Good evening. I'd like to call the May 8th meeting of the Board of Trustees for Johnson County Community College to order. Would you please join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Other than our new senator in the room, we'll have the Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors. Terri.

This evening's visitors include Dick Carter, Wade Brower, Nan Garcia, and Mark Ferguson.

Thank you. Next item is the Open Forum -- welcome to the meeting.

Next item is the Open Forum. It's the section of the board agenda and a time for members of the community to provide comments to the Board. There will be one Open Forum period during each regularly scheduled board meeting. Comments are limited to five minutes unless a significant number of people plan to speak. In that instance the chair may limit a person's comments to less than five minutes. In order to be recognized, individuals must register at door at each board meeting prior to the Open Forum agenda item. We have no registered speakers for tonight's meeting, so the Open Forum is hereby closed.

Awards and Recognition. Dr. Sopcich.

Thank you, Trustee Cook. I'd like to defer to Mr. Anderson.

This evening we actually have two awards. The first award is the 2014 Newman Civic Fellows Award, and Mary Smith and Pat Decker would come up, they'll offer that award to Mary Alice Coulter.

Mary Alice Coulter is receiving the National Campus Compact's Newman Civic Fellows Award, which recognizes community-involved student leaders. The Newman Civic Fellows Award honors the late Frank Newman, one of the Campus Compact's founders and a tireless advocate for the civic engagement of higher education. Mary Alice Coulter has demonstrated a commitment to civic responsibility and advocacy throughout her life. While at JCCC, she has been involved in leadership roles with the Honors Student Association. She has served over 100 hours addressing critical community needs related to hunger, animal rights, and Native American awareness. Her ability to lead and motivate has been evident in her advocacy Wayside Waifs to increase their volunteer base and enhance the quality of care in their veterinary clinic. She has become involved in research for feline leukemia and is committed to problem solving and making a difference in the lives of others.

Recognizing a need for new students to be able to connect with upper classmen at Johnson County Community College, Mary Alice developed a peer mentor program which enhanced the academic experience for students enrolled in the Honors Program. She characteristically acts to make changes, whether large or small, that will improve the lives of others.
others. We present this award to her. We're so delighted for her outstanding work here at Johnson County Community College. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

>> Dr. Andy Anderson: The next award I'd like to -- actually, we have a very large crowd here. The Model United Nations program at Johnson County is just an outstanding program. In 2014, the team received an Outstanding Delegation Award for its portrayal of Niger at the National Model United Nations Conference in New York City. JCCC was evaluated using the following criteria: remaining in character, advocating for the assigned country's position in a manner consistent with economic, social, geopolitical constraints, participating in committees, and enforcing the proper use or using the proper rules of procedure. I have been up in the Model United Nations room watching them do research, multiple times. They're here in the summer, they're here throughout the year, and their work is just truly outstanding. Three students were chosen by the conference to be rapporteurs who assist with the organization of their conference committee. Aaron Hafey, Kaitlyn Sylva of Gardner, Kansas, Gaelyn McGhee of Overland Park, who served as the General Assembly Third Committee. The team also received an Outstanding Delegation Award, the Delegates Choice Award, and three Honorable Mention Awards in February at the 2014 Midwest Model United Nations Conference portraying Canada and New Zealand. So we've represented Niger, Canada, New Zealand. The work these students do is just truly outstanding. And what I'd like, there are more students here whose names that I have, if we could introduce yourselves and the awards they're receiving. Brian Wright, who's been an outstanding leader for this program, will do that for me.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Brian, before you do that, let me just say that this competition of course is among four-year schools, as well as other schools all around the country, and you just continue to represent this college in an exemplary manner and distinguish yourselves among the best in the nation. Thank you very much. And if you would share the names, that would be great.

>> Mr. Brian Wright: Yes. My students who are here, Elysia Chao, Aaron Swift, Joe Gideon. I don't think they can see you.

(Laughter.)

Donald Roth. Katlyn Pratt. Jeffery Redmond, who is now the student body president. Linda Makau. And -- (Inaudible) -- Marie-Kristin Horvat.

(Applause.)

>> Dr. Andy Anderson: Again, thank all of you for coming to our meeting tonight. It's outstanding watching your work. They recently had over -- how many were there, 250? 300 high school students? Three hundred high school students were on our campus and they led them in a Model United Nations here. So their work has helped our college in many ways. Thank you.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Does that complete your report?

Student Senate Report. Mr. Rogers.

>> Mr. Elliot Rogers: Good evening. I'd like to begin my report, last report here to the Board of Trustees by saying that, well, I had my speech approved to say that the time you've spent paying attention to Student Senate has been appreciated, but that's definitely an
understatement. I want you to know that I have looked forward to my reports for the months that I’ve been here, and I do appreciate your involvement with me, but also as I got more invested in the student body, I really took to heart what you do for them, and I appreciate that as well. So thank you.

This Monday, May 5th, did mark Student Senate's final meeting for the 2013-2014 school year. We ended with a strong Student Senate of 21 members and a promising executive board-elect, which Elysia Chao and Jeffery Redmond, you just met them, they were two other members that I was not able to introduce to you last month. And we also had a highly successful presence during the Campus Craze yesterday. At some point, you should ask Jeff about how he liked the dunk tank that we had. That went over pretty well.

So in the last few weeks, we were able to grant one more funding request for the Student Kansas Association of Interpreters, and we've finalized by-laws for all the Student Senate standing committees. During this week, members of the incoming Executive Board have been meeting with the current officers to get necessary information, as well as tips and suggestions to better understand their roles for next year.

I would like to thank you again for taking an interest in Student Senate, and I am excited for next year's students and wish you all the best of luck. So thank you. Thank you very much.

(Appause.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: I would just like to say, Elliot, and for the benefit of the trustees and the listening audience, I had a chance to be at the Athletic Awards Ceremony recently and you were there and spoke, and I really appreciate how you represented the student body in appreciating the work that all of those students did on the athletic team. That was kind of above and beyond and took some extra time, but another example of how you have engaged all components of the student population on campus, and we sincerely appreciate that.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Trustee Cook, if I may.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Yeah.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: I'd like to commend Elliot as well for his leadership. His visibility around campus was amazing. He seemed to be everywhere. That could be because he also had a life-sized cut-out of him that --

(Laughter.)

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: At one time I actually saw him carrying it around.

(Laughter.)

But Elliot seemed to be the ideal student leader, and we want to thank you for that, and I've enjoyed speaking with you and working with you throughout the year. So thank you.

>> Mr. Elliot Rogers: I'll tell you, that cardboard cut-out, right now it's sitting outside of my former math professor's office waiting for her to get to work tomorrow morning. So it does --

(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Elliot, thanks. And wish you the very best. Appreciate it. College Lobbyist Report. Mr. Carter.
Mr. Dick Carter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will keep my comments as brief as Mr. Rogers' and I would assume that after I'm done, applause would be appropriate there as well.

(Laughter.)

Standing.

Mr. Dick Carter: Standing? The legislature adjourned sine die this past Saturday at about 2:30 a.m., and you would think that we might be rested and ready to go, but the very next day we were still working and many legislators were doing legislative town halls, and that will continue in some communities across the state for the next week or so as legislators sort of figure out just exactly how we ended the session and report to their constituents on the things that have passed and as they prepare for the sine die session, which will be May 30th, later on this month, and I'll talk about that briefly in just moment.

This was one of the shortest sessions in probably the past 40 years, 79 days, to be a little bit more precise. It's also one of the shortest veto sessions that we've seen in recent years, in fact in his -- in memorable history, and that is due in large part to probably a number of factors, but this is an election year, and it gives the opportunity for legislators to go home and begin preparing their campaigns. Campaign season will officiary open after May 30th, after the legislature gavels out sine die. But there's a lot of work that will be done in the meantime, and there's going to be some interesting changes I think in the face of the legislature as we prepare for 2015.

The big issues, and again, I'm only going to report on the things that passed. We just met a few weeks ago around this table, and pretty much the things that I said had to be done were the things that the legislature took up and completed in the two and a half days that they were in Topeka. The budget was one of the big ones. They passed about a $14.6 billion budget when you take into account all funds that are present. And that budget really went through with little or no discussion, and I think that's one of the things that's being discussed right now.

I've attached a piece to the back of the report by Martin Hover, who writes for his own newspaper, the Hover Capitol Report. He also writes for columns across the state and papers that pick up his column. Rarely do I see him opine as strongly as he did in this particular piece where he talks about the fact that the way the budget was passed was not representative of the people, and he essentially calls out the fact that the budget was passed by two members in the Senate and two members in the House. I should say it was worked -- worked by two members in the House and two members in the Senate. It's an interesting opinion piece. It's an interesting article that I would encourage you to read when you have a moment. But it is part and parcel to the conversation that we had last time I was before you about the way we've been dealing with policy matters and conference committee reports and developing things with small groups of people rather than them -- the issues moving through the committee process, through their respective body, moving across and starting over.

The other interesting things that are attached to the back of this report are an opinion piece by a law professor at KU. I would encourage you to read it. He talks about the shift of generally conservative and responsible governance to governance by ideology. It's an interesting piece and I thought it was worth including in the report for your review.
And then, finally, the Kansas Watchdog blog also has a writer that is in Topeka on a regular basis during our legislative session, and I think that the piece that I attached there talks a little bit about the split in the legislature as it relates to local control, and I would encourage your review of that particular article as well.

The big piece that passed and one that could potentially have an impact on the college as it relates to some of the legislation in the final days of the veto session was the tax -- the tax pieces. There was a very large -- or we could call it a mega conference committee report where six or seven issues were placed into report and passed as part of the tax policy. Not a lot of concern on a number of them. After four years, there was an agreement, or a piece moved forward as it relates to machinery and equipment and how real property versus personal property is determined. The real simple issue is they codified in state law the property valuation guide that is already in place at the Department of Revenue, and it has a three-prong test.

There's a few other things that were included in that conference committee report. I would just draw your attention to a couple of others. One is the phase-out of the mortgage registration fee. With the passage of that particular piece, county governments across the state will likely see about half of the revenue that is currently generated by that particular mortgage registration fee. It's a five-year phase-out. The registration fees go down, but the cost for copies which are required for many of the proceedings go up. And chances are likely -- and this is why it concerns this particular body, chances are likely that in many -- in many local governments, in county governments across the state those shortages will be made up by an increase in the mill levy or increase in property tax. That will be just to maintain the status quo. That's not for improvements or additional projects or new initiatives. That's just to maintain their current level.

The other important piece I think that is worth calling attention to, just because of the notoriety that it received in the press, is the piece related to the for-profit health clubs. There was a particular group that sought to see a property tax exemption for the large-scale for-profit health clubs. They used the YMCAs and compared themselves also to the community centers operated by local units of government across the state and lobbied heavily, extensively. That issue did not pass in the final analysis. That could have been another hit on county budgets at the local level that would have required some level of make-up in some form of fashion.

The other piece that I think is of interest to us, and there's no change since the last time I was before you, but it's, again, worth noting in the final analysis of things that did or did not happen, and that is there is no change to the local unit of government election laws. As you're aware, there was a hard press to move those elections to the fall. They will remain in the spring for now. But I do believe that there will be a continued press to move those local elections to the fall of -- the goal is for the fall of even numbered years and make them partisan. We'll just see how that plays out in future legislatures.

No real change to the education budget. The budget that passed last month before the legislature went home included the pieces for higher education and for K-12. That meant that there was no GoPro and no Success Act pieces contained in the finance bill. The bill did allow for some institutions to receive dollars for GED certificates if a student is enrolled in a CTE
program. That does not apply to Johnson County Community College. We were not part of that particular piece of legislation. The other good news is, and this stands as well, is that the 1.5% cuts were restored to community colleges, or to higher education, and that is indeed good news.

I probably won't talk about the other just small items that are listed on the report. I'll let you take look at them because there is no change since April and those items have been signed into law by the governor. But I would indicate that election season opens essentially on May 30th, and as public servants, public officials, you'll probably be asked to meet with different folks. You may be asked for endorsements. Certainly the fundraising starts in earnest for people that do what I do, and I usually keep a shoebox that has all of the requests that get quite thick between May 30th and August 7th, or whatever the first Tuesday in August is, and then we start over again between the primary and the general election.

The couple of things to note this year, I do believe that we'll see some interesting filings by June 1, which is the filing deadline. We know for certain that there are some Johnson County incumbents that already have a primary. There are many that are certain to get a general election contest as well. But I have -- I firmly believe that because of the way redistricting occurred in 2012, the short amount of time that people had to make a determination of whether or not they wanted to run for office, figuring out where those legislative boundaries were, that -- that limited the field, if you will, the field of contestants. People have had a chance to review what's been going on over the past couple of years. Some people have been paying attention to decisions that have been made regarding schools and school finance. And so I think that you're going to see an interesting field of candidates filing for office by June 1. We're going to see some retirements as well. Some have already been made. There may be another announcement or two. But come -- there will be some interesting things to report on this summer is what I'm telling you, and that will be some of the contents of reports that I'll be providing in June and July.

So let me stop there, Mr. Chairman, and see if there are any questions or --

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Questions or comments from the trustees? Trustee Stewart.

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: You mentioned in your report that there really were four people that drew up the budget. Two from the Senate, two from the House. Who were those?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: That would be the Appropriations chair and vice chair, and the Senate Ways & Means chair and vice chair. The budget process typically is worked through a series of subcommittee hearings, reports out to the full committee, the full committee working it and then the full legislature voting, the full House or the full Senate voting on their particular pieces, and it was a much abbreviated scenario this year where in the final analysis those four people ran what is called a report that is called an Agree to Disagree, which means you do not need the -- (Inaudible) -- signatures on the report. Typically you would need six to true up a report. They only needed four.

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: And I'm not familiar with who those are. I assume our lobbyist would know who those people -- those names are.

>> Mr. Dick Carter: The college lobbyist?
Trustee Jon Stewart: Yeah, I think the college lobbyist should know. Who is the chair of the appropriations --
>> Mr. Dick Carter: He does know. Would you like to know right now?
>> Trustee Jon Stewart: I would like to know that.
>> Mr. Dick Carter: Let's see. Here you are putting me on the spot. It's Senator Ty Masterson and the vice chair is Jim Denning. And then in the House, we had a change mid-session. The House chair is Gene Suellentrop and the vice chair is Marvin Kleeb.
>> Trustee Jon Stewart: Marvin?
>> Mr. Dick Carter: Uh-huh.
>> Trustee Jon Stewart: Thank you.
>> Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Sharp?
>> Trustee Stephanie Sharp: I would just add that the primary election is August 5th, Mr. Carter.
>> Mr. Dick Carter: Thank you.
>> Trustee Stephanie Sharp: August 5th. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. August 5th.
>> Chair Jerry Cook: Other questions or comments? Trustee Drummond?
>> Trustee Robert Drummond: Mr. Carter, do you see that next year's budget will be run the same way? Or do you sense it will be -- (Inaudible).
>> Mr. Dick Carter: Well, I think there's going to be problems with next year's budget. One of the things that I didn't go into detail about but it is included in my report is last month when I was presenting to you at 5 p.m. that afternoon, the consensus revenue estimates came out painting a fairly rosy picture for state revenues over the next several years, not -- not inflated necessarily, not going up, but relatively flat and not problematic. Just this past week, news came down of the $93 million shortfall from personal income tax, individual income tax filings. It wasn't to be completely unexpected given the legislation that was passed a few years ago, but that is the reality. We saw some one-time money come into the Department of Revenue in February that we won't likely see next year from some tax settlement issues. Who knows what the Court is going to say by July 1 about the adequacy piece for school finance. So I don't -- we're going to have a completely different picture next year and it's difficult to say how that will work, but I certainly hope it works the way the process is intended to work.
>> Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Musil?
>> Trustee Greg Musil: Well, we talk about meeting projections. The projections are the legislative research services estimates based on existing state law on revenue and expenses. Right?
>> Mr. Dick Carter: There are other people that are a part of that estimating group, but yes, right.
>> Trustee Greg Musil: But it is a consensus estimating group that looks at existing law and tries to determine from the economic forecast what it's going to be in future periods of time. And that -- those people estimate it at the time of the enactment of the tax bill, very dramatic crossing of the line, if you will, from surplus to deficits for what, fiscal year 2017?
>> Mr. Dick Carter: It was previously thought to be out in the out years of '17 and '18, yes.
>> Trustee Greg Musil: And now?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: Now I think it's anybody's guess. We're going to have to see what the revenues look like in the September-October filing period when the late filers file, and then we'll have to see what the expenditures come in as well. This particular year we had an increase in the Department of Corrections. We also had the governor back-filled I think it was around 11 million for the career and tech ed piece that was in the current year because it was such a popular program. Those are expenditures that you don't always anticipate. So it's a lot of moving pieces, Trustee Musil, as you're fully aware, that will determine where we're at.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: I guess my point is, absent revenue forecasts that dramatically beat the projections in two or three years we either have to raise more revenue or make more dramatic cuts to state spending to achieve a balanced budget.

>> Mr. Dick Carter: That would seem to be the case.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: And I did -- I told the Chair I wanted to ask you the most junior member of the house committee on the journal, but I won't.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Stewart?

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: Yeah. On the property tax, where the cement plants are now considered personal property, that was going to have a big impact to Johnson County, is what Paul Welcome, our appraiser, had said early on. But they were also talking about other entities like refineries and -- did they just include the cement plants? Did they not include refineries?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: There's really kind of two pieces to that -- two answers to that question. The first is that the major impact is going to be felt in Neosho County, where those two particular plants are located. I think that when the legislation was originally proposed two or three years ago, there was a -- there is a major concern about what might happen should things like doorknobs or handrailings be classified as personal property versus real property. I mean that was the argument was determining where that's at. I think that the answer lies in the fact that by using the three-prong test included in the property valuation guide as part of the Department of Revenue, we solved a lot of those problems. There are still some cases, and what happens when you pass legislation that benefits a specific business, there's going to be a line forming at the door next year when the legislature reconvenes. Me too.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Other comments? Dr. Sopcich?

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: As trustees know, this has been -- was a pretty exciting year in the legislature. It was especially so for our school. We were extremely engaged primarily thanks to GoPro, and I'd like to thank Mr. Carter for his counsel and guidance during the session. It was very much appreciated. We had a lot of early morning, late night types of phone calls, and his input was -- it was highly regarded and very much respected. So thanks, Dick.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Mr. Carter, thank you. Travel safely.

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: Do we applause now or --

(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Committee reports, recommendations. Management Report. Trustee Stewart.
Trustee Jon Stewart: All right. We have a few items here to bring forward. The Management Committee met at 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 1st, and you can see the minutes in the board packet beginning on Page 1. They run through Page 16.

First item was we -- following the board budget workshop last month, staff prepared another revenue scenario for review at the Management Committee and you'll recall that next year's ad valorem tax revenue was based on a 5% assumed increase in assessed value in the county, and it looks like it's likely that that assessed value will come in higher than that, so Management Committee reviewed another budget projection based upon a 5.5% assessed valuation increase and a one-tenth of a mill roll-back in our mill levy. So we would be going from 9.551 mills to 9.451 mills. And just remind each mill raises about $8 million, so a tenth of a mill is $800,000. Well, we know for certain now that the State has held us harmless and in the original expectations we thought we were going to have a decrease in our state funding of 1.5%. They restored that, and that's worth about $300,000. So we're ahead 300,000 before we adjust the mill levy.

So it's a net $500,000 decrease in tax revenue coming to the college. But it's likely that that mill levy -- or the assessed valuation will even hit a little higher than 5.5%. So administration might have been pushed on this a little bit, but they think that they can make this work with a one-tenth of a mill reduction, and you'll see that on Pages -- I think 1 and 2 of your board packet, if I'm looking at the right numbers on my pages here.

So it is the recommendation of the Management Committee that the Board of Trustees approve the fiscal year 2014-’15 management budget subject to adjustments required when the final beginning balances in assessed valuation amounts have been determined, and I'll make that motion.

Chair Jerry Cook: We have a motion. Do we have a second?
Second.
Chair Jerry Cook: Any discussion? While you're thinking of such, remind me again when the final assessed valuation -- is that -- when are they determined? Is that in August?
Trustee Jon Stewart: October usually is the final. Mr. Perkins give us the official answer.

We'll get a report in June.
Chair Jerry Cook: You went through this last month and the timeline and --
Mr. Don Perkins: We have a number of timelines.
Chair Jerry Cook: I'm getting old and I forgot. If you would just go through that again, Don. I think what I'm leading up to in the question is what parameters do we have if the assessed valuation doesn't come in at that particular level? I know we finally set the mill levy later, but go ahead.

Mr. Don Perkins: We'll get information from the County near the end of the month of June. We'll have that information to work with for building the legal budget. We will receive a final adjustment to that in October, usually it's in October, from the County. But that will be a very minor change as they adjust assessed valuation a little bit between those periods of time. So we're going to find out at the end of June.
Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Any other questions while Don is at the podium? Trustee Musil?

Trustee Greg Musil: I would just point out when you look back at this budget worksheet and the data we asked Don and the administration to build on, we initially had a 2% assessed valuation increase in there. So we are blessed that the economy is turning around and looking at maybe a 6% assessed value increase, and I think that is what I see as justification for then rolling back the mill levy to some extent. We'll know more in June finally before we ever vote on a final legal budget in August, but I think this is a good step to take. It shows we will -- we're part of the economic development and the growth of the county and we're going to use that money for some very important priorities for next year, but we're also going to be careful with that money and demonstrate that we're going to turn some of it back to the taxpayer through a mill levy reduction, and I think it's a very reasonable budget guideline.

Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Cross?

Trustee Lee Cross: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm just working to understand. So if the State restored 1.5% this year that they cut last year, is that correct?

No.

They proposed to cut.

(inaudible) -- built the budget originally on losing 1.5% (inaudible) --

But we didn't because they held us harmless last year.

Which we found out this month.

And last year, too, correct?

I think they did last year, too, yeah.

So we're at the same funding level that we were two years ago?

Oh, we're probably slightly up, Trustee Cross, if we were to look at those numbers as far as state revenues go.

I'm sincerely trying to understand.

Historically, the fact is the state -- revenues from the state have increased at a very, very slow rate, but they have gone up. They have not gone down. And so in this case, because they did the two-year budget, they gave us two-year budget plan, year two was a -1.5. That's what we budgeted. Don, I'm going to put you on the spot. Last year, what was the projection on that? Wasn't it a negative -- or was it flat? It was flat?

This year, this current year, flat.

Flat, right.

That's correct.

And last year?

Well, this year is the same as last year.

So we're at the same funding level from the State that we were two years ago.

Correct.

That's right.
Mr. Don Perkins: We thought -- we were given a two-year budget and next year was supposed to go down a percent and a half, so you're right, three years in a row it will be the same.

Trustee Jon Stewart: That number stayed pretty constant for the last few years, about $21 million.

Dr. Joe Sopcich: That's right.

Trustee Jon Stewart: So our increases in the assessed valuation in the counties were --

Chair Jerry Cook: Lee, were you finished?

Trustee Lee Cross: Yes.

Chair Jerry Cook: Well, you raise a good point. And I think in regard to some of the issues that Mr. Carter shared with us, there are variables in Topeka that will occur between now and then, and the school funding still is out there until we get a final say from the Supreme Court that that's been blessed. So that's a great question. Trustee Stewart, did you have another comment?

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

(Ayes.)

Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you, Don. Trustee Stewart?

Trustee Jon Stewart: I just -- I want to comment. You know, this is Don's last budget unless we convince him to stay on. But he did a great job and, Barbara, fantastic job on
working through these numbers and re-working the numbers after the last -- after the board workshop. So thank you for doing that and making that happen very quickly, Barbara.

>> Mr. Don Perkins: Thank you.

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: And you're still invited to come back. We can grill you next year.

(Laughter.)

All right. Next recommendation deals with masonry repairs on the campus. And one of the things -- you know, we've talking about capital and what we want to -- we want to make sure that our campus does not have a build-up of deferred maintenance, and that's part of that issue is to make sure we have -- we're allocating money to maintain our buildings and not get into a position where we have a huge amount of deferred maintenance, and I don't believe we do right now. And I know Rex Hays is doing a good job staying on top of this. But so here's one of the areas that we're working on, is there's constant repairs because of the weather and the hard winter particularly and masonry repairs and roofing and things like that. But this one is masonry repairs for the COM, CSB, and GEB buildings. It's the recommendation of the Management Committee that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of the College Administration to approve the low bid of $723,300 from MTS Contracting, Inc., plus an additional $72,330 to allow for contingencies for possible unforeseen costs, for a total expenditure not to exceed $795,630 for campus masonry repairs. I'll make that motion.

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

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Second.

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

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: One more recommendation. That is on our Westpark Facility lease extension. That is a -- we asked a number of questions at the meeting. That is a very highly used facility for us. I was hoping maybe someday we could consolidate down and have fewer of these, but it looks like that this one is being used quite --

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Right.

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: -- quite frequently and a very important location for us. So this recommendation has to do with extending that lease at the 87th Street in Overland Park, Westpark Center, existing third lease amendment will terminate on July 31st of this year, and this recommendation, the option to renew the existing three-year -- three lease agreements will be extended from August 1st, 2014, through July 31st, 2015, and the important part, with no increase in rent at an annual rate of about $238,642, almost $20,000 a month, for fiscal year 2014-'15, plus common area maintenance, tax/insurance fees, effective at the commencement of the extension period. So it is the recommendation of the Management Committee that the Board of Trustees accept the administration's recommendation to exercise a one-year lease extension for the Westpark Center leases per agreement, subject to review by college counsel. I'll make that motion.

>> Second.
Chair Jerry Cook: We have a motion and a second. Thank you, Trustee Lindstrom. Any questions? Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes.)

Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

Trustee Jon Stewart: The administration -- just another comment -- administration has done I believe a very good job of looking at our offsite satellite facilities and we've actually downsized and cut some of the three locations -- two locations that were no longer as effective as we think they need to be and we could better allocate those resources. So I commend the administration for looking at that -- hard at that.

The Management Committee also reviewed several other reports. A summary of bids between 25,000 and $100,000 is on Page 3 in your board packet. Rex Hays provided a monthly update on capital infrastructure projects and that's on Page 15 of the packet. Don Perkins provided quarterly update on college investments in the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool. We also heard a report from administration on proceeding with emergency telephone installations in classrooms. And Denise Moore provided a monthly update on projects in Information Services and some very important information on Internet Explorer. So thank you, Denise. And that concludes my report.

Chair Jerry Cook: Could you go into detail more on Internet structure?

Trustee Jon Stewart: No. There was a -- and Denise could tell you all about it. But there was a virus that was invading Internet Explorer, and anybody that was using it was subject to this. She helped make sure that I knew it was going to be fixed.

(Laughter.)

Chair Jerry Cook: Any questions of Trustee Stewart? Dr. Sopcich?

Trustee Jon Stewart: Not about viruses.

Dr. Joe Sopcich: I think with regard to the discussion of the budget, it's kind of amazing, it didn't seem that long ago that we were talking about projecting a -3% decline in valuations, now we're talking about a 6% increase. That's a swing of almost 10 percentage points. It's pretty remarkable how this community is rallying economically at this time.

Trustee Jon Stewart: Yeah. I think we're going to continue to see that for a couple more years.

Chair Jerry Cook: Very good. Thank you. Trustee Lindstrom, Learning Quality.

Trustee David Lindstrom: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Learning Quality Committee met at 8 a.m. this past Monday, May 5th, 2014. The agenda for that meeting is on Page 22 of your electronic board packet. As a reminder, the board packets went out last Friday. We had the meeting this coming -- this past -- this past Monday, so the minutes for that meeting did not make it into the board packet and, therefore, will be included in next month's packet.

The meeting was directed by Dr. Andy Anderson and there were three presentations. And the first presentation, Steve Hansen, Chair of Educational Affairs Committee, presented curriculum recently approved by his committee. I want to take a moment to thank Steve for his leadership and dedication to Johnson County Community College. He announced that he will be stepping down as Chair of Ed Affairs this year. Thank you, Steve.
On the second report, moving this around a little bit, Dennis Day, Vice President for Student Success and Engagement, reviewed the proposed amendments for the Record Retention and Disposal Policy 317.00; the Student Organization Policy 318.02; and the Student Trip Policy 318.08; and that was -- again, the recommendation to update these policies is in conjunction with the larger review of all college policies directly affecting students and for the purposes of improving key performance indicators of student satisfaction. The recommendations generally serve to improve clarity and organization of student policies, and as a result, it is the recommendation of the Learning Quality Committee that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendations of College Administration to approve the proposed amendments to the following board policy sections: Student Record and Retention and Disposal Policy 317.00; Student Organizations Policy 318.02; and Student Trip/Travel Policy 318.08; and I would make that recommendation.

>> Second.

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

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: And the third presentation was by Sheri Barrett, who is director of Outcomes Assessment. She presented an overview of the program review in general education assessment process. Program review and general education assessments are two of the four AQUIP projects the college is currently working on that will have a positive effect on key performance indicators. As a reminder to the board, AQUIP is an acronym for Academic Quality Improvement Program, and it is one of several pathways leading to reaffirmation and accreditation -- of accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission, which is the body that accredits degree-granting post-secondary education institutions. And with that, I would like to ask Patrick to come up and briefly explain a little bit more about what went on during that presentation. Patrick?

>> Dr. Patrick Rossol-Allison: Thank you, Trustee Lindstrom. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The importance of our accreditation, or maintaining accreditation for Johnson County Community College can actually not be understated, because without accreditation, our students here at Johnson County Community College are not eligible to receive federal financial aid. That is a significant part that the college then in turn receives as part of its revenues, and institutions that have lost this accreditation in the past have lost as much as 30% of their overall enrollment within one semester, which has had devastating effects on their institutions. City Colleges of Chicago is one of those examples.

The Higher Learning Commission actually is more than just an approval stem for us to receive federal financial aid. It is also -- it also holds us to certain quality standards, and those quality standards have tightened over the years as the Higher Learning Commission has been under tight scrutiny from the U.S. Department of Education, which in turn accredits the Higher Learning Commission.

And so to that effect, the Higher Learning Commission has really emphasized the importance of looking at outcomes and disclosing those outcomes to not only governing bodies,
but also students. So one of the proposed changes that the Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees will vote on in their upcoming session is actually to require all member institutions to post outcomes, so how many students graduate, for example, from a specific program, or how many students the program retains, on the website, on the college's website. So that is just one of many quality controls. Another good example would be to make sure that the institution is financially solvent, to make sure that we follow good -- or best practices in our governance and board policies, and so there is a huge packet of federal compliance passed through the Higher Learning Commission that we have to oblige with.

I particularly actually would like to thank Dr. Barrett. Dr. Barrett has taken on two of four of those action projects that we are required to engage in as part of our accreditation that actually ensure that our programs are checked out for quality and to make sure that our students learn what we say they're learning. Those things cannot be understated, again, because they're a crucial part of the Higher Learning Commission's requisitions.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Any questions of Patrick?
>> Trustee Lee Cross: Just a comment.
>> Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Cross?
>> Trustee Lee Cross: Patrick, thank you for everything that you do, and to Dr. Sopcich and all our employees who have to go through extensive and I guess a rigorous compliance process. I know it's time-consuming and (inaudible) and I just want to thank you.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: If I may, Trustee Cook.
>> Chair Jerry Cook: Yeah, Dr. Sopcich.
>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Patrick, this is being driven by a federal agenda, correct?
>> Dr. Patrick Rossol-Allison: Correct.
>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: So, and actually the White House itself. And this ties in perhaps to this whole rating systems for universities and colleges. Could you maybe explain a little bit about where that's going?

>> Dr. Patrick Rossol-Allison: Sure. Absolutely. First of all, it's important to say that this is not a push that this particular administration has pursued into more accountability and higher education. This has gone on since the -- since the Bush Administration essentially. So it's not likely to go away anytime soon.

The new federal ratings system that you may have read about in the -- in the media will actually publicly show, rate, or maybe even rank community colleges and other institutions against each other, and there's great debate on what those rankings will include, and that case has not been settled yet.

We are actually fortunate enough to host an expert panel here at Johnson County Community College this June, and Acting Under Secretary Studley is actually going to be one of the panelists and will have to discuss that issue of the ranking system with community college experts, because a lot of times when those ranking systems and rating systems are put into place, they're put into place for the four-year institutions and we have to comply with them as well, but they don't always fit community colleges.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Other questions? Trustee Lindstrom?
>> Trustee David Lindstrom: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to note, and, Patrick, please correct me if I am inaccurate here, there are several higher education -- Higher Learning Commissions and they're by region; is that correct?

>> Dr. Patrick Rossol-Allison: That is correct. They all have different names. There's the Western Association for Schools and Colleges, for example. There's the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. Yeah, there's quite a number of them.

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: And we are fortunate to have as a representative on this -- this region, Sheri Barrett is a member of that commission; is that correct?

>> Dr. Patrick Rossol-Allison: Well, she is -- Sheri Barrett is one of the Higher Learning Commission's peer reviewers, so Sheri actually goes out to other institutions and evaluates them. So we're very fortunate to have her here because she knows a lot about accreditation, yeah.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Could she possibly come and evaluate this -- our school?

(Laughter.)

>> Dr. Patrick Rossol-Allison: No.

(Laughter.)

>> Every day.

>> Dr. Patrick Rossol-Allison: Maybe one thing to note as well, the Higher Learning Commission's Board of Trustees actually includes a former Kansas state Senator and former regent, Christine Downey-Schmidt. So that's maybe one thing to mention.

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: She's a terrific lady and I saw that she's also on their Board of Trustees. I want to thank you and Sheri for your presentation at our Learning Quality Committee meeting. It was very informative for me. And most importantly, I want to thank Dr. Anderson, Andy, for coordinating that and making our meetings very informative for both Trustee Cross and myself and hopefully for the other trustees and the public as well. Thank you.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Musil?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Patrick, would you make sure to get that date out for that June panel as soon as possible so we can get it on our calendar?

>> Dr. Patrick Rossol-Allison: June 16th, 8:00 in the morning.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: And it goes through the 19th, does it not?

>> Jimmy John's.

(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: I think it's a three-day conference. I appreciate getting the brochure from you and obviously we appreciate all the hotel room nights that's going to generate, we appreciate that very much.

(Laughter.)

>> Dr. Patrick Rossol-Allison: I know it's in your strategic plan, so...

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you, Patrick and Trustee Lindstrom.

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: Well, I would welcome any other comments, if there are any, from any others who were in attendance at that committee meeting. And if not, Mr. Chairman, that concludes my report.
>> Chair Jerry Cook: Other questions? Thank you very much.

Human Resources. Trustee Drummond?

>> Trustee Robert Drummond: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Trustee Lindstrom said, our meeting met on Monday, so you will find no minutes in the packet, but they will be there next time around. We met at 9:30 Monday morning, the 5th. Trustee Sharp and myself represented the trustees. The first item on our agenda was an update of the Performance Management System process which I referenced in our last meeting. Other topics that we had included discussion about salary increases for senior leadership staff, which will be—will be a combination of—yeah, good. Thank you. Now I'm on. Salary increases for senior leadership staff which will be based on a combination of cost of living and merit beginning in fiscal year '16. Increases for other staff that will follow that same process beginning in fiscal year '17. Faculty increases will continue to follow the negotiated agreement that we have. Probationary employees will receive their initial increase upon successful completion of their designated probationary period.

The process of restructuring the Performance Appraisal System is underway and making really good progress, and the appraisals will be written right now with new criteria. And once we're fully implemented, the non-bargaining unit employees will complete a self-appraisal in December. Supervisor will conduct formal performance reviews with employees between January and March, and merit increases as recommended will be part of the process and go into effect July 1st. So this is a process we're working through diligently and completely and will be fully implemented somewhere in the next couple years as we fine-tune all these processes.

The second item on the agenda was a report on the results recently conducted, dependent eligibility audit. This was checking the number of dependents that should or should not be on our insurance, and the audit revealed no significant issues with the dependents enrolled in our plan. Out of 1800 members audited, 96% passed the audit test. The remaining 4%, most involved dependents who had just turned 26 and would be dropping off the plan very shortly. So it was a very good audit, showed very good results, and we're happy that that set up that way.

So that concluded our meeting. Be glad to take any questions or clarifications.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Questions or comments for Trustee Drummond? Trustee Musil?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: My recollection is there was some angst among our college community that we were doing such a survey and suggesting that people were not following the rules with respect to dependents, and I just want to— I think it's a fiduciary duty of this board to make sure that those types of things are followed and we're not trying to get ya, and it's like everything else in life, it's a few people who may not follow the rules that require all the rest of us to do audits and checks. So for the campus community that were surveyed and felt like we were somehow intruding into their lives, I apologize for that, but I think it's something we have to do, particularly given industry information which frankly shows we are doing a very good job and we have employees that are being honest and truthful and accurate. So in that sense, we confirmed what we probably already knew, but I think going through the exercise was important.
>> Trustee Robert Drummond: It's important for us to have due diligence throughout the college. This is just one piece of all the different parts of due diligence that we do, and fortunately, as you said, Trustee Musil, we came out on top again. That concludes my report unless there are other questions.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Other questions? Thank you, Trustee Drummond.

Next item is the audit report, and as we build on the due diligence, we did have an audit report. I'd like to defer to Mr. Musil to give that report.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: The Audit Committee met Wednesday morning, yesterday, at 8:00 a.m., for about two hours again. And I think maybe we ought to tell everybody, we moved the board meeting up this month because of graduation, which is why all the committees met just in the last week and we don't have minutes. But the Audit Committee met. We have one recommendation that requires action this evening. We talked about it at a prior board meeting about extending the audit contract with McGladrey Pullen for one more year before we go out for RFPs to see about who our audit team will be in future years. But we had previously agreed and believe that it is in the best interest of the college to use McGladrey Pullen for one more year. So it is the recommendation of the Audit Committee that the Board of Trustees accept the College Administration's recommendation to renew the contract for the annual financial audit services for the college's fiscal year ending June 30th, 2014, with McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, at an amount not to exceed $77,950, and I would so move.

>> Second.

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

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: The Audit Committee, this was my first year on it, it covers a lot of ground about what Janelle Vogler and everybody really in the administration at the college community try to do to make sure that we're spending our money right. We're watching where the money goes, how it's spent, monitoring employees, and we did a lot of that, went through a lot of that yesterday on an audit on payment process segregation of duties so that the person that gets the check and the person that processes the check and the person that delivers the check to the bank are different people and are monitoring differently to make sure that's done correctly. An audit will start on the accounts payable system. We've been doing an audit with great help from the Information Services Department on our firewall audits and how we protect our technology from external threats.

We did -- we reviewed two matrixes on audits that had previously been done and had recommendations to see where those recommendations were in the process, and there was much progress in all of those and they're all on task. We always review the Ethics Report Line to determine what kind of reports were received from our anonymous, if you choose, report line about ethics issues or concerns about members of the college community, and there were five received between January 28th and August -- and April 29th; all of those have been addressed. We also received a report on the Behavioral Intervention Team where we were trying to make sure that we head off issues and recognize issues with students or with faculty or staff before
they become a problem, and we looked at additional audit reviews that the audit department has ongoing. All of those are in progress and seem to be proceeding at pace.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: I would just add that, again, building upon Trustee Drummond's due diligence, this is a big campus and we have a lot of departments, and as we try and work on a culture of uniformity and making sure that we are consistent in our practices, sometimes that's a change in culture where we've had maybe more independence by some departments than we do moving forward. So as we change that culture, it's all for the purpose of being as efficient as we can, as transparent as we can, but at the same time to make sure we're operating according to all the statutes, rules, and laws that we need to operate by. And so I just really want to thank -- sitting in an Audit Committee meeting for over two hours, all the work that goes in by a large number of people representing their responsibilities and it's -- I would just say to the trustees, it's very assuring to know the leadership from our administration and each of those people, the seriousness they're taking to make sure that we are operating, Bob, as you indicated, with really due diligence.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: The other point that we might make is when Audit comes in, I've joked with Janelle that they're kind of like Internal Affairs on any of the police movies you've seen, and nobody wants to see Audit at your door. But as a general rule, I've been very pleased to see that the community, the department, the division, the unit, whatever that they're looking at has responded favorably and cooperatively with Janelle and her team so that we can get the data out, and it's important that we do that. And I think they've uncovered things that weren't bad practices, we can just improve on them and that's -- so I applaud the -- if they come into your office or whatever and you cooperate with them, that is the first step in making sure we have a campus that's working right.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: The other point I would make to follow up on the ethics reports, and I knocked on wood then and I'll knock on wood now, but as we look at trends from back several years when we started tracking these reports, we're trending in a very positive rate in a number of different categories. And so, again, I want to commend the administration and all of the staff. I would like to think we're creating a culture where we're having fewer and fewer complaints by students and/or faculty in a whole list of areas that they can choose to file an ethics complaint. So, again, congratulations. But, again, the season's young, as we say with the Kansas City Royals, and we've got a lot of games yet to play, so we have a long time yet to go.

Collegial -- any questions of Trustee Musil on the audit report? Thank you, Greg.

Collegial Steering. Committee did meet on April 29th at 3:00 p.m. We -- it's an amazing hour. We have a lot of agenda items, but the time goes by so quickly that we usually spend a lot of time on the first two or three items, and in the past, we had the adjunct discussion on the table and that always got kind of pushed off, so we spent most of our time at Collegial Steering this session talking about the adjunct positions, what's the proper ratio, what are the issues with adjuncts. Lori Paldino did a wonderful job in presenting the case of history in terms of where we are with adjuncts, and like in anything we do, communication can be clear, we have adjuncts that would like to be more involved, we have adjuncts that come and go on the campus at different hours of the time. I want to commend Dr. Sopcich and the team for putting together
a Saturday workshop for orientation to try and reach out to those adjuncts that were only available on Saturday.

And so, again, with I think the Faculty Association, the Faculty Senate, all committed to saying how can we best work with adjuncts and make them a part of the campus, and so we're reviewing a number of things. We're looking at some different data to try and make as -- make our operation as efficient as possible and at the same time have adjuncts feel like they're a part of this large family.

We talked a little bit about reading readiness. That issue has come up in the past, and that will continue to have work throughout the summertime. Enrollment strategies, we reported last time that we have a large group of people that are very interested. We have faculty that are taking leadership with students to recruit. We are finding that our recruiting efforts probably aren't as ambitious as other colleges that have full-time recruiters. I know the administration as well as looking at strategies to more effectively recruit students to this campus, whether that be through social media, whether that be through billboards, whether that be through word of mouth, but very healthy discussion.

We are moving into a new graduation ceremony, as you know, and I'd remind you that I believe that's a week from tomorrow. We'll have a session in the afternoon and a session in the evening, so we're working through some cultural shift with that process and who attends and when and so on and so forth.

We talked a little bit about the new Ohio performance-based funding, Regents social media policy that has come out, and then we had a little discussion about our reaction to the elimination of due process for K-12 teachers. And, again, the hour flies by. I'm sure Dr. Williams may have a comment about that in her report, but we really feel that they're productive, and I would defer to Trustee Musil if he has additional comments.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: No other comments. I just, on the graduation, Dr. Cook is our speaker and he has promised two different speeches, so you have to stay awake at the 7:30 ceremony and can't just rely on what you heard at the 4:00 ceremony. Is that right?

>> Chair Jerry Cook: In further deliberation about that particular topic, the administration has advised me that because -- if I do two I might forget and do both at the same time and they'd get too long and so I've been told to follow a strict timeline of 47 minutes. So we'll --

(Laughter.)

We'll do the best we can to --

>> Could we do like the athletic awards and tape that?

(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Any other questions of Collegial Steering? Okay. Thank you.

President's Recommendations. Trustee Lindstrom Treasurer's Report.

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: Mr. Chairman, I'm pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31st, 2014, which can be found on Pages 25-36 in your board packets. Briefly, here are a few highlights. Ad valorem tax distributions of 2 million were received in March and distributed in the General Fund, Special Assessment Fund, and the Capital Outlay Fund.
On Page 35, at the bottom of the page, please note the fund cash balances. At March 31st, we had a book balance of 85.5 million, with a 16.6 million in outstanding encumbrances, leaving us with an unencumbered balance of 68.9 million.

The college made 9 of 20 semi-annual payments on the Series 2009 Certificates of Participation. Expenditures in the Primary Operating Fund were within approved budgetary limits. And it is the recommendation of the College Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31st, 2014, subject to audit, and I would make that motion.

>> Second.

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

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

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

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Dr. Sopcich?

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Thank you, Trustee Cook. We're going to start tonight's President's Report with the Lightning Round. Mr. Anderson, can you go first, please.

>> Dr. Andy Anderson: Are you testing me to see if I don't use all the time this week? Challenge. I wanted this week to draw attention to a program, our Engaged Service Learning Program. It doesn't get a lot of attention, but it illustrates the sort of students that will be graduating and going out in the community. Those students that complete the Civic Honors, and you'll see them at the graduation ceremonies, there are three this year that are just absolutely outstanding. To get that award, the student must graduate with a certificate or degree, of course, they complete service learning projects, they complete skills training where they might learn to do such things as grant writing, conflict resolution, volunteer management. They must demonstrate leadership development through campus or community organizations. They observe community decision-making bodies. They spend at least 75 hours of community service with a not-for-profit community partner, and they do a final presentation in which they display the civic honors activity reflecting on what they've learned in that experience.

There are three students that I just wanted to name. And again, Mary Alice Coulter, whom we've seen over and over again, and that's why we see her name appear so often is because she's doing all of these things, and she made a comment, I wanted to share these.

I joined the Civic Honors Program after taking Leadership and Civic Engagement because I already knew how important service was in my life. Now I've volunteered over 300 hours at Wayside Waifs animal shelter since 2012. Civic Honors was the catalyst that motivated me, taught me, inspired me, and informed me and not only the importance of the service of a single person, but also in the abilities of strong leaders and growth that service brings to an individual.

Brittney Espinosa, who is from Parker, she did her leadership work with Parker Elementary School in Kansas City, Missouri. She comments that Civic Honors allowed her hands-on experience with two great passions -- teaching and encouraging. I was able to gain insight and experience in the urban core and work with at-risk populations.
And Megan Gladbach, also, completing Associate of Liberal Arts. And her community partner that she worked with was Bridging the Gap at Bishop Miege High School and Jerusalem Farm. She makes the comment, What's awesome about Civic Honors is that it really helps you figure out who you are, what you like, what you don't like, what your morals and values are. In a classroom setting, you just don't have the opportunity to learn that stuff about yourself. You need to go out into the real world and actually experience life to discover who you are.

Those three students will be receiving the Civic Honors Award and they represent the kinds of students that will be graduating from our institution and going out into the community, and it's -- I'm proud to introduce them to you.

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

>> Dr. Barbara Larson: Yes. Last month Andy Anderson talked about the excitement at the end of the semester with all of the -- with the commencement activities, and I remain so impressed by how the various components of the college come together here to make things happen. And as an example, last week Rex Hays gave me this document which contains the set-up instructions for the 14 graduation ceremonies that are taking place this month, many of them our own commencement activities and many of them our regional high schools that are coming here to have their ceremonies, and each one has different set-up instructions. Campus services staff has -- is very busy behind the scenes, the housekeeping staff, the various trades to make these activities go smoothly so that students and their families can enjoy them. And I just want to commend Rex and his staff for the pride they take in their work and how they represent JCCC.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Thanks, Barbara. Everyone knows that this time of the year the grounds look the best they look all year. Everyone here really steps up and gets this campus ready for all the graduation ceremonies that we have. Dr. Day.

>> Dr. Dennis Day: On November -- or April 23rd, at 9:00 p.m. we threw an event and nobody came, and it was designed to do that. We opened up fall enrollment at that time. Normally we would open up at 8:00 a.m. in the morning and have a line of people and the phones would be full and we should shut down the system and computers would get clogged up. To try to change that culture and to try to let students get into classes so they didn't skip classes that day, we said let's try it at 9:00 p.m. and we're not going to show up either. So we just flipped the switch, allowed them to come on, and over 2400 -- about 2400 students inside of an hour and a half enrolled in classes. It's pretty remarkable. If we bring a consultant in from IBM, they'll tell you that there's a 90/8/2 rule: 90% should be electronically proficient, 8% get a lot of help, 2% need a whole lot of help. We had 44 calls, that was it, to our help desk manned by Information Services that evening. Over 2,000 people enrolled successfully. They were prepared. They were ready to go and they got in. It's a remarkable event. The registrar, Enrollment Services, and Information Services put it all together, and it really was beautiful when 100% of those folks can get through the system without any glitches and get into. Now, here's the most remarkable part. The next morning, two people were in line. That was it. Which is, in my world, that's magnificent!

(Laughter.)
So I wanted to share that with you. It was a pretty remarkable event. We're going to write up an article and send it to some trades because it is unusual.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: I wish we would have had 2,000 people in line the next morning. (Laughter.)

>> Dr. Dennis Day: Many of us would have wished that, too.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Dennis, one quick little thing. Earlier Patrick mentioned the June 16th benchmarking conference, and a visitor there -- for that conference is going to be a Mr. Jihong Lee from the ACCT, who is going to be here specifically to talk about financial aid issues. Trustee Musil brought up the fact that perhaps it could be an interesting conference to attend. Could you just give us a brief insight into Mr. Lee?

>> Dr. Dennis Day: Yeah. He's doing a listening tour for ACCT about the rating system itself, the proposals. Just a real recap what's being proposed right now by the presidential administration, there are three tiers that they're looking at, and in 2015 they're going to draw the line in the sand for all the institutions, higher education institutions, and we're going to look at metrics, and for three years they're going to say to us do the best you can in these metric areas, and then in 2018 we're going to tell you how much money is going to be tagged to that, not only in federal financial aid, but with bonus money as well to help with systems.

So some of us will prove ourselves, some of us will lose out, and some folks it won't be an effect at all. But it's going to be a fascinating process that is going to happen, and they're still, as Patrick said, they're still having hearings on this rating system. There's a lot of conversation about it, and this is part of the tour that our organizations are having, so they can have input on that system as well. And having the Acting Under Secretary of Education here at the same time, perfect. Perfect timing.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Any questions?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Well, that makes it so critical to know what the metrics are going to be and to make sure they fit community colleges, and community colleges aren't a model, either, if we just look around the 19 that are in Kansas. So it will be interesting to see what process they go through to differentiate colleges and what their actual measurements ought to be.

>> Dr. Dennis Day: I think the visit will be part of the -- our ability to help shape that conversation. I think. And that's why it's so important to have folks like this and have our input into it.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Yeah. Thanks, Dennis. That's great. You know, the last meeting was only three weeks ago, and Dr. Cook alluded to that, but during those three weeks it's amazing all the things that happened on this campus, and I'm going to take you through just a few of the highlights, some of the things that I experienced firsthand.

On April 23rd, I was fortunate to attend a League for Innovation board meeting up at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. As you know, at that time we were informed that we passed the first level of our reaffirmation process for League membership. That's very exciting. You need to know that the next board meeting is going to be September 17th. Prior to that, they will be coming here for a visit. I strongly urge all the trustees to be in attendance. That is a all-hands-on-deck command performance type of event. We're now working out the date, and Terri will be working with you to find time that best works for everyone.
I would also like to commend Julie Haas and her staff for putting together the publication that got us through that first step. You've all seen it. It's masterfully done and represents the college in the best way possible.

On April 28th, I was super impressed by the members of our Student Senate. I attended a Student Senate meeting. The formality of the meeting, the Robert's Rules of Order, it was amazing. How the senators voted, the questions they asked, it was extremely professional. I have to say, there was never -- there was not one unanimous vote. There was always some type of dissenting opinion, many times reserved, but it was a great experience. Elliot has done a terrific job of coordinating that and leading that organization.

On April 29th, I was visited by Chris Morrow. Chris is the mayor of Gardner. He came by, and one of our main topics of conversation was that his son, Josh, was performing in the "Cripple of Inishmaan," which is a student performance here on campus that is led by Beate Pettigrew, our professor in the Department of Music and Theater. Mayor Morrow was effusive in his praise of our college, of the program and the production. It was absolutely thrilling to hear a father talk about their son performing in that play.

On April 29th, Danny O'Neill dropped by, the owner of the Roasterie. We discussed coffee and organizational management. As you know, the bean baron is a huge supporter of our college. He said if I read his name on TV I could get a free cup of coffee at his new place down there on Southwest Boulevard.

(Laughter.)

>> Who was that?


>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: April 30th, Andy Anderson and I met with Jim Hinson, the superintendent of Shawnee Mission School District. We discussed new and exciting ways that our college could work with Shawnee Mission to serve the students and families in that part of Johnson County. We are looking forward to an even stronger relationship in collaborating with them in the future.

On April 30th, I also had the opportunity to visit with ten of our nursing students as they performed their clinicals at Shawnee Mission Medical Hospital. Professor Colleen Dugan and the director, Karen LaMartina, were there. They showed me around. I got to walk the cardiac floor with the students, with our students, and also spend some time with them in the break room discussing their experience here at our college. You know, our students, they were dressed impeccably, and the quality of services is unbelievable. We were sitting in the break room and one of those buzzers went off in the room across. I couldn't believe how fast one of those students got out of that chair and ran across. I thought she was going to run through the glass door. It was -- we should be so proud of our students and how they work in these hospitals.

The same day, our Foundation Some Enchanted Evening committee meeting was conducted in the Marriott. As you know, this group of volunteers, many of you served on that committee, will generate at least half a million dollars for scholarships. Mary Birch from Lathrop & Gage is the event chair and Bryan Biggs from Metcalf Bank is managing our corporate solicitations.
On May 1st, I attended the student -- the Outstanding Student Luncheon. When you -- and many of you were there to hear their stories of overcoming adversity, and how they've succeeded at our college is truly inspirational. Kudos to Pam Vassar for bringing that all together and all the student services group for making that luncheon happen. It was very, very special.

May 2nd, we had our JCCC Awards Luncheon. This is the one where staff and faculty are honored for their achievements during the year. We welcomed Dr. Dan Phelan, a former employee here at our college, who is now president of Jackson Community College in Jackson, Michigan. He did a terrific job with his address. It was about excellence. Also, it's terrific to recognize our colleagues across the campus for their achievements and their service to our students. Staff development, under the direction of Karen Martley, did a great job with this and we would like to congratulate all of the awardees for that luncheon.

On May 2nd, I welcomed about 150 high school students from Gardner, Paola, Shawnee Mission East who were here to see the mayor's son in the "Cripple of Inishmaan." Beate Pettigrew said, Hey, we're going to have these students here, you should come meet them, and we did and it was fantastic. On the same day, that night, I got to attend the Pow Wow. How many of you have been to our Pow Wow? Well, it was my first time. The Pow Wow is hosted by the American Indian Health Research and Education Alliance. There were over 200 -- and this is in the -- in our -- in our gym, in the lower level. There were over 200 Native Americans beautifully outfitted in their native dress competing in various Native American dances, and there were also free health screenings. It was an amazing scene to walk in there. You also had all kinds of little stands, things being sold, it was unreal.

AIHREA seeks to collaborate and partner with the American Indian nations, communities, and organizations to improve the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being of American Indians throughout the United States through the quality participatory research and educational programs. Our very own Dr. Sean Daley oversees this program and does a terrific job.

The next day, on Saturday, May 3rd, at 1:00 we had the CLEAR certification ceremony. CLEAR stands for College Learning Experiences Activities and Resources, and this provides non-credit continuing education classes for adults with mild developmental disabilities or other cognitive disabilities. Kathy Kennedy of our staff does an absolutely remarkable job in managing this program. Our own Dr. Jerry Cook gave the keynote address, and it was very special. I think this ceremony is one of the finest things that we do.

On May 3rd, that very same Saturday, in fact all kinds of things were happening on Saturday. Our baseball team advanced to the NJCAA Region VI Super Regional Tournament by sweeping Cloud County. We outscored the Thunderbirds 27-7, and now they're participating in the Super Regional in Wichita. The winner will advance to the World Series on May 24th in Grand Junction, Colorado. Congratulations to Kent Shelley for getting the team this far.

This evening, the Cohen Community Series presented Tracy Lawrence in our Yardley Hall. It was a rockin' country and western concert. We would like to thank Christy McWard for bringing it all together, and also Trustee Stewart for funding this enterprise through the endowment he created in Barton P. Cohen's name. It was really a lot of fun.
On May 6th, Lindy Robinson's retirement reception was held. I bring it up not only to pay tribute to Lindy, but also there was an incredible upgrade in the food served at that versus the normal cake and punch that's standard fare. This was exquisite, an exquisite retirement reception.

(Laughter.)
Deservedly so.

Today, at lunch, the Overland Park Convention & Visitors Bureau conducted their annual Host Award Ceremony. The event was emceed by Dr. Cook, as well as Trustee Musil. I have to say that Trustee Musil provides a special brand of humor that delighted everyone in attendance. But most importantly, our college won an award for hosting the NJCAA's women's national basketball tournament this past spring, as well as it was recognized that we'll be hosting this tournament in the years ahead. So Carl Heinrich was there to accept the award, and it was very exciting.

All of these activities are representative of what happens not just during these three weeks, but throughout the year on this campus. It's amazing the role that this college plays in our community, and how people look to this college to play that role. I think we should be very proud of not just our students, but the job our faculty does, the job our staff does in bringing all of these things together, and also of course the leadership that you provide as trustees. We can be very proud of Johnson County Community College. I think it was a pretty good year. And that concludes my report.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you, Dr. Sopcich. I would just make a comment about CLEAR, and I know that Trustee Musil has addressed that group. We all have days that don't go the way we would like them to go and we all have challenges and problems that come about, but it was very refreshing for me to spend a couple of hours with those folks Saturday afternoon. This is a program -- and the certification recognizes attendees who have been coming throughout -- is this for the semester or for the whole year? I think it was a semester certification. Or was it the whole year? Whole year. Well, that even makes it more profound, because they get the certificate if they've not missed more than two days, two times. And one young man has been coming since the program began in 1977, and he was proud to say I've been coming every year for 37 years. And what we learn from being around those folks is they sincerely appreciate what the college is doing, the opportunity, and while they have many challenging issues, wheelchair folks to having braces to hold their heads in place, they are so appreciative of the experience and so happy to be involved, and we would all do well to -- to give that program some time when we think we have it tough.

So I appreciate all the input, Dr. Sopcich. There are just a lot of activities going on on this campus, and people are benefiting every day from traditional and non-traditional experiences.

Any questions of Dr. Sopcich?

I do not believe we have any old business today. We have no new business today. So we'll go to Reports from Board Liaisons. The first one is the KACCT, and I would report that we had an executive committee meeting on Monday, May 5th. I guess Monday of this week. And we met in Hutchinson at Hutchinson Community College and we discussed some really
kind of key issues. And the reason we wanted to come together, we usually have an executive committee meeting by phone once a month, but we thought it was time just to sit face-to-face and really basically talk about the future of KACCT.

We have 19 community colleges, as you know, and one of our discussion points was about the activity between Ft. Scott Community College and Pittsburg State University. There have been discussions of merger between those two and partnering. We think that was probably precipitated by Ft. Scott to -- to help offset expense and provide better delivery service by Pittsburg State University. It's our understanding that those discussions have come to a halt, that they're at a stalemate right now.

The second issue was Dodge City Community College partnering up with Hays State, and that we think was maybe more precipitated by Hays State than Dodge City Community College, but the same thing, try and combine resources to provide services to students. And we were a little concerned about that because, you know, what is -- is that the future, that we're forgetting the place of community colleges. And I know that we get asked several times when will this college become a four-year school, and I don't think it's any of our intentions that that would ever happen. In our discussion, we talked about let's just review what our purpose of a state association is and what's the purpose of a community college.

And so we tried to identify three strengths of the -- of a state association as it relates to the community college, and probably the first item that we all talked about was the accessibility that community colleges provide for students at a cost-effective rate. And so when we talk about tuition rates compared to four-year schools and we talk about how the ease of accessibility, even though there are times we talk about are we as convenient to the students as we'd like to think we are. And, Dennis, I really appreciated the example you gave on the Internet registration earlier tonight. Then so we really I think agreed that there's a place for the community college and for strong community colleges, and the state association plays the role in supporting that statewide.

We began to look at what are the three threats to the statewide association. And, again, obviously a number one thing that popped up was the variance in assessed valuation that community colleges experience around the state, and Trustee Stewart reminded us that a mill in our community generates about $8 million. And a mill in some other community college generates about $70,000, maybe less. And so this issue of how many mills do we need to have based upon our assessed valuation to generate revenue to support our colleges is a big -- a big variance across this state. And I believe we all need to understand that and be sensitive to it, and yet at the same time, are the initiatives of the State helping all of us accomplish what it is we want to accomplish. And, frankly, some of the colleges are really in a survival state as they lose enrollment, as they lose assessed valuation, and credit, trying to maintain their identity.

So we had a very good day of discussion. It was kind of a prelude to our next meeting in June when we'll be out in Scott City, and again, we would offer the opportunity for any of you to join us, to make that trek. We will I think elect new officers at that point and make our plans moving forward for the next year. Very good discussion. And very, very fruitful. Any questions about KACCT?
The next item is the Johnson County Research Triangle. Mr. Musil had asked me to sit in on that session. Actually, two events happened in Mr. Musil's absence. The regular meeting was held on a Tuesday, and then the following Wednesday was the five-year anniversary celebration of J-CERT. So my remarks are going to kind of combine both.

At the regular meeting, K-State, KU Edwards Campus, and the KU -- or the KU Research Medical Center each gave their reports as to the past year and their -- briefed the board on their programming for the upcoming year, and that tied in with the breakfast. Let me just kind of tie some things together.

To date, greater than $50 million had been collected by J-CERT. You'll recall it's the one-eighth cent sales tax. And, you know, some really significant things have occurred. Since April of 2009, K-State has added 62 additional jobs. KU Edwards, 91 jobs. KU Clinical Center, 71 jobs. And all of those are really related to either advanced degree work at the case of KU Edwards Campus and/or job-related activities that deal with bio research in animal husbandry and in human health, and the whole idea is to improve the condition of animal health and human health.

If you haven't had the chance to hear Dr. Jenson speak, he's really incredible, and he made the case of -- at the breakfast talking about that the nationwide trend around the country is really to increase research opportunities, and with J-CERT and the positioning of the clinical research lab, we are becoming a very prominent player nationwide and in some cases internationally in medical research for human beings. The NCI status was very significant, and there's another step that they're working on to advance and I think, Greg, he talks about 62 institutions around the country that have this certification. But then there's about 10 or 12 that, in the next level, that really are in a powerful, powerful position. Businesses are locating to Johnson County because of J-CERT.

At the K-State Innovation Campus, that's kind of an incubator for new businesses, and one person gave testimony that they've been in the incubator now for a period of time and they're ready to build their own building and will generate about 51 jobs. And so one -- but one example of how a small company has started and is now going to locate in Johnson County. The academic research is terrific, growing very, very quickly. They are projecting that in two decades J-CERT will have a $1.4 billion economic impact over the next 20 years for our area.

K-State's added eight degree programs, ten research labs. KU Edwards has given out a couple hundred thousand dollars in scholarships in ten programs. And the KU Clinical Center has generated over a thousand jobs in the area. And what's really significant is that the KU Medical Center is really working with hospitals throughout the state of Kansas who do not have the resources for cancer research and/or treatment, and so this network has been created throughout the whole state. And it's just a really powerful, powerful movement that I think we can all be proud of.

One of the things I walked out of there with is that both KU -- and by the way, chancellors of both colleges were at the breakfast Wednesday morning, again applauding the efforts by the J-CERT movement and what it's done to their campuses. And the message in our Tuesday morning meeting was that all of the -- both KU and K-State are really focused on
workforce development and we have some good partnerships with K-State in developing with KU as to what Johnson County Community College's role is in this workforce development.

But tremendous opportunities, and I will say, Trustee Musil, they missed you sincerely. They really couldn't even begin to get their meeting going for about 20 minutes realizing you were absent. But they adjusted, they adapted, and we carried on. But I would defer to you because I really have taken your committee and your report. But job well done. J-CERT is alive and well.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: My reports were much shorter generally.

(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Wow. Okay. Any questions on J-CERT? Wonderful, wonderful program. It positions us in a unique place in the nation.

Dr. Williams, finally. Faculty Association.

>> Dr. Deborah Williams: Well, hello. It's a pleasure to be here again. I think I closed my report last week -- or last month by saying that we were having an officer election and you'd know the results if I'm back. Well, I'm back, so I was re-elected. I'll just run through -- we just really shuffled the deck a little. I was re-elected as president. Ron Palcic is now the vice president of the Faculty Association. Jim McWard remains our secretary. Janette Funaro is our -- I think she's our legacy six-year running treasurer. And Andrea Broomfield is our UniServ rep, and Jeff Anderson remains our past -- immediate past president. So that's the line-up.

The good news or the bad news is, I will be on sabbatical in the fall and I was thinking about this when Elliot was giving his report. I have a solution. If I get one of those life-sized cut-outs, which in my case would be hobbit size, I could have Ron bring me to the meetings and it would be almost like being here.

(Laughter.)

But anyway, I look forward to working with you again throughout the next year, certainly through the summer and as much as needed I can make myself available in the fall. I'll be at KU, so, and certainly back for the spring semester.

I don't really have a whole lot of items on the agenda. But just to run through a couple, we have our upcoming -- well, our last Faculty Association meeting of the semester will be next Tuesday. And, again, everyone is welcome to attend. We just have a few wrap-up items on the agenda, but some of those wrap-up items are actually launching some very important things like our cross-campus -- we don't know what we're really calling it, committee, discussion, task force, but we anticipate there will be an ongoing discussion about our associate's degrees and also reading readiness, and a lot of the topics that came up throughout the year that were complex, we are revisiting and really seriously looking at ways to make informed decisions about how to move forward with those complex issues. So the FA meeting next Tuesday, May 13th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in -- we call it the Ice Cube. It's RC 270.

I think you should have all received an e-mail on my behalf by Terri that we are having our Faculty Association party next Thursday. We have two graduations scheduled and so our -- we've made some adjustments to the meal which will be available a little later than normal to
accommodate the two graduation ceremonies. But you are also all welcome, as you know, to attend, and I hope to see all of you there, actually. I myself probably won't be able to get there until after the second ceremony because I have a role in both, but that's cool. We have long parties. So we hope some of you or all of you can join us.

It was really great to see the Model U.N. team here tonight. I know they have been the fodder for a lot of my comments in terms of great contributions by students and Professor Wright and representing the college in such an important way, so it was really great so put some faces to the names that are constantly read with that group. And so it was great to see them here tonight.

Collegial Steering. There was an invitation to talk about -- or make a comment, and I'll just make a few about Collegial Steering. As you know, Collegial Steering was revitalized, reformed from what it originally was, which was only a FA -- really all the officers of the FA and two trustees, and the focus and the purpose changed a little bit because it was intended to be an opportunity -- a place or opportunity to negotiate issues in multi-year contracts. Well, that's not the focus anymore. The focus is to have these great genuine discussions, and interestingly, with a senate member who is an adjunct faculty member, we had one of the best discussions, in my opinion, at our most recent Collegial Steering meeting where we all know that we have a large adjunct workforce not only JCCC, but across the nation, and they came armed, or Loretta, Lori, came armed with her -- with a survey with a 71% response rate, and that's significant, obviously, given we have a little over 600 adjuncts on our campus. So to have that kind of response rate really backed up the comments that she made and great questions that really informed all of us about the adjunct presence and what they need and what they -- how many -- how many contributions they can and do make. And I think we're all, as faculty leadership groups, all of us are responding to that and welcoming ways that we can better serve and accommodate adjunct interests.

So I think with that I'll close my report and welcome you again to our party and the FA meeting, but also thank you all for an excellent year. It's been a very eventful year, but I look forward to working with you all in the future.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you, Dr. Williams. Any questions or comments from the trustees?

>> Trustee Robert Drummond: Congratulations on your re-election.

>> Dr. Deborah Williams: Well, thank you.

>> Trustee Robert Drummond: For you and for us.

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

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thanks, Debbie. Appreciate it. And have a nice graduation.

>> Dr. Deborah Williams: Thank you.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Foundation. Trustee Cross.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: Yes, Mr. Chair. Foundation Board of Directors met on March 25th, as Trustee Sharp reported last month, so there's no meeting to report on this month. However, we would like to report that last May the Foundation launched its Friends With Taste Affinity Program to help raise funds to support hospitality -- the Hospitality Management Program. After opening the new Hospitality and Culinary Academy in August, this group of
more than 400 members feasted on dishes of our JCCC culinary team, cupped coffee with the Roasterie, made mozzarella cheese with Chef Jasper Mirabile.

>> Trustee Stephanie Sharp: Mirabile.
>> Trustee Lee Cross: And learned the basics of wine tasting with Doug Frost. They also enjoyed a multi-course meal from Chef Andrea Traponi (phonetic), who visited us from our sister culinary school in Florence, Italy. The totals are in, and Friends With Taste helped raise more than $40,000 this year. What did I do wrong?
>> Trustee Greg Musil: I said we need an exchange program with this Florence restaurant.
>> Trustee Lee Cross: I thought I mispronounced something.
>> Chair Jerry Cook: I apologize for his distractions.
>> We do have an exchange program with --
>> No, we're talking trustee exchange.
>> Oh, the trustees. I'm sorry. Yeah.
>> We figured there was one with the students.
>> Chair Jerry Cook: Back to Trustee Cross. Do we have any other comments?
>> Trustee Lee Cross: The Friends With Taste program helped raise more than $40,000 this past year for the college's Foundation. These funds allowed our student chefs to experience the hard work and dedication it takes to not only compete in recognized culinary competitions in places like South Korea and Hong Kong, but to bring home medals from these competitions as well. Memberships in Friends With Taste also helped purchase additional culinary equipment that ensures our curriculum remains state-of-the-art. And, finally, memberships help fund several scholarships to outstanding students to help continue their education in the culinary field.

On Tuesday, May 20th, the Foundation will celebrate these accomplishments at our annual luncheon in the Hospitality and Culinary Academy, and we hope that all trustees and cabinet members will join us. And that concludes my report.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Any questions or comments of Trustee Cross?
Thank you. Foundation is alive and well. I was able to -- I'm a member of Friends With Taste and I did attend the dinner with Chef Traponi (phonetic) from Florence, and it was really quite an amazing evening.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: Yes, it was. One quick point of information, if I may, Mr. President. I'd like to move for this body to resolve and officially recognize and congratulate Mrs. Molly Baumgardner on being appointed to the Kansas state Senate. It's terribly exciting for her and her family, and I'd ask unanimous consent to note this in the minutes for the evening.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. We congratulate her. We mentioned a little bit about it off the camera before the meeting, but thank you, Trustee Cross. Well said. Congratulations.
>> Trustee Jon Stewart: And I do notice everyone is speaking into their microphone now that she's a senator. She's got all of our attentions, so we're all leaning forward.
(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Okay. The next item is the Consent Agenda. It's the time where we deal with a number of routine items in a quick manner in large group manner. Is there any item that a member would like to pull off the agenda? Trustee Stewart and Trustee Lindstrom.

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: I'd like to pull B-1, retirements.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Okay. Is that --

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: Ditto.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Is that the one you were going to pull? So we'll pull B-1, retirements, and deal with that individually. Any other items to be pulled off the Consent Agenda? Do we have a motion to approve the Consent Agenda?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

>> Second.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Okay. We'll go with Drummond move and Musil second. All in favor -- any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries. Let's go back to B-1. Trustee Stewart.

>> Trustee Jon Stewart: Yeah. I just want to comment. You know, I look here and each meeting we have retirements show up, and obviously Dennis Day is sitting out in the audience here and I see his name retiring and I just -- we lose a lot of institutional knowledge every month. We're all I guess getting to that age, the baby boomers are, where retirement is coming. We've lost a lot already. But we have -- how many years, Dennis, have you been at the college? 30 years. Linda O'Brien, I don't know how many years Linda O'Brien has been here; and Susan Slettedal, all retiring at the end of this year, actually Susan's in July. And I just wanted to comment that we are losing this knowledge and this long-term service, and but it's exciting. We have new people coming in. But really want to thank Dennis and all the retirees for the years of service and dedication that they've made to this college and made it better and we appreciate that. You need to come up with a couple more ideas, the 9:00 a.m., that's one this year, but you've got a lot more that you can come up with before December 31st. Thank you, Dennis.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Any other comments? Do we have a motion to approve B-1?

>> So moved.

>> So moved.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Stewart moves and Drummond seconds. Any questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: Wait a minute. I was going to vote no.

(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Let the record show that Lindstrom...

(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Were we -- we do have an Executive Session this evening, and I would just like to remind all the trustees of the several graduation ceremonies that have been
referenced earlier, and I appreciate Terri putting the list together and getting that all taken care of. So we have a busy few days upcoming with the graduation ceremonies, and thank you for your participation.

I would like to entertain a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing consultation with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship in order to protect the privilege and the Board's communication with its attorney on legal matters. The session is going -- is scheduled to last one hour and 15 minutes. I would also like to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed, which will be the second item. I would like to invite Judy Korb, Barbara Larson, Terri Schlicht, and Tanya Wilson and Joe Sopcich to attend that session. So I would ask for a motion.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: I would so move with the clarification that the one hour and 15 minutes is for both items.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: It's for both items. We'll plan to spend about 15 minutes on the first item and up to an hour on the second.

>> Second.

>> Moved and seconded.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Executive Session will start -- it's about -- I have on the clock on the back about 6:49, 6:48. We'll start at 6:55. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

(Executive Session.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We have returned from Executive Session. No action was taken.

Do I hear a motion to adjourn our meeting?

>> So moved.

>> Second.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: A motion and a second. Our May meeting is adjourned.