sent to his committee. So we're still tracking down and seeing just exactly what the intent of leadership is and where things are going with that.

A bit of good news, we recently took a delegation to Washington, D.C. to visit the Washington, D.C. delegation, and Trustee Musil and Trustee Cross, along with a couple of students, Dr. Sopcich and Kate Allen and myself participated in the KACCT fly-in. We had a very nice reception for the Kansas delegation, but more importantly, I think the visits that we had with our delegate members are some of the best we've ever had. And that is fully because of the students that were participating and the stories that they were able to communicate to our senators and our Congressmen. And I can tell you that those elected officials were engaged, on point, and asking questions of the students in a way that I've never seen them interact. And so we had some very good visits and were able to conduct some business on behalf of the college while we were in D.C. recently.

Also, just prior to leaving for the trip to D.C., we hosted Congressman Yoder on campus. He was present for the groundbreaking for the Hospitality Culinary Academy. We gave him a two and a half hour tour. I think he was there for quite some time, maybe it wasn't quite two and a half hours, but he was there for a considerable amount of time engaging with the students and the faculty in the program. And so it was good to have him here and be able to talk a little bit more about the college. And then we also hosted the education staffer from Senator Robert's office, Joshua Yurick in D.C. was here and on campus and we were able to take him through the Healthcare Simulation Lab, as well as the training center over at BNSF.

So those are some good things that have happened while we were -- just prior to leaving for Washington, D.C. I think I would stop there. I've listed some of the deadlines that are coming up, which is actually a good thing. It starts to separate the wheat and chaff in the bills that we'll be working with through the rest of the session. Still no budget. Still no Supreme Court decision on school finance. I think the budget's ready to go. It's teed up and ready to go. They fixed the corrections problem that was a hole that needed to be filled. We're just waiting. We're just waiting.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Questions of Mr. Carter? Dick, while they're thinking of them, what's your perception of the outcome of mail ballots if the elections are moved to November?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: Yeah. I don't know that that bill -- I've heard that, just in the conversation with the chairman of that committee, that he has no time to hear that bill. So that -- that is -- that certainly is my hope because that's where you get a significant amount of
participation is through mail-in ballots, and if you were to disallow that or move from that method for questions, I think that, you know, the folks that are wanting to change the elections to the fall talk about driving voters to the polls. One of the biggest turnouts you get is from mail-in ballots. So I don't think we'll -- I don't think we'll be seeing that, but, you know, in this body, nothing ever dies, so.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: A year ago we had some examples of late-minute hearing notices. You apparently are experiencing that again this year.

>> Mr. Dick Carter: Me too.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Hasn't anybody in the rules committee or anybody raised their hand and said, hey, wait a minute, this is really not proper behavior for us? Or do they think that that belongs to other people and not them?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: Well, I think you could probably go back and look at some of the interviews that occurred on Friday of last week from various folks in leadership, and sort of looking back on maybe some of the things that have happened thus far in the session and maybe they could -- I think they've indicated as much.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Questions of Mr. Carter? Trustee Musil?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: I never have questions for Dick, I just have statements. I could ask him in the form of a question, I guess. But what we continue to see I guess is a desire by the legislature in Topeka to run local governments and not allow local government elected officials to run their own business; is that a fair statement?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: That's a fair statement.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: If we elect, for instance, community college trustees in the fall, and I'm not necessarily opposed to moving if we could get bigger turn-out, but if we elect them in the fall and they're elected in November, they would still take office on July 1st, right?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: I think that's a question that remains to be seen. In fact, that's some of the conversations that we've had with the committee chairs is when is the effective date of office, and I think that in some cases we're looking at January 1.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: School boards are elected and take office July 1 because they do it with the fiscal year. With trustees we do it at the fiscal year and, therefore, we're a new member for the entire school year as opposed to starting in the middle of the year.

>> Mr. Dick Carter: It's not without hiccups.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: It could be an eight-month -- seven- or eight-month lame duck membership on a board, a school board of education or a community college trustee or anybody else that takes office on July 1st?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: That is correct.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: On the partisan nature, I think the registration in Johnson County is about 35% unaffiliated voters, or what we refer to as independents. So if we move to a partisan basis, they would not be allowed to participate in a primary election unless they chose to declare a party; is that -- my understanding in that correct?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: I believe that is correct.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: So to increase voter participation, we would eliminate 35% of the Johnson County voters from voting in a primary. Just making sure I have the math right.
Mr. Dick Carter: I never do math on my feet, but I trust your numbers.

Trustee Greg Musil: All right. I don't support making these elections partisan. I would note, Mr. Carter, if you remind members of the Johnson County delegation that in 2000, the voters of Johnson County rightly or wrongly chose to make the county commission elections non-partisan, and in 2001 the voters in Overland Park, by almost a 60% majority, voted to eliminate partisan elections for city council and the mayor, and we were the last city in the state that had partisan elections. So I think the voters have indicated that in local government elections, not statewide, that they ought to be non-partisan. And maybe those folks have forgotten what the referendum did in both the county-wide election and in the Overland Park election.

On the Washington trip, I tell you, the two students we took back were superb. They were different in that one was an 11-year Navy veteran and works on our Veterans Affair programs and older -- I don't want to say more mature, but older, more seasoned. And the young lady we took back was just sincerely excited about being in our nation's capital and they saw some great things. One thing that our president did for them was take them to the Lincoln Memorial on February 12th so they could see it before we started our meetings for the day. I don't know if any of us realized that is in fact President Lincoln's birthday and there was a ceremony there and a wreath laying and honor guards and military in full dress uniforms and everything else, and so I'm jealous that the President didn't invite me. But it was a great trip.

(Laughter.)

We got to see Senator Ray and Senator Roberts personally. They were very engaged and they loved hearing from students about what it is that within the limits of the federal government now in funding that they can do to help increase people's opportunity to make a -- get a good education, find a good job, and contribute back to society.

Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Cross.

Trustee Lee Cross: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Carter, I just would like to commend you. I thought in the meetings on the hill and in Washington they went very well I think in large measure because I was told for a while because of our relationships we have with those offices and those staff there. And so I just want to commend you for that. I also think President Sopcich did a wonderful job putting together a team and the students that he selected. Billy Taupe (phonetic) and Anna Strickland presented very well and I think helped advocate for the positions that we needed to be advocated for. So anyway I just wanted to comment on that. Trustee Musil answered another question I had with regard to spring elections, and I appreciate -- (Inaudible).

Chair Jerry Cook: Dr. Sopcich, do you have a comment?

Dr. Joe Sopcich: Thanks, Trustee Cross. Actually, the students were selected by Student Services. Pam Vassar did a great job not only making that selection, but also making sure they were briefed and ready to go, and they came through admirably and it worked out quite well. So, Dick, thanks for setting all that up. It worked out real well. So thank you.

Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you, Mr. Carter. Appreciate it. Take care of your head cold and fix Topeka.

(Laughter.)
Committee reports and recommendations, Management. Trustee Stewart.

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: The Management Committee, our meeting was postponed or canceled. We went ahead and canceled it and we'll meet again on March 5th. It was due to the snowstorm and we didn't have any pressing items that needed to have -- take board action, so we will meet March 5th and go over the agenda. But in your packet you have the summary of award bids, that appears on Page 1. They included only one bid, which was awarded to the lowest bidder and it met -- that met the bid specifications. An update on the fiscal year 2014 Information Technology Infrastructure Plan, it's on Pages 2 and 4. And then the monthly capital acquisition improvements report is shown on Page 6. So we will take up a -- we have a couple of items to bring to the board next month and we will take those up on Wednesday, March 5th.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you very much. Learning Quality. Trustee Lindstrom.

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Learning Quality Committee meeting minutes are on Pages 10-18 of your board packet. And as you will note, the meeting was held at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 3rd. The meeting was directed by Dr. Anderson and there were five presentations/reports, and the Learning Quality Committee will be asking the Board of Trustees to take action on one of those recommendations this evening.

Steve Hansen, Chair of Educational Affairs Committee, gave two reports. In the first report he introduced an esteemed group of representatives from KU Edwards Campus and Blue Valley Schools that are involved in a bachelor's science I.T. degree program. And that list included Lauren McEnaney, undergraduate advisor for the School of Engineering at KU Edwards Campus. Lauren noted that the Bachelor of Science I.T. degree is a degree completion program launched in 2012 with currently 25 students enrolled. It was developed in response to a workforce needs, and she mentioned that five out of the ten fastest growing jobs in Kansas are I.T.-related. It was designed for students interested in learning new computing technologies and a variety of I.T. careers, and it is adapted for high school students at Blue Valley CAPS program. They may earn credits at Johnson County Community College, up to 30 credits, go on to Johnson County Community College for an additional 64 credits, and then get their associate's I.T. degree -- Associate's of Science I.T. degree and then go on to KU Edwards Campus for the bachelor's degree. The program will connect students with internships and mentors.

Steve Hansen, in a second report, gave -- shared changes for modifications, deletions, and additions that were approved at the January 29th Educational Affairs Committee and that will make our curriculum more efficient. That list can be found on Pages 11 and 12 of the Learning Quality Committee meeting minutes.

Crystal Williams, Director of Financial Aid, reviewed financial aid stating that the most common grants from the federal government. She also noted the various types of grants and how much was paid through scholarships, grants, and loans. Dennis Day added that Johnson County Community College has a low rate of students, 33%, receiving financial aid in comparison to other colleges.

And in the fourth report, Mary Nero, associate counsel for Johnson County Community College, presented proposed revisions to the Sexual Misconduct Policy 650.00, which
incorporates new requirements mandated by the amendments to the Violence Against Women's Act, or VAWA, which becomes effective on March 7th, 2014. The revisions expand the definition of sexual misconduct to include domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Those terms, as well as rape and consent, are defined in the amendment. And upon review of the Learning Quality Committee, now request the Board of Trustees approve the following recommendation. It is the recommendation of the Learning Quality Committee that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendations of the College Administration to approve the revisions to the Sexual Misconduct Policy 650.00 as shown in the board packet, and I would so move.

>> Second.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We have a motion and a second. Any questions?

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: Just curious. The complaint procedures, were they updated as well? Were they looked at to make sure they were still appropriate?

>> (Inaudible. Speaker off mic.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Other questions? Other questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries. Proceed.

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: And the fifth presentation was made by Dennis Day, Vice President of Student Success and Engagement. He noted that since 2009, as most of us know, enrollment at the Johnson County Community College and throughout the metropolitan area has been down and that the college is exploring many areas -- options to address this concern. Julie Haas, Associate Vice President for Marketing Communications, said that Johnson County Community College is targeting two markets. The first one is high school graduates and the second one is 30- to 49-year-olds. That emphasis is being placed on -- in those target audiences, emphasis being placed on affordability, easy transferability, and small classes here at Johnson County Community College. The recruiting tools being used are e-blast, university ads, radio spots during commute times, online ads on Facebook, Google, and Twitter, and 30-second ads on cable television.

It was also explained that one additional recruiter will be added to recruit students within an 80-mile radius. We will continue a policy developing relationships with diverse populations.

A call team is being considered, and the goals are to increase enrollment and to assist students through the enrollment process.

Mr. Chairman, I would welcome any comments from those who were in attendance, and that concludes my report.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Any comments or questions? Thank you very much. Human resources. Trustee Drummond?

>> Trustee Robert Drummond: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think due to the excellent work of our president and Dr. Korb, we have no human resource issues. They all have been taken care of. And it could be my last report for the year, so -- and there was no business, so we did not meet.
Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Next item is the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee did meet at 8:00 on Thursday, February 6th, and I've asked Trustee Musil to give a report of that committee.

Trustee Greg Musil: Apparently our administration is spending way too much time on human resources, because we did have some things in the Audit Committee. We did get a report on a lot of updates on what the audit function has been working on. Internal audits of various functions, including the accounts payable function, our information security physical access to I.T. resources on campus, and some additional enterprise risk management audits and evaluations about different things we do on campus and what the risks are that we need to -- we need to look at.

We also had some discussion on when and whether to put our audit function out for a request for proposal. There are nationally different ideas about whether that should be mandatory, whether if you have it mandatory the incumbent ought to be excluded from doing it in order to make the audit function stronger. Various national organizations have chimed in on that, generally with the notion that mandating a review is probably good, but eliminating the incumbent as a matter of course is not necessarily a good thing either for the cost effectiveness of the audit or the credibility of the audit.

What we decided was to go one more year with our current auditor and then put it out for a Request For Proposal so that we can be assured that not only are we looking at what other auditors might offer as services and price, but to make sure that the credibility of the audit is still there. One of the things we did talk about was that the audit partner will change on a rotating basis to make sure somebody new is looking at the audit for the college.

We had an update on prior audit recommendations and some various functions, and it's impressive the amount of work that all aspects of the college are doing in response to the audit function, and when we find something wrong, that there is really a commitment to fixing it, and some of those were -- required lots of work from lots of people.

We had a report from the Behavioral Intervention Team, which is a very important part of all the college, all members of the college looking at students or employees, but mainly students that might have an issue of different kinds and need some assistance from the college.

And, finally, we talked about the ongoing level of professionalism within our audit and advisory services team and ensuring that we meet Institute of Internal Auditors Standards Review, and it's, again, we do that.

So there were no -- we got a report on ethics point reports that have been made since the last Audit Committee meeting. We meet quarterly, the Audit Committee, and the responses to those, and everything indicates that we are continuing to watch what we need to watch and fix what we need to fix.

Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you, Trustee Musil. I would just like to add that this is a two-hour meeting, that we meet quarterly. Oftentimes when we think of an audit, we think of the financial side of it, but as Trustee Musil has indicated, we review several components of the operation of the college, and I'm just pleased that we have a staff of people that are very serious about that work and the relationships they build internally with our staff and our faculty to ensure that we're operating efficiently, effectively, legally and transparently is very reassuring.
and I just would like the trustees to know that that group of people represents us very, very well. I'd entertain any questions from the -- Trustee Stewart.

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: I'm curious, Janelle, do you know the last time the audit partner has rotated off and a new audit partner has come on?

(Inaudible, speaker off mic.)

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: Third year. So, and then we'll go out for bid next year? Okay.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Musil?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: One other thing I might mention is that I think college employees know this, the departments know this, whether you're faculty or staff is when Janelle and her team comes in, they're doing it for all the right reasons, for all the right purposes, not to get you. So people have been cooperative almost 100%, almost to a fault. But I just want to encourage the college community to continue to do that. She is internal affairs, if you will, from police department movies, but we do it for all the right reasons, and that cooperation is critical us to continuing to do it and making the best efficient use of our resources and our tax dollars, whether they're state, federal, or local.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Cross.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Being newer to the board, I just was curious, who commissions McGladrey or audit incumbent? Is it the board or is it the administration?

>> Chair Jerry Cook: The team, Janelle will take the RFPs that we send out. But that recommendation comes through the committee, back to the board for board approval.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: So the board? Okay. Thank you very much.

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

Collegial Steering did not meet. We were a victim of the weather on that Tuesday evening when the college was closed. Our next Collegial Steering meeting will be Tuesday, March 4th, at 4:00 p.m.

Next item is President's Recommendations for Actions. First item, Treasurer's Report. Trustee Lindstrom.

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: Mr. Chairman, I'm pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31st, 2013, which can be found on Pages 21-31 in the board packet. Briefly, here are some highlights. At bottom of Page 30, please note the cash fund balances. At the end of last calendar year we had book balance of 48.1 million with 15.8 million in outstanding encumbrances, leaving an unencumbered balance of 32.4 million. State aid payments of 10.7 million, ad valorem tax distribution of 41.8 million were received in January and will be reflected in next month's report. Expenditures in the primary operating fund are within approved budgetary limits. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the College Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 31st, 2013, subject to audit. I would make that motion.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We have a motion. Do we have a second?

>> Second.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We have a second. Any questions? One of the things that we have been discussing for a long time is the budget in going forward for three and five years out, and December 31 is always a time period where we are really at our lowest cash point, and I guess
my question, Don, if you could, is how do we compare December 31 of '13 to '12 in terms of our cash balance? And any alarms that you're concerned about at this point?

>> Mr. Don Perkins: No alarms. We can see that comparison I think in the bottom of Page 30. We have a column that shows what the prior year unencumbered balance was at that date, and we're right in line. It's a little better than we'd actually projected, but that's because we ended the fiscal year, June 30, 2013, about that same amount.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Appreciate that. Thank you very much. It's an item that we've been watching closely as a board and projecting ahead and appreciate the good work you're doing there. And we still would allow you buyer's remorse on your decision whether you want to stay or not. Thank you very much. Any questions of Trustee Lindstrom? We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Anes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries. Anything else, Trustee Lindstrom?

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: No, other than I would echo some of your closing comments on Mr. Perkins. I was tempted to pull that item off the Consent Agenda.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: You still may have that chance. Clinical Affiliate Agreements.

Dr. Sopcich.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Yes. Just so you know, Mr. Perkins has asked for a few minutes at each of the remaining trustee meetings to kind of review things, so we'll give him chances to get up there.

We have two Clinical Affiliate Agreements today. The first is for computing sciences and information technology. This is in credit instruction. The agency is Children's Mercy Hospital and the experience is medical coding. It is the recommendation of the College Administration that the Board of Trustees authorize the college to enter into an agreement with the above agency for the clinical experiences indicated for the period February 21st, 2014, through June 30th, 2014.

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

>> So moved.

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

>> Second.

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

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: The second one is for Health and Human Services. This is for continuing education organizational development. The agency is Gardner Health Mart Pharmacy and Immunization Clinic, and the experience is pharmacy technician. It is the recommendation of the College Administration that the Board of Trustees authorize the college to enter into an agreement with the above agency for the clinical experiences indicated for the period February 21st, 2014, through June 30th, 2014.

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

>> So moved.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: A second?
>> Second.
>> Chair Jerry Cook: Motion and a second. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.
(Ayes.)
>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries. Monthly report to the board.
>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Absolutely. We're going to launch the Lightning Round tonight. So, Dr. Korb, you go first.
>> Dr. Judy Korb: Okay. Well, in the Learning Quality report, you heard about the discussions that are going on about enrollment and some of things that we're currently doing. But one of the things that I want to highlight and just kind of talk to you a little bit about is the process that we're going through because it's been kind of a dynamic process. We formed a committee like we always do with things, but the committee came together and came up with some initial recommendations and we sent subgroups out to go work on those initial recommendations.

So the subgroups went out, and one interesting thing that happened there is that one of the subgroups had to do primarily with instruction and one had to do primarily with Student Services things, and it was the recommendation of the committee to have Andy facilitate the one on student services and have Dennis facilitate the ones that had to do with instruction. And it was an interesting exercise, but it worked really well. And they came back with some really unique and interesting recommendations, and then the committee kind of looked at those and they re-formed new subcommittees around those new topics, went off to work on those. The point that I want to make is, it's creating a lot of really good conversation across groups that obviously we all have to work on enrollment, and it's just an interesting mix of conversation that's taking place across departments and people are really getting -- looking at what do we do to partner with each other to make sure that we're addressing enrollment as an institution rather just -- than just as individual departments.

And so it's -- I've had a lot of really good feedback on that and I just want you to know that that's going on, and you will be hearing more results from that committee very soon.
>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: And actually I think in April Judy's going to present to Management Committee with an action plan about exactly how next fall will be different than what's happened in the past. So we're very excited about it. Andy. Thank you, Judy.
>> Dr. Andy Anderson: I was going to write a poem, but --
>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Thank you.
>> Dr. Andy Anderson: I didn't get there.
(Laughter.)
>> I know.
>> Dr. Andy Anderson: Next month maybe.
>> Yes, please.
>> Dr. Andy Anderson: Obviously we're well into the spring semester, and though deeply engaged in their studies, I'm suspecting the students are already anticipating Spring Break, at least Spring. Faculty of course never anticipate Spring Break. They love learning the class rooms, mastering the new Learning Management System and grading papers.
This has been a busy semester in all the usual ways, but it also in some new ways focused on a number of major organizational activities that have demanded much focused work from the whole faculty, just as Judy described. Tonight instead of focusing on sort of the exceptional things, what I really want to focus on is just the hard work the faculty are doing.

There are three major action projects on file with the Higher Learning Commission, which is our accrediting agency. They are being completed on time. The General Education Assessment Plan that uses direct assessment that happens both in the classroom and in the form of embedded assessments is being put together and will be implemented soon. The program review process, another one of the action projects, will engage division programs in a much more active examination of strength and opportunities for improvement. The faculty portfolio process that engages faculty in a continuous process reflection and goal setting to improve their teaching and reach their professional goals has been rolled out now. Several hundred faculty went through a training procedure that was in fact led and organized by the faculty themselves. It was extremely well-received.

The reports on these AQUIP projects will be filed and new projects will replace them. And, again, though, this is, as it were, in the regular description of the faculty role, it takes a lot of work and they’ve done outstanding jobs and the participation has truly been impressive. It's been across the entire college instructional branch.

Of course the faculty are continuously engaged in updating and renewing the college curriculum. We hear those reports from the Learning Quality Committee each month, both in career and general education programs. This sort of review also includes exploring more effective scheduling and methods of delivery. I wanted to highlight one as an example to meet the needs of students in health care areas, an eight-week chemistry, an eight-week microbiology sequence will be offered this fall. This will allow students to complete the prerequisites for health care programs in one semester instead of the usual two. That's also part of the enrollment work that we're doing to try and move things along effectively.

It should be noted that we are exploring additional ways to coordinate our programs more effectively with area high schools and the region institutions. The Bachelor of Science program in Information Technology is one of those ways that is being rolled out. We are looking at additional ways of doing that.

I would also like to note various examples of faculty engagement with the community. There are more than I can list here, of course, but a few that I think are typical. Dr. Melanie Harvey in chemistry organized a local science fair at Pinckney Elementary School in Lawrence for K-5 -- kindergarten through fifth grade on February 12th. About 50 years ago, I think, I tutored two fifth graders at Pinckney grade school and it's the best park in Lawrence if you want to go play. So anybody out there in Lawrence land, Pinckney is the place. In any case, Mark LaBarge in biology, Dr. Lori Slavin in chemistry are co-district directors for the Kansas Junior Academy of Science and will organize the competition for middle and high school students. Dr. Sandy Finnicum in physical science will be coordinating the Science Olympiad for middle school and high school students to be held this weekend here at the college where there will be over 40 local schools sending teams for competition.
These faculty activities underscore my final point, and it goes back to the remarks at the opening of tonight's meeting. Education is always about more than committee work, task forces, and cleaning major outcomes. On behalf of the faculty and the instructional branch, and again, I'm sure for the whole college as we've heard, I too would like to thank the Krebs family. Invoking the memory of Virginia Krebs and her son, Fred, the college always strives toward responsible stewardship of community resources. But thinking of Virginia and Fred, I think we especially remember the community values expressed by their lives and others like them who have been inspirational in the founding of Johnson County Community College. Those community values engender dreams, deep thoughts about important things, permanent things that are good and true and beautiful and for the -- on behalf of the faculty we'd like to express our gratitude to that family. Thank you.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Thank you, Andy. Denise.

>> Ms. Denise Moore: (Inaudible) She must have been a wonderful woman. I've been asked to tell you a little bit about a new online application for admissions for credit students that actually went live this week, and I think before I tell you about the new one, let me tell you a little bit about the old one worked.

The old one, it was an online application about ten years old that was developed in 2004, and we had a very limited ability to collect information about the individual themselves, as well as about what their program needs might be. There were six different applications, so depending on who you were when you came to the college, whether you were an international student, college now, or there was some type of selective admissions program you wanted in like a nursing or culinary program, you're the one that had to figure that out. You had to figure out what flavor of application you were going to use to apply. And a lot of times that resulted in a lot of confusion and probably in some cases not even completing the application.

But we've moved to a new application now, and it took lot of work by a lot of people. It's interesting how it all ties together because when Judy was talking about increasing enrollment, I think this plays a part, and also when Trustee Cross was saying what's the student experience, this is about reinventing the student experience.

So with this new application, we've actually reduced six applications down to one application. But the first thing, and I think the most important thing that we do is we have them create an account, very basic information. We're not going to ask them for everything about themselves. We're going to ask them for their name, their e-mail address, have them set up a user account and also password, and then they log in to do their application admission. But the great thing about this is that having this information from them upfront lets us establish a relationship with them and also track our relationship with them. And then depending on how they answer questions, they're presented with different questions that fit their particular situation. So they're not having to figure out which one of these forms do I fill out.

In the past, we haven't had a good way to monitor whether applicants are actually finishing the applications, but having this information now and through this new CRM-based admissions application, we can proactively look at what they're doing and if they're having trouble go in and actually contact them about what's happening and do they need help, do they want to complete the application, things like that.
So, in essence, by moving to this more student-focused experience, we're getting away from applications admissions being a transaction and being more about a relationship that we're going to develop with the student. And it also is going to give us more ability to change and adjust things, so like if there are other requirements for application, that will be much easier to do in this new application.

But I have to say it was a joint effort, student success and engagement. A lot of people there, it took a long time, a long time. It took awhile. But they really did -- they didn't look at the current process. They reinvented the new process and the new student experience here with the college. So, like I said, it's just this week, so we're just kind of getting our feet wet with it, but...

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: That's terrific. Thank you. It's kind of exciting. There's a lot of exciting things going on. I'll wrap this up by just giving a little overview of a few things. Since we last met, we canceled class for two days, and it's amazing when you're out in the community, I've been amazed how many people will ask me how do you -- how is that decision made? It's this like real mystery to people, how do you cancel school? It's almost like they give it the seriousness as if we were canceling the Super Bowl or the championship, you know, NCAA championship game. Let me give you a little insight into that.

First of all, it's a real team effort except when it's a bad call. But when it's -- but it's a real team effort, and there's a lot of e-mails, phone calls. I would like to thank Julie Haas, Alisa Pacer, Greg Russell. I'd thank Rex, but he was on vacation when we had those snow days.

(Laughter.)

Mitch Borchers, for collecting all this information and communicating with one another to make that decision. I'd also like to recognize the crew that gets rid of the snow. I mean, they do an incredible job. They work all night. It's Dean Spaulding, Terry Horan, Brett Edwards, Mark Bouton, Kevin Sims, Leon Zook and John Ingle. They did an outstanding job during the last storm. I'd also like to recognize Mitch Borchers. Mitch has done an outstanding job standing in as the interim of EVP of Administrative Services. Mitch wasn't just babysitting that position. He took on some real tough issues and handled them very well. So thank you, Mitch. Much appreciated.

On Monday Dr. Barbara Larsen will join the staff here as the EVP of Administrative Services and we're looking forward to her becoming a part of the team.

As a part of this report, I'd like to ask Trustee Lindstrom to give a brief report on the special trustee project he's been working on.

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: Thank you, Mr. President. In January, Trustee Cook, Trustee Chair Cook requested the formation of a subcommittee on trustee expenses, reimbursement, and participation in college activities. The charge of this committee was three-fold, or is three-fold: Number one, to review the proposed trustee reimbursement guidelines -- the proposed trustee reimbursement guidelines; number two, to provide clarification and/or content where needed, and to bring focused attention to trustee expectations for related travel and other benefits -- other benefits. The subcommittee consists of Trustee Sharp, Trustee Drummond, and myself.
We met twice in February. The subcommittee's first priority was to update the document -- the process for reimbursing trustees for expenses incurred in furtherance of trustees' duties. All trustees should be receiving a draft copy of the recommended guidelines for your review and input in the next few days. It is expected that the guidelines will be presented for board action at the regular March meeting. After the reimbursement guidelines are finalized, the subcommittee will work on updating the documentation process for trustee participation in college activities.

I want to take a moment here to acknowledge and thank the following people for their participation in helping me facilitate and coordinate with this -- the communication of this work. Terri and Yvonne in the president's office. Tanya Wilson and Mary Nero in the counselor's office, thank you very much. And most importantly, Trustee Sharp and Trustee Drummond, thank you very much for your participation. I would welcome any comments that you -- either of you may have as it relates to this work.

>> Trustee Robert Drummond: I would just say that the purpose of doing this, as I understand it, was just to broaden it and to update it a little bit. I don't think it's related to any issues we're having, just it was time to take a look at how we do business and take a look at IRS regulations and all those kinds of things. And so that's what we focused on, and we're interested in the input from the rest of the trustees when you have a chance to see it.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Musil said it pretty well when we talked about the audit and the purposes of the audit. I always look at an audit to validate the correctness that the faculty, the staff, anybody involved with the operations is doing on an everyday, and it validates that our operations are up and above. And as Trustee Drummond has said, it was time to just review and make sure that everybody understands. There's no misapplication to the process. But it was time just to review and make sure we all understand when the trustee is traveling on college business, this is what is allowed and not and also how we operate within the campus. So I really appreciate the work of the committee and your leadership, Trustee Lindstrom. Our intent is that you'll have until our March board meeting to take a look at it, add to it, edit it as you see fit, and we'll come to some group agreement hopefully in March. Trustee Lindstrom, anything else?

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: No. That's it.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Appreciate your work with that. Trustee Sharp, did you have a comment?

>> Trustee Stephanie Sharp: I did have a brief comment. The work that we've -- the work that we've done on this committee has been really positive and I think it will bring clarity to the policies, but also what I love is it will bring transparency. We talked a lot about the Audit Committee and how we, as a college, are very transparent and accountable to the public, and the goal is to bring all of these -- if the college spends money on us for flights to D.C. and things like that, that it's all accounted for within the Management Committee, it's all publicly accessible and that we are transparent as elected officials to the taxpayers that elected us. So I think it's a really good step in the right direction. Pretty basic. The college doesn't spend a whole lot of money on us. We get a parking pass, which is the best part about it. It's the best benefit we get. But I do want to thank the committee as well and today for leading our effort.
Chair Jerry Cook: Dr. Sopcich.

Dr. Joe Sopcich: Yes. And I would like to voice our appreciation of the job that the trustees do. People don't really understand the flood of the communication that goes on, the e-mails, the meetings you have to attend and all those types of things. So today I was at a special recognition ceremony for employees and teams at the college and I thought in recognition of the great team that you are, that I would have something here especially for you. And this is a -- since we've just talked about things that trustees receive, and this is from -- it says Team Effort Award. So if you could take one of these and pass it down. And also when the trustees are running smoothly, that's because Terri Schlicht has done a great job keeping things running smoothly. Terri, here, you get one, too.

(Laughter.)

Dr. Joe Sopcich: Heading the team of course is the Trustee Chair, and Dr. Cook's leadership, his willingness to be open to new ideas, his reinstitution of Collegial Steering, the fact that you're doing some really heavy lifting with the KACCT, it was meritorious that you should receive an extra effort cup. So, Trustee Cook, there you go.

(Applause.)

What you may not know is that the trustees are currently working on my evaluation and I thought -- (Inaudible).

(Laughter.)

Dr. Joe Sopcich: That's true. Thank you, Trustee Stewart.

You know, this semester has had a real -- a great feel to it. There's a real sense of urgency and accomplishment in the air, electricity, a real fast pace to it. People -- I almost got knocked over in the hall by Jim Lane, who was like running to some meeting, and it was just kind of exciting. And --

(Laughter.)

And, you know, and I'll give you some examples of this. We've discussed the need to review and energize recruiting efforts. It seems like every time I turn around, Casey Wallace from Student Services is hosting a group of prospective students and parents on campus, be it in the Polsky, the Hudson, or the Regnier, and when I visit those, we always have great representation of our Student Services crew. Last week, I'm in the Carlsen Center atrium and I'm on one of the staircases and we have a student recruiting fair and I'm kind of looking at things, I'm seeing all these faculty and staff interacting with students down there. I saw Stu Shafer wildly gesturing, talking to a student, or a prospective student. This is the kind of stuff that we need to do here to -- to invigorate people to come to the college. It was absolutely terrific.

Judy is heading up a group to explore and launch these new initiatives regarding enrollment and recruitment. She shared some of that earlier. It's very, very exciting. Much of this has been driven by the students. As we're putting our students first and on center stage whenever we can to create an atmosphere that this college is driven by students for the
students. If you go to the Carlsen Center atrium you'll find a student positioned at a welcome desk. That student's there; they're providing a welcoming presence and an answer to any question they may receive. And this is something new.

We have prospective student tours, we'll soon be congregating first in the Virginia Krebs room; it's visible, it's really a front door to the campus. This is where they will meet. We'll be using that space as a convening point for newcomers on our campus. This is something else that we've launched.

Now, as you know, when you call the campus, a student will answer your call with enthusiasm and excitement, vitality that you can hear over that phone. This is fantastic and news.

When we visited D.C. last week, you've heard this, Anna Strickland, Billy Taupe, they lobbied the Congressional office and Senate offices. They made us so very proud. And, you know, when you look at it, we have a lot to be proud of. I'm going to read you a copy of an e-mail that I received. I will not recognize the author and I'll kind of redact a couple things in here because they're comparing our college with a university, and this is what this person said.

After my dealings today with JCCC and -- and the university will remain anonymous -- regarding my statistics exam that needs a proctor, I'm remembering how much I love JCCC. The classes are harder, the professors are better, the price is lower, they treat you like an adult, and most importantly, they are on top of things. One phone call or e-mail and your question has an answer and your problem is solved. They understand the problems of non-traditional students who have other life commitments. I just wish they offered bachelor degrees. Not once did I get a syllabus that gave a false outline of the class or an advisor that never returned my e-mails. Thank you, JCCC, for being awesome.

Isn't that terrific? So on that note, thank you.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Any questions of Dr. Sopcich? Well, my comment to the volleyball team, and it's apparent that the organization is doing it well, and that is, is what I did yesterday, is what I'm doing today, and is what I have planned for tomorrow worthy of the skills and abilities and the resources that have been given to me, and it appears that, again, another example of this wonderful organization making sure they have done all three of those things. So we really appreciate it and thank everybody for the success. Every day is a good opportunity to help somebody and to do the same for ourselves and others.

I don't believe we have any old business. We don't have any new business.

Reports from board liaisons. The first is the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees. They met last week. I was not able to attend that meeting. Trustee Lindstrom was there. It was a meeting in Topeka where we also recognized Phi Theta Kappa students with a luncheon and a regular board meeting. So, Trustee Lindstrom, you've got heavy duty tonight, so if you would, please.

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: Yes, briefly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Kansas Association of Community College Trustees meeting, which was held in Topeka on February 13th, last Thursday, actually, after -- it was after, as you mentioned, the Phi Theta Kappa 19th annual Kansas All-State Academic Team Luncheon in which students Marcella
Decavalo and Amy Rhinehart and their families and our president did Johnson County Community College proud.

I have submitted the agenda and supporting information for this meeting, including current association balance sheet. There was a 2013-2014 budget, a 2014-2015 budget, a compilation report of the executive director's evaluation, the association's legislative update bullet points, and a proposed funding sheet and brochure for the proposed Kansas Community College Leadership Institute, and that is a project that our chairman, Mr. Cook, and Clayton Tatro, president of Ft. Scott Community College, and others in the association are working on this important project which will partner our 19 community colleges with the Kansas Leadership Center to provide development opportunities for community college trustees and executive management, and I think, Mr. Chairman, I would hope that you would make a couple comments on that.

But before I turn it back to you, I want to mention two things that I took from the meeting, and that is that they were very complimentary, and is Mr. Carter still here? No. He left. I don't know that he would have been able to hear me out of his bad ear tonight anyway. But the community college trustees were very complimentary of Mr. Carter and his facilitation and participation in the legislative conference in Washington, D.C. And I don't want to embarrass the Chair, but I think that it's important for this body and our faculty and staff and those watching to know that many times in the State of Kansas there is a division between the more populated areas and the less populated areas, and particularly there sometimes is an affinity against people in Johnson County. And I would say that the next -- the next chairman of this organization, of the Kansas Association of Community College Trustee Presidents -- trustees, college trustees, is going to be our own Jerry Cook, and it is very evident to me just attending one meeting that he has the high regard and respect of all the people in that organization, and for that, I thank you, Mr. Cook.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Well, thank you. I don't know that -- you must have had something in your lunch today that makes you think differently, but I appreciate that. I would just say that -- and Trustee Lindstrom has made some very important comments. Those of us that have been involved at the state level in a variety of issues understand the attitude perhaps toward Johnson County and the haves and, gee, you're sitting there with that beautiful college and that large student body and great faculty. I think that Trustee Lindstrom and I have learned a lot as we've walked across Kansas and walking through these rural communities, and we've walked 10 of the 11 byways now. We've literally walked from Nebraska to Oklahoma on the military byway in segments and the Glacial Byway and it's just important for all of us to understand that some of these colleges are really concerned about survival and -- and we need to be sensitive to that. The idea of the Kansas Leadership Institute is to provide an opportunity for aspiring administrators within the college network who may want to become a president someday to have an additional source of leadership training to understand what's going on in Kansas. You'll recall that last year, of the 19 community colleges, we have 4 new college presidents in the state. And knowing what we know about potential retirements this year, we'll have probably, I don't know, Joe, two or three others that will be retiring. And so there's this concern about who takes the president's place in the future.
Secondly, I have always been one that every day we have an opportunity to become a better person, and I think as a trustee, to understand that it's non-partisan, we're here for the best interests of the community, we're trying to represent all programs in the college for the benefit of the students and the teaching and learning process, and so this notion of how do we -- how do we develop trustees and how do we become better trustees and not micromanagers.

And so the intent is -- and I'm pleased that you reported that the 19 colleges all are excited about the project, and we hope to be moving ahead with the leadership institute and have both programs underway July 1st. That may be moved back to August, but we expect by fall that both of these programs will be well underway. And it probably will be a several-month experience and we're looking at developing cohorts of 12 to 25 people in each cohort, so we'll have a cross-reference of -- in the case of trustees from all 19 colleges, rural, urban, small, large, trying to understand each other a little bit better and not always look at it what's in it for me. So that's the intent and I appreciate your representing us, David. Thanks for your kind remarks. I appreciate that.

Johnson County Research -- any questions of the KACCT? I believe our next meeting is coming up in April or May and I'll give a report of that.

Johnson County Research Triangle. Trustee Musil?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: The Johnson County Educational Research Triangle Authority, commonly known as J-CERT, met on February 10th at the K-State Olathe campus. This was passed in 2008 to impose a one-eighth cent sales tax that would fund three separate programs in the county, the KU Edwards Campus, the University of Kansas Medical Center Clinical Research Center, and K-State Olathe campus. Each of those receive about $5 million a year from the sales taxes generated in Johnson County. The sales taxes were first collected in 2009, so this April there will be an event and a report and a video reporting on the first five years and what has been accomplished, where the money has been spent both to build -- build a building on the KU Edwards Campus, to build a building on the K-State Olathe Campus, and to build, equip, and fund clinical research trials at the KU Cancer Center, which have assisted in getting national Institute of Health Cancer Center recognition.

We meet about quarterly to review the moneys that have come in to make sure they're spent on dedicated J-CERT projects and not for other items that all of those universities and functions have also happening in Johnson County. And to audit those, we also looked at in that meeting what is the proper sequence in seeking out RFPs for professional services, whether it's audit, legal, or other services that we use on the authority, all again to make sure those funds are used for what the voters approved in 2008.

So you look forward, you'll be getting an invitation, it will be a public invitation and then to an event, and an opportunity to review what's happened over the first five years, and that will come out in April of this year. Our next meeting date is in May of 2014.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Any questions of Trustee Musil? Appreciate your work with that, Greg. It's an important component and another example of what sets our county apart.

Faculty Association, Dr. Williams. While Dr. Williams is coming forward, each of us in our lives have a special day. In Dr. Williams' case, every day is a special day, but today is extra special-special and so I believe I'm correct in saying happy birthday.
Dr. Deborah Williams: Thank you so much. It actually is my birthday. Thank you. Well, I guess I'll start the report first by saying on behalf of the Faculty Association, we would like to echo the sentiments that were already shared about Virginia Krebs. The Faculty Association would like to extend its sincere condolences to the Krebs family and also sincere appreciation for all the work that not only Virginia, but also Fred Krebs has contributed both to JCCC and to the community.

Well, there have been three big items this month for the Faculty Association, and I can say with all honesty one has been pretty much consuming my life. Number one is the Discipline Area Determination Project. But I am happy to say that we're making great progress on that effort, and as of yesterday, only two divisions were still deliberating. And as of about an hour before the meeting, now only one division is deliberating and it happens to be my own. So science is still trying to sort out what disciplines -- what that means for the science division, but we are moving forward and we'll certainly make the March 4th date and I'm pushing very hard for it to be prior to the March 4th date so that we can wrap that project up.

The second item that we've been spending some time on, not just the Faculty Association, but various groups on campus is the reading readiness conversations and I think it's come full circle. I think we started having conversations about reading readiness and reports to this body a few months ago, actually, but I think it has literally come full circle, but the faculty and administration have reached an agreement as to essentially the removal of that requirement, but are moving forward with conversations that are student success centered to be sure that students who need services are -- they get those services and to identify appropriately through the assessment process which students would need reading help and we certainly have skilled faculty and staff onboard to provide that as those students are identified.

The third item is these brainstorming sessions regarding enrollment and I'm happy to say I was part of -- literally part of the first group who started talking about, you know, ideas -- brainstorming ideas as to what we could do to address the enrollment challenges that we've experienced over the past several semesters, and I think it's already been said really that we've gone from brainstorming to an action plan of sorts within a very, you know, limited, compressed amount of time. Within a few weeks' time, we've come up with some recommendations that Andy has already expressed, but many others as well that should achieve the results that we desire for the fall semester. And I can say that the faculty are very eager to continue being part of those conversations and to make the contributions wherever we can make those to turn some of that around.

As far as activities with regard to faculty and programs, there have been many on campus in the month of February. I'm just going to back up about two weeks ago to February 14th, Valentine's Day. We hosted on this campus for the second time a project that was called One Billion Rising, and so this was essentially an activity that was to promote awareness for domestic violence and to stand out, speak out against -- build awareness, but also help, you know, prevent violence against women and girls, and it has expanded really over the year that it's been hosted here. Gina Egan, a colleague in chemistry, for the second year of two has hosted that -- has organized that event, and again, it's part of the campaign which raises student awareness of sexual assault, stalking, domestic and relationship violence, bullying, lots of
campus violence issues, and has, from what I have gathered, been well received and experienced a lot of success and I would imagine we'll be hosting it for a third year next year as well on Valentine's Day.

Today actually we had -- we have a series in the Nerman that's called Third Thursdays, and so right before the board met, they wrapped up the February's Third Thursday, and this is an effort by -- that's hosted by the Nerman Museum and to host visiting artists who give presentations to faculty and students and whoever, actually, who wants to come attend these events, and they're designed to promote student interface with professional artists working within the community and beyond, and so they're scheduled the third Thursday of every month except March, we'll have it the fourth Thursday because of Spring Break. But, again, they're artists in the community and surrounding area that students in the art program, art history and so on can meet with and actually learn firsthand about life as an artist and the impacts that you can make with that profession.

The third big event starts tomorrow and continues through Saturday. This is the fourth annual, I believe, Horticultural Sciences Day. It's actually days because it spans two days. Nationally known experts will speak in day-long seminars from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, February 21st, and most of the events are in the Regnier Center, in the Capitol Federal Center and the Hudson Auditorium. So the official theme for 2014 is Urban Cultivation and Pest Management, and I have whole list of specifics here, but I'll just give you a few.

Some of the talks will be on pest management, philosophy and practices, pesticide labeling pertaining to pollinator protection, creative landscaping for small garden spaces. And, again, these are nationally known experts that will come to our community and talk to the students, which is always the focus, but also professionals in the horticultural industry throughout this region. And of course Lekha Sreedhar, who is our horticultural science chair and faculty, full-time faculty member, is coordinating this event. The first day will be speakers, and then the second day will be hands-on workshops and there's also a list -- if you go to the website you'll see the actual agenda, but pest diagnosis, creative solutions for small spaces and container garden workshops. Because of limited accommodations, they do require registration for those workshops and you can get access to that information online. It's on our -- one of our news stories that's featured on our website.

And, finally, the other event I'd like to feature is February 28th. This is a fun one. The fashion merchandising program will host its annual runway fashion show. It will be held at noon and at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28th, in the Polsky Theatre, and this theme this year is Timelessness, and they will -- essentially students' own creations will be featured, vintage inspired fashion designs, but also there will be student models who will show fashions from the 1920s, '40s and '60s from the department's fashion collection. So that's kind of an interesting event coming up at the end of the moth. A portion of the proceeds that come from the small fee that is charged for tickets -- $5 for students in advance, $8 at the door, and $10 at the door for the general public -- will go toward fashion merchandising and design scholarships in that program.
So the only other item I have is I do sincerely appreciate your birthday wishes, but I'd also like to recognize that on this day in 1979, the Faculty Association charter was signed. So I share my birthday with the Faculty Association, who today is celebrating its 35th birthday.

(Laughter.)

So with that, I'll take any questions that you have.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We'd like to sing you happy birthday, but I guess it's not appropriate in such a structured meeting.

>> Dr. Deborah Williams: Oh, I would love it. Please feel free.

(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: (Singing.) Happy birthday to you; happy birthday to you...

I've never sung happy birthday to a charter before, but...

While you're thinking of a question you may have of Dr. Williams, I do have a plea to the community based on what Dr. Williams made a comment to. And I would ask -- and that has to do with Dr. Williams talked about a lot of events going on, on campus. Trustee Lindstrom and I had the opportunity to attend the Buffalo King, which was a film and panel back on January 24th. We attended the noon session. I believe there was an evening session as well. Dr. Leiker, Dr. Antle, and Dr. Williams were the panel, and there was one other that I can't think of right now that was on that panel, and it's no charge to the public. And I guess my request of the public is for you to make sure you check the college calendar. Julie Haas has been mentioned earlier today in public relations. We put out a lot of information for a lot of events that occur on campus that are open to the public and are no charge, and we have very talented people that have put in a lot of work to make these presentations. Dr. Williams referenced a number of them today. And it's always amazing to me the great wealth of resource we have, whether it's a lecture, whether it's a panel discussion, whether it's an entertainment, musical production, there's just a whole series of events going on, and I would encourage the public to make sure you check those calendars and take advantage of your community college.

Any questions that you have of Dr. Williams?

Thank you, Deb. Appreciate it. And celebrate and we wish you many happy, happy returns.

>> Dr. Deborah Williams: Thank you so much.

>> Happy birthday.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: The next item is the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda is a time where we deal with a number of routine items. We give the trustees an opportunity to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. Is there any such action by a trustee? Trustee Lindstrom?

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: Well, no, there isn't. But as I mentioned before, I was tempted to remove one of the items on the retirements, and I only say that because I have, in my short tenure here on the board, I have had the pleasure of working with many people, and Don Perkins is one of them, and I appreciate that.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Well, I appreciate that. It's always sad to see the retirements of our staff, and so we echo that for all of our retirements, but I certainly appreciate your comments, Trustee Lindstrom. Trustee Stewart?
>> Trustee Jon Stewart: The good news is, Don is around until December, so we can grill him really good on the budget and other issues.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: I wasn't clear if that was January 1 or January 31st. So it may be -- it just says January of '15.

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: I think it will be 25 years. Will it?

>> Mr. Don Perkins: That's right.

>> That's impressive.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Do we have a --

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: Just one more. I was pleased that he extended his retirement date to December because I was going to be a little concerned if he was leaving right away. But I was pleased that we asked about the balance and he's comfortable with the balance. So that made me feel a lot better.

(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Do we have a motion to approve the Consent Agenda?

>> So moved.

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

>> Second.

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

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Motion is approved. We do not have an Executive Session tonight. I would ask for a motion to adjourn.

>> So moved.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Is there a second?

>> Second.

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

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Meeting is adjourned. Thank you.