Chair Jerry Cook: Good evening. I'd like to call the August 14th, 2014, meeting of the Johnson County Community College trustees to order. Would you please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chair Jerry Cook: Roll call and recognition of visitors. Ms. Schlicht.

Ms. Terri Schlict: This evening's visitors include Dick Carter and Stephanie Breaker.

Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. This is the Open Forum of the board agenda. It's a time for members of the community to provide comments to the board. There will be one Open Forum period during each regularly scheduled board meeting. Comments are limited to five minutes unless a significant number of people plan to speak. In that instance, the chair may limit a person's comments to less than five minutes. In order to be recognized, individuals must register at the door at each board meeting prior to the Open Forum agenda item. When addressing the board, registered speakers should be respectful and not address matters related to individual personnel matters with the college.

We have one scheduled speaker this evening. Stephanie Breaker, if you'd come forward, please, and state your address, that would be helpful.

Thank you.

Ms. Stephanie Breaker: Hi. My name is Stephanie Breaker. I'm from Olathe, Kansas. Do you need my full address?

Chair Jerry Cook: Please.

Ms. Stephanie Breaker: I live at 600 South Penrose Lane in Olathe and I am representing Skills To Succeed. We're an agency in Olathe that provides services to individuals with autism under the development disabilities. I'd like to come before the board tonight just to thank them for an outstanding effort that was done by Johnson County Community College this summer. We had the privilege of leading a program with the media and communications department. It was called Tech Connect. It was a program that was designed to bring technology skills to individuals with autism who may not have an opportunity to learn about it in their traditional high school education. So I have this letter. You have it in front of you. But if you don't mind, I'd just like to read it to you.

Dear Board of Trustee members: We had the pleasure of working with Johnson County Community College this summer during an initiative that provided opportunities for individuals with autism spectrum disorders to learn more about technology through a project called Tech Connect. This summer’s program focused on video production of course that many individuals with autism have not had the opportunity to participate in during their high school education. What began as an idea quickly morphed into a possibility after meeting with JCCC's Molly Baumgardner. Molly was immediately supportive of a venture that would create additional
opportunities for individuals with autism on JCCC's campus. In my field, we dream of finding champions who will make things happen, and this is just what we found in Molly. From that point on, we couldn't have asked for better outcomes.

Molly spearheaded the partnership between Skills To Succeed and JCCC, assisting and obtaining the needed support, resources, instructor for the program to be a success. Joe Petrie, adjunct professor at JCCC, assisted with the planning, teaching and leadership of his team to provide the instruction for the course. Joe was supportive from the beginning and his willingness to adjust his teaching plan and learn about effective ways to communicate in this type of course was a real asset. Five student mentors who also happened to work in the JCAV TV and video department far exceeded our expectations. Efrem Duran, Rob Fulton, Andrew Tady, Bernie Verhaeghe -- sorry, Bernie -- and Caleb Wayne did an excellent job at representing JCCC. They also happen to be in another room filming you right now, so they'll hear these comments.

They assisted the students throughout the learning process, provided effective feedback and shared their creativity and talents. It is an honor of the outstanding support and contribution from JCCC's Journalism and Media Communications Department that I come before you today. Every person who participated in Tech Connect this summer was impacted in a positive way, and our culminating video presentation and awards ceremony was a wonderful celebration and end to a successful course.

Students and family members were all impressed with the program and the people involved. One parent states, "Thank you, thank you, to you and all who were instrumental in putting this very successful team effort together. You offered these young men a wonderful, meaningful learning opportunity. It was obvious they learned a lot and had a good time doing it."

Another parent was thrilled with how much her son enjoyed the course and states, "I get very excited when my son gets into something other than video games. So thank you."

We echo the thanks of these families. Thank you to JCCC for supporting such a valuable and impactful program. Thank you to such an outstanding team who made this pilot project such a success. And thank you to those who are already envisioning the possibilities for next summer. It is when we work together that we can begin to see our community change and grow. It is our hope that we will be able to look back and see 2014's Tech Connect program as the drop in the water that creates ongoing ripples of impact in the years to come. We look forward to continued partnership with JCCC to make this a reality. So thank you very much.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Well, Stephanie, thank you very much for taking the time to come here. Everybody deserves ripples in their pond to move them passionately, and in this case it really is a special, special time for all of the students that you get involved with, both supporting and students. And so certainly, Molly, thank you for your help. But it's nice of you to come here and share that. We appreciate it very much.

Any comments from the trustees?

>> Great work. Thank you.

>> Ms. Stephanie Breaker: Well, thank you.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: I'd just say, Stephanie, I have to admit, when we're up here and we see somebody signed up for this public comment period we normally -- at least, I won't
speak for everybody else -- I anticipate it's going to be something we've done wrong or we haven't done right or we haven't done at all. So, you know, I hate to admit that I had that low bar, but it's very nice to hear about that. And thank you, Molly, and the rest of the -- that's what we expect and I think sometimes we don't -- we don't acknowledge it because we just expect it out of our public education in this county. And so I really appreciate your coming and sharing this with us. I would not have known about it otherwise.

>> Ms. Stephanie Breaker: Thank you. Well, they were an outstanding group and really did an amazing job. So we truly had a blast this summer.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We appreciate you setting the standard for a new school year and maybe we'll have one like this each board meeting.

>> Ms. Stephanie Breaker: I can only hope so. Thank you all.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Appreciate it. That concludes our Open Forum and we will close the Open Forum.

Awards and recognitions. Dr. Sopcich.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Dr. Cook, tonight we have no awards or recognitions.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Additional awards and recognitions? We just had a nice one. So thank you very much. College Lobbyist Report. Mr. Carter.

>> Mr. Dick Carter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good evening, members of the board. The dust has mostly settled from the August primary, and it's been rather quiet, although you'll begin seeing some ads appearing on your televisions around the news hour and mostly later on in the evening for our statewide candidates. And so what I thought I would do is I provided this analysis of the primary election right after the election occurred and I thought I would maybe just make a few comments about things that we're seeing or hearing that have occurred since the election rather than going through the report like I might normally do.

One of the things that we're beginning to see and certainly read about or hear about is there definitely was a -- and this comes from analysis from others as well -- there was definitely a strong anti-incumbent attitude or sentiment in this particular primary. That comes from traveling the state and visiting with folks, getting to know candidates. It comes from talking with folks when we see them at other social occasions or working functions. And so we pick this information up from colleagues, we pick this up from folks whether it's at the coffee shop or whatnot, and you kind of blend that with what you read in the media.

The other thing that I think that may be becoming apparent is there's going to be a lot of money spent in particularly the governor's race. It may not be about money. Millions will be spent. Millions have already been spent on some ads that you're seeing. And I'm not sure that any amount of money that is spent will sway the outcome. The interesting thing is when you talk to some of the folks on the inner circle of the campaigns, folks on the Republican side will tell you that the Democrats are not going to have enough money to wage a respectable war. When you talk to folks who are raising money on the Democrat's side, they'll say we have all the money we need to win the races, or we have all the money that we think we need to win the races. And so, again, I think there's going to be a lot of money raised both from the party perspective, but a lot of money spent from third party or outside forces. And I'm not sure that in the final analysis that it will make a whole lot of difference.
I think that message was sent, and you saw it in a number of editorials in the days following the primary. It should be very concerning to the current administration to get 63% of the vote when a relatively unheard of challenger receives about 37%. That is followed then by the next week, by a poll that many conservatives or Republicans use, the Rasmussen poll, which puts the challenger about 10 points ahead of the incumbent.

So there's things like that that are out there. You can take a poll for whatever it's worth. Polls are polls. They provide interesting commentary for folks like me who sort of get down in the weeds in some of this wonkish stuff when it comes to politics. But it's going to be a very interesting November. Certainly the governor has not been helped by some of the things that continue to make their way through the media. Again, just the day after the primary, Standard & Poor's reduced a -- a second company reduced the credit rating for Kansas bonds.

This is not just focused on the race for governor. The Senate -- the U.S. Senate race is going to be extremely tight. I think we've probably ferreted out any significant races or challenges in the Congressional seats. So I think we'll see the same -- we'll see the same folks returning in those Congressional capacities. But I do think that the folks running the Senate campaign are very concerned about where things might end. But, again, in my analysis, I think that we'll see the same senior senator returning, being the senior over Senator Moran, serving Kansas.

Closer to home, we will retain the same -- most likely, we will retain the same House member that has served the college. Amanda Grosserode won her primary fairly handily against -- in a three-way and she'll face Don McGuire, I believe, in the fall. She is most certain to return and has been a good advocate for the college in several instances when we've needed some help in Topeka. And so we will see the same representation that we've had over the past couple of years as well.

There were a few races where some conservative Republicans were beaten by moderate Republicans. In fact, one was in Topeka, where a count or the canvas, the final canvas had to be conducted to determine the winner. We may see a couple of races throughout the state where a Democrat will knock off a Republican. Those are districts where we've seen this happen where it goes -- it flip-flops, it goes back and forth about every two to four years. And so the Republicans will continue to maintain a strong majority, they will continue to maintain a fairly strong conservative majority. But I do think you're going to see a bit of a different face on the legislature come January, at least as the House is -- as far as the House is concerned. 52 seats are already decided, so that's not quite half of the House members who are essentially done campaigning. But you'll see them out walking parades and you'll still see some signs.

Not much to report as far as intelligence on the new regents that were appointed. I just --

>> Trustee Greg Musil: You might want to rephrase that.
>> Mr. Dick Carter: We have two on our own Board of Trustees here.
>> Trustee Greg Musil: Not much intelligence about the regents members.
>> Mr. Dick Carter: I have not gained much intelligence gathering.
>> Information.
Mr. Dick Carter: Information gathering. I will be happy to amend my words. But I do -- I do think that we'll get a sense as the board gathers for its retreat here in the next week or so the direction that they want to see things going and that -- did that retreat occur this week? It was occurring this week. And so we will begin to see some direction from them as they begin to look at legislative proposals brought to them by the colleges and universities in Kansas.

I think I would just conclude by drawing your attention to a piece that was laid at your place when you arrived this evening. You all know who Martin Hover is. He's been writing about Kansas politics for years and certainly knows what he's talking about. Rarely -- he loves to speak in code. He has his own little language that he likes to communicate in. Rarely does he hit something as head-on as he did in this particular column piece that appeared in yesterday's "Wichita Eagle." And so I just offer that for your perusal whenever you want to take a moment and read that. It is telling about where we're going as far as the state budget is concerned. It talks about no matter who is elected to the position of governor and presents a budget, that there are some serious challenges ahead. And that does impact the decisions that we'll be looking at when it comes to budget time in the next months and over the course of the next few years.

So I think I would stop there and see if there's any questions, Mr. Chairman.

Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you, Mr. Carter. Any questions? Trustee Cross?

Trustee Lee Cross: Yes, Mr. Carter, on Page 2 of the handout that you provided us, second to the last paragraph asks, so what's left? Which other agencies might be targeted? And in the paragraph above, you state that K-12 seems to be off limits because of the Kansas Supreme Court's involvement? Does that mean that higher ed could be on the block?

Mr. Dick Carter: Well, I've certainly been foreshadowing that higher ed is back on the block. I think that there is always a tendency to go where you see the dollars. KDOT is another one of those types of agencies where there is money, and if you have been traveling the highways, T-WORKS is well underway. Many of the projects are in some stage of either working or being completed. But we have ongoing issues that maybe we're not looking forward to like we used to 10, 15, 20 years ago when lawmakers would look forward. And so I think that if we continue to drain those dollars out of KDOT, even though we may have money to pay the bonds off and we're getting good -- present by getting good bond numbers, there's a real concern there. So I think KDOT, higher ed. It's going to be hard to take it from corrections. It's going to be hard to take it from K-12. So, yeah, I think we're at the top of the list.

Trustee Lee Cross: Thank you.

Chair Jerry Cook: Trustee Musil.

Trustee Greg Musil: When are the next consensus revenue estimating reports, or actual revenue reports that we should see both between now and the general election and now and the end of the year?

Mr. Dick Carter: Yeah, well, they will occur almost simultaneously with the November election. And so that's going to be a critical piece that gives us a glimpse as to how we will end the current fiscal year. The Legislative Research Department just a week or so ago revised the ending balance numbers to about 29 million in the current fiscal year. Clearly that
does not meet a 7% statutorily required ending balance. Nobody really pays too much attention to that because we can amend the statute or put a proviso in that overlooks that each year and have done so in the past. Although, the past year or so, year or two, I think we've had an approximate, well, we've met the 7% ending balance requirement. I'm not sure what happens at that point.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: I should know this. Do we get monthly reports of revenues and then quarterly estimate revenue -- projection estimates?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: We get monthly. The projections typically are biannual. The Consensus Revenue Estimating Group meets in April, they meet in November, and we do get month-end numbers. Last month, we were ahead slightly by a few million dollars. I anticipate, and again, we have nothing to go on, but typically August we see a bump in sales tax revenue simply because of the start of the school. And so we should see that. Again, you would hope to expect in September and October a bump in corporate and/or individual income tax numbers. But that may not come true this year based on this being the first year of the new law where the individual income tax does not apply to small business owners.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Other questions?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Am I still under the correct impression that meeting projections mean -- those projections show that now in 2016, FY 2016 or certainly by FY '17 the state will be several hundred million dollars below -- in revenues below what the projected expenditures are?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: Yes, that's correct.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: So if we don't beat projections on revenues, then we are still in the soup several hundred million dollars?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: That is correct.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: And isn't that mid-year '16?

>> Mr. Dick Carter: No. That would be -- well, yeah. I'd have to look back and see where it actually kind of -- (Inaudible).

>> Chair Jerry Cook: End of year, I guess, '16.

>> Mr. Dick Carter: Yeah.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Okay. Any other questions? Trustee Cross? You ready for another one?

>> Trustee Lee Cross: No, I'm sorry.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Thanks to Dick. Appreciate it very much.

This is the time for 2014-2015 budget public hearing. And before we open it up to the public, I think it's important just to remind the listing audience and the public that the budget process is actually almost a year-long process. In fact, we'll in October -- in fact, we're adopting guidelines tonight for next year as to what those budget guidelines are, and then we have regular meetings throughout the year to get to the point where we are tonight. And a lot of people put a lot of time into it, and so it's not something that while in a public meeting it may -- it might seem like it was approved in a quick manner, a lot of people have given a lot of hours leading up to this night.
So with that, I will now open this budget hearing. Is there anyone in the audience who would like to speak on the 2014-2015 budget for Johnson County Community College? Is there anyone in the audience who would like to speak on the 2014-'15 budget? Is there anyone in the audience who would like to speak on the budget?

Don Perkins, if you'll come up to the podium to review and answer any questions the trustees might have. I would remind the trustees we will vote on the adoption of the budget during the management section of committee report and recommendations, but during this open hearing, this might be the time to deal with your questions. Any questions of Mr. Perkins or any opening comments, Don, that you'd like to make?

>> Mr. Don Perkins: I would like to say and just remind anyone who might be listening tonight that the page that we see in the board packet tonight is the one that was in the paper. It was published in July and it was available for review. Tonight, as you said, we will -- the board will vote to approve this budget, and then before the 25th of August, I will file it with the county and the state.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Any questions of Mr. Perkins? Trustee Drummond?

>> Trustee Robert Drummond: Just a couple observations. One of the first observations that I've focused on the past couple years is looking at our indebtedness, and I think this year is another sign -- a good sign for us. We've reduced our indebtedness by double digits, probably 15, 16%, I'm not sure exact numbers on that, Mr. Perkins, but it's dropped over $6 million, and when you look at our total indebtedness of 31 million and change for an organization our size and as complex as we are, that is a low amount of money anyway, but to be able to reduce it at the level we've been able to reduce it I think is a really good sign of a healthy organization and one that's very fiscally conservative.

The second thing I would point to is the mill levy. We don't know this for sure, but it could be apparent that maybe the mill levy will drop again for this year, which we're always happy about. The flip side of that is if valuations go up, then taxes still will go up a little bit. So it's six in one, half a dozen in the other, but at least the mill levy is being stabilized, it's not escalating; it's dropping a little bit, and hopefully we'll get back to the days when it was even lower than it was. So those are just a couple observations that I thought it was important to point out to the listeners, those that are watching on TV. Thank you very much.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Other questions of Mr. Perkins? If not, we will close the budget hearing at this time and move on. Thank you very much, Don. That moves us to our committee reports and recommendations, and the first item is the Management Committee. Trustee Musil.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Management Committee met on Wednesday, August 6th. Trustee Lindstrom and Trustee Stewart were both present with me. We have four recommendations to present to you this evening. The first one is the budget adoption. As Don alluded to and Dr. Drummond alluded to, at the Management Committee, we discussed that we have a .1 mill reduction in the mill levy of the college, which will be subject to adjustment by the county appraiser and treasurer once final budget numbers are -- final assessment numbers are in. The budget is as published. So I understand that I should ask, Don, we can't increase the budget expenditures over what we adopt here, but -- without a separate
vote, but we -- and we typically don't spend the amount that is approved in the budget, but this is the authority to expend that amount?

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

>> Trustee Greg Musil: So it is the recommendation of the Management Committee that the Board of Trustees accept the FY 2014-'15 budget as published and as hereby certified said budget to the County Clerk of Johnson County for collection in the manner prescribed by law, and I will so move.

>> Second.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Trustee Cross?

>> Trustee Lee Cross: Yes, Mr. Chair. If I may just briefly explain my vote. I'm going to vote yes for this proposal but explain that I have reservations in doing so, largely because the state of the state budget and despite a relatively good economy here and the confounding nature of those two facts, I think it's wise that we are keeping the mill pretty much where it is to stabilize our budget and salaries, but then also, too, I have a grave concern and frankly campaigned on the amount that we've raised tuition and fees on our students, and the guidelines call for that directly and expressly and I voted against those guidelines. But, nevertheless, I feel it's necessary to keep the college going. I have confidence in this board and its ability to dance to keep the college going and the political things that we do. So I think it's a budget to keep this going. I do have these reservations and I thank you for the time to explain that.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you very much. Other comments? Trustee Musil?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: I look back at this and the budget we produce shows the actual tax rate and the actual amount levied, i.e. the amount raised in taxes for fiscal year '13, '14 and the proposed one for '15. And in 2013, our property taxes raised a little over $66 million, if I'm reading that right. In 2014, we raised almost $73 million. And even with a slight reduction in the mill levy, we will raise about $76,500,000 this year, almost 5% more than last year in total revenues. That's a credit to this county and growth that is done by the business community and the workers and citizens that are out there doing it, and we're the beneficiary of that. I think recognizing that and adjusting the mill levy if only slightly is the right thing to do and that's why I support this budget.

We hope that we can continue the growth in this county, which is really kind of unique in the state and in the area, so that we can continue to have that kind of assessed valuation increase and can keep the mill levy level or reduced. Can't always do that, but I think this year we're in a situation where we can do that, and so that's why I will support the motion.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Other comments? I would like to reinforce both comments, Trustee Cross and Trustee Musil. Trustee Cross, I agree. I have some concerns as well in terms of predicting things that we don't have control of necessarily, but I do appreciate your comment about the confidence in this board. I think this board has been very sensitive to the needs, a couple years ago leading into last year, and when we had the discussion on the mill levy increase, I think reducing it one-tenth of a mill shows again accountability and responsibility that it's the right thing to do, and yet if factors change that we cannot control, then I think this board will make the right decision moving forward. And so I compliment the board, but I also compliment the administration and the work that our accounting people do, the input we have
from faculty and all of our staff. Seeing some other processes for budget approval, I'm really proud of what we do here. So thank you very much. Anybody else have a comment?

We have a motion and a second on the table. All in favor say signify by saying aye.

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries. Thank you, Trustee Musil.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: The next item is a consideration of a policy change. Mitch Borchers presented proposed revisions to the Reimbursement of Travel Expenses Policy 216.01 to create a streamlined policy addressing travel expenses by college employees. The proposed revisions to the policy and updates will be -- proposed revisions will be in the corresponding operating procedures and we will delete policies that are no longer necessary.

It is the recommendation of the Management Committee that the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of College Administration to approve the revisions to the Reimbursement of Travel Expenses Policies 216.01 and approve the deletion of Same Day Travel Policy 216.02, Overnight Travel Policy 216.03, and Candidate Travel and Reimbursement Policy 216.04 as subsequently shown in the board packet beginning on Page 5, and I will make that motion.

>> Second.

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

>> Trustee Greg Musil: I just want to make it clear that the candidate referenced there is candidates for employment at the college that we are recruiting. It has nothing to do with a candidate for any elected or appointed office.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Good point. Any other questions or comments? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes.)

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

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Next item is renewal of the annual contract for athletic team charter bus service. I think it was last year we did a Request for Proposal to establish an annual price contract for charter bus services for the college's various athletic teams. That is both for regular season events that can be scheduled in advance and for potential playoff participation which we budget for and hope we need. The winners -- the RFP responders included Crossroad Tours and White Knight Limousine Inc., and I think we contracted with both of them for some portions. White Knight Limousine ended up pulling out of the contract and Crossroad Tours agreed to pick up and honor their bid on those items. And so the bid renewal this year will be with Crossroad Tours for the upcoming academic year and represents the first of four annual renewal options. It is the recommendation of the Management Committee that the board accept the recommendation of College Administration to approve the renewal of the annual contract for Crossroads Tours for regular season athletic team charter bus service in the amount of $68,604, postseason athletic team charter bus service on as-needed basis in an amount not to exceed $58,375, and an additional $12,697.90 to allow for contingencies for possibly unforeseen costs, for a total expenditure not to exceed $139,676.90 for athletic team charter bus services, and I will make that motion.

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

Trustee David Lindstrom: Not a question, but it might be. Mitch, I probably should have said something to you ahead of time. This is not the low bid. Could you take a moment and just explain why we are going with something other than the low bid? I think it's fair for the public to hear this.

Mitch Borchers: Sure. It was a Request for Proposal, so we solicited proposals for a lot more criteria other than just pricing the individual trips. We had an evaluation committee put together that looked at a lot of things in terms of safety and service levels, the equipment, certifications that the companies had. And so when you factor in all that criteria, Crossroads was clearly the best.

Trustee David Lindstrom: Thank you.

Mitch Borchers: You're welcome.

Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you, Mitch. Other comments or questions? All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes.)

Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

Trustee Greg Musil: The next item is a renewal of a lease between Johnson County Community College and the University of Kansas for five classrooms at the KU Regents Center, Edwards Center's campus, classrooms made available to the college for our kind of overflow needs from the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from August 18, 2014, to May 22, 2015. I think we noted in the Management Committee that this rental rate has not changed for a number of years. It's a very good example of partnership between two public institutions to use facilities fully.

It's the recommendation of the Management Committee that the Board of Trustees approve a lease agreement with KU Regents Center for the use of classrooms from August 18, 2014, to May 22, 2015, for a sum of $30,000, and I will make that motion.

Second.

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

(Ayes.)

Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

Trustee Greg Musil: We heard reports from staff. We had a comprehensive report on continuing education from Mike Souder. I want to commend him, Karen Martley, and their staff for efforts on program development and revenue growth, for looking at programs that aren't -- don't seem to be serving the community and we can spend our resources better elsewhere. Dr. Larson reviewed budget reallocations that occurred in the second half of the fiscal year when moneys are moved between accounts to meet specific needs that come up during the year that could not be anticipated.

Susan Rider reviewed our investments in the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool. Mitch Borchers reported on both the sole source bids and the bid summaries between 25,000 and 100,000, the summaries that are on Page 8 of your board packet. There were a number of them this year because of the timing of the fiscal year. And, finally, Jeff Allen in Rex Hays' absence
provided a monthly update on capital infrastructure programs. That report is on Page 20 and I think he highlighted the masonry repairs you see on a number of buildings around campus that will probably be ongoing for the rest of our lives. Right, Rex? That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you very much. On a side note, Dr. Sopcich and I were going over to the faculty breakfast yesterday and so I asked about the equipment that was stationed nearby with a fenced-off area for what appeared to be tuck pointing of the buildings. And so I said, well, isn't it -- can't we get this done before school starts? And he says, Dr. Cook, this goes on year-round. And so I know there may be some from the public thinking why are they working on the buildings when school starts, because you're supposed to have all that done. But Trustee Musil is right, it's a kind of a year-round project with lots of buildings. And so we appreciate all the work that goes on.

Learning Quality, Trustee Cross.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: Yes, Mr. Chair. The Learning Quality Committee met August 4th, 2014, in this very room and we had several presentations that day, including Mr. Andy Anderson presenting a proposal to the committee to approve the working agenda for 2014-2015. And we do have this recommendation to make to the board. It is the recommendation of the Learning Quality Committee that the Board of Trustees approve the Learning Quality Committee Working Agenda for 2014-2015 academic year as is shown subsequently in the board packet, I believe on Page 27 of the PDF at any rate. So I'd offer that motion.

>> 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 Lee Cross: We also had presentations, several presentations that day, one from Angel Mercier, Program Director of Art Education. She shared information regarding the JCCC Performing Arts Series, specifically about the education program which has been in existence for 14 years, and the program's main goal is to create an arts rich learning environment that strengthens community connections, presents programs that deepen the understanding of other cultures and the human condition, reaches unserved communities and underprivileged students so they too can acquire the benefits of the arts, regardless of age, economics, ethnicity, or other physical and mental ability, and supports K-12 teachers throughout the county with professional development opportunities in arts integration.

In April 2014, the arts education program in the Shawnee Mission School District were inducted into the Partners in Education 2014 Institute led by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. JCCC/Shawnee Mission Partnership Team is the only existing team in Kansas, and its goal is to develop art-based education programs for all teachers, not just those who teach arts.

We also had a presentation by Mark -- I apologize if I say this wrong -- Daganaar, Jessica Tipton, Barry Bailey, and Molly Kahn, who provided information on the rich resources in the
Billington Library. Jessica Tipton specifically presented information about the evening weekend reference -- excuse me, she is the evening/weekend reference librarian and she shared a video she created about an online business presentation software tool.

Skipping ahead here. Mr. Bailey, who's an associate professor and incoming faculty chair, is responsible for the college's digital collection archive, which is an institutional repository to store items such as trustee -- Board of Trustees meeting packets, "Campus Ledger" publications, and frankly an assortment of information, including the World War II prison diary and the JCCC Honors Journal, which is the most viewed series in the entire collection.

Molly Kahn, the college archivist, said that her department is responsible for identifying, collecting, and preserving the official records of the college and providing facilities such as -- facilities for such records. She shared a website called historypin.com. That showed how the location at College and Quivira has changed and the history of the college. It was fairly impressive.

We also had a discussion by Clarissa Craig. She shared that the agreement with the University of Kansas Hospital is part of the Health Care Information Systems Program and that the agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel, and the committee's approval was requested to move forward with the agreement, although I do not believe we have anything to offer on that at this time. So that concludes my report.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Questions of Trustee Cross? Thank you, Lee. Appreciate it.

Human resources, Trustee Drummond.

>> Trustee Robert Drummond: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Human Resources Committee did not meet this month; therefore, we do not have a report.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. Audit Committee, Trustee Musil.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: I think the first thing we're going to have the Audit Committee do is see how many hits there are on the archives about the board packets. I'm sure that there's probably a lot of interest in that. The Audit Committee met at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 5th, 2014. Chair Cook was there, along with myself, representing the Board of Trustees. We heard several reports from staff, including a report called a Firewall and Router Security Assessment Report performed by Securance Consulting. The consultant reported back very favorably about how well the college is doing in protecting our network and providing feedback on system improvements that will keep people that aren't supposed to be into our network, keep them out of it, and keep hackers out and that kind of thing.

The internal audit staff reported that they'd recently completed a comprehensive audit of the college's accounts payable and master vendor file maintenance function. Policies and procedures in place for both accounts payable and the master vendor file maintenance were found to be sound and to provide a high level of insurance that transactions are accurate, timely and appropriate. Some recommendations were presented to further assist in strengthening those internal controls in support of the college's ongoing process improvement strategy.

We also received a quarterly report on the Johnson County Community College Ethics Report Line, the hotline for reporting anonymously or otherwise. We discussed surveying JCC employees -- there I go again -- JCCC, the college's employees regarding the ethical
environment at the college and the employees' comfort in bringing forth issues to make sure that there is still a willingness to do so if somebody has a concern.

We talked about the draft working agenda for the committee for the upcoming academic year, and red-line version of that is shown on Page 28 showing the differences from last year. It is the recommendation of the Audit Committee that the Board of Trustees approve the 2014-2015 Audit Committee Working Agenda found on Page 28 in the Board packet, and I will make that motion.

>> I'll second it.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: I didn't see in the minutes here, and I wasn't listening as carefully as I should have, did you talk about the Title IX? We spent a lot of time on Title IX with the athletic department.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: We did have a report that was an Executive Session subject to the attorney-client privilege reporting on Title IX compliance and an assessment done by our outside law firm, Husch Blackwell, and I don't know if we can say much more about it than that. But we take that responsibility very seriously and intend to be in compliance with all aspects of federal law, including, but not limited to, Title IX. How about that? Is that okay, lawyer?

>> Chair Jerry Cook: And I think what the public -- what I'd like the public to know about that is that the consultant we -- that we use works with four-year universities all over the nation and was pleased to position Johnson County Community College as in the top two or three percentile of compliance, and so we feel very good about that. And when you have the programs we have and the efforts that go in, that's in this day and age very, very, very important. So I applaud the college and everybody that works with Title IX for that result.

We have a motion and a second. Are there any further discussions? Trustee Musil?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: After the vote.

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

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Mr. Chair, if I could, during the safety briefing before we got on camera, before anybody -- any of the citizens can see it, we talked a little bit about the KOPS-WATCH and the Behavioral Intervention Team and if you see something, report it, primarily to help our students that are troubled, our employees that are troubled, so we can get them the assistance they need, and we did receive a report on that, as we do I think every Audit Committee -- every Audit Committee meeting, and that's very helpful to know that we have the entire campus dedicated to trying to find out if people are having trouble, whether it's their car broke down, they're financially in trouble or they're having other problems or stresses in their lives that we can help. I think the entire campus team does a great job on that and we get reported on that every Audit Committee, so I thought that was worth mentioning. Thank you.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you. And I would just add that sometimes when we think of the Audit Committee, it's, oh, my gosh, it's boring and do we have to go through that. We spend about two hours each session and, again, for the viewing audience, we have a large number of dedicated staff that take all of their audit responsibilities very, very seriously, and I
believe all of the faculty and staff take their responsibilities seriously because they know that we have good systems in place. They're part of those systems. And we're very pleased and proud of the work that everybody does to ensure that the dollars of this public institution are being utilized and spent properly and, as Trustee Musil has said, that the safety of our students and faculty is top and foremost. So thanks to everybody that works hard at that. It's not boring at all to sit in those meetings and hear all the great work that's being done.

Treasurer's Report, Trustee Lindstrom.

>> Trustee David Lindstrom: Mr. Chairman, I'm pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30th, 2014, which can be found on Pages 29-39 in your board packet. Briefly, here are a few highlights. On Page 30 is the General Fund summary. You can note there that ad valorem distributions of 29.5 million were received in June. I want to make note of the budget and something that's happening on a regular basis, at least by my observations on these reports, that -- and commend Dr. Sopcich, Barbara Larson, and Don Perkins for their leadership in this regard -- revenues once again are ahead of last year and expenditures are once again below the prior year's spending. In that regard, as of June 30th, we had a book balance of 90.8 million, with 13.5 million in outstanding encumbrances, leaving us with an unencumbered balance of 77.4 million. Those amounts do not reflect all fiscal year-end closing entries. Expenditures in the Primary Operating Fund are within approved budgetary limits. And it is the recommendation of the College Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30th, 2014, subject to audit, and I would make that motion.

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

>> Second.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Any discussion? Any questions? 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: Thank you, Trustee Lindstrom. Dr. Sopcich.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Thank you, Trustee Lindstrom, for those kind words. The fact is that the accomplishment of this budget, and when you look at those expense lines across the board, they are down from last year. I think that speaks toward the sustainability point that Dr. Drummond has always made and it reflects the work of everybody in this room, and Dr. Larson's leadership and Dr. Korb, myself, Andy, it's a college-wide effort to make this kind of thing happen. So I think that needs to be pointed out.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: And what a wonderful segue into your monthly report.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Thank you, Dr. Cook. Before we get started, I just want to point out to you that the monthly report to the board is enclosed. This is an outstanding document that lists the accomplishments throughout the college of faculty and staff. So I hope you have some time to spend reading that. We're going to do a Lightning Round because I know it's such a popular item, and we're going to start off with Dr. Korb. Judy.
Dr. Judy Korb: Okay. I would like to just tell you a little bit about Professional Development Days, which tomorrow will be the last day of Professional Development Days that we have before the beginning of the semester. We've had over 87 different programs that faculty and staff have been able to attend and ranging in topics from Desire2Learn, which is the new Learning Management System, faculty portfolios, assessment, and then we also had a wellness track. And I'm going to focus just a little bit on the wellness track because if you recall, when the Benefit Task Force came up with their recommendations for what we needed to do for benefits, one of their recommendations was that we have a more focused wellness initiative. So we've been working on that. We've had a committee working on it, and this is the first time that we have really promoted the kinds of things that we're putting in place.

So we have in the Professional Development Days, there's a track, a wellness track that had 27 different things programmed from ergonomics to sleep and, you know, how to eat better and fitness things, and so just a wide variety of things that people could go to, and we also had that as the topic for the all-staff meeting and had a speaker. Dr. Michelle Robin came in and spoke on wellness and gave us some good ideas, some pointers and tips on things that we can do. And I just want to say that we've had great participation in the professional development activities this week, and we've had some very good feedback about how appreciative people are of the kinds of things that we are providing and thinking about with regard to wellness, their wellness. And so we're going to -- we'll keep it up and there will be some ongoing things. There is -- at your place, there's a flyer that just kind of gives you an overview of the kinds of things that are available to employees, and although we had a concentrated efforts during Professional Development Days, there will be ongoing activities as we move forward. So I just wanted to make sure you knew that we were following up on that recommendation.

I feel better.

Dr. Judy Korb: Do you? Good! And you should. Thank you.

Dr. Joe Sopcich: All right. Dr. Larson.

Dr. Barbara Larson: Thank you, Dr. Sopcich. Summer months offer some breathing room for many of us here at the college, but generally not for those in financial services, and as you know, our fiscal year ends on June 30th, and between opening up a new budget and closing out the prior year budget, it is -- there's very little down time for financial services staff. So I really want to acknowledge Don Perkins and his staff for their work. We expect to officially close the books on fiscal year 2014 early next week, and I'm told that that's one of the earliest close dates that we've had, and that's due to their hard work, the folks in accounts payable making sure that all entries are closed out in a timely manner. The external auditors were on-site for preliminary work in June. They do some testing in accounts payable in finance and financial aid and grants. There were no preliminary findings at that time, and the auditors will be back to begin their work on the year-end financial audit on September 2nd, but we have -- we will have everything in order well ahead of schedule.

Dr. Joe Sopcich: That's terrific. Thank you. And, Mr. Anderson, do you have a --

Dr. Andy Anderson: I do, actually. I'm excited. We just received news yesterday actually from the Institute of International Education announcing that Johnson County Community College has received eight Gilman scholarships. These are scholarships that award
up to $5,000 to students who are Pell Grant recipients. So they have to actually be recipients of
Pell Grants, supporting international study abroad, and this is the most scholarships, again, of
any community college in the country. A couple times we've done that, and it's a remarkable
accomplishment. Barb Williams works in the International Education Office and does a great
job of working with students, coordinating those efforts, making sure they get the applications
filled out correctly and appropriately. But to have eight students provided the opportunity to
study abroad is a remarkable accomplishment, and we're just very proud of the work they've
done.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Thank you, Andy. You know, this week, before classes start, there's
always a lot of fun, and one of the joys of working in education is that every semester is a new
one. And so people are working really hard, the faculty is back, we're really excited about that.
And I want to just especially recognize some people here. Last Saturday I was in the office and
Daniel Tamire, our lead custodian, was working really hard with a crew, and I go, Daniel, I go,
What are you doing? And he goes, um, we gotta get things in shape because the students are
coming back and they're our customers and we really do want them to come back, don't we?
And I said, Absolutely, Daniel.

(Laughter.)

I go, That's a good idea. So but it was really encouraging. And also I want to recognize
the faculty as they incorporate the new Learning Management System D2L into their
day-to-day teaching practices. I'm sure that for the more technologically adept faculty it's
going really smoothly, but for some of us who are technology challenged, like myself, it's a bit
more of a challenge, and so we have people who help us to make sure that we can get
up-to-speed, and that's always very much appreciated and they do a great job.

Regarding enrollment, we have reason for guarded optimism that some of the things we
implemented for the summer that benefited the summer will work in the fall as well. And I do
know that everyone is working extremely hard on enrollment, trying to grow our enrollment,
and as those numbers become clearer, we'll be providing another report to you to give you the
most recent update.

This past week, the Kansas Board of Regents hosted a retreat outside of Topeka, and Dick
had alluded to that. One of the topics discussed was performance-based funding. I attended the
Tuesday afternoon session as a member of the executive committee for the Council of
Presidents and we participated in a very frank discussion with the regents regarding program
articulation, not course articulation, but program articulation, general communication, and
funding.

On Wednesday morning, while we were focusing on wellness, Patrick Allison Rossol
attended the presentation by Dr. Dennis Jones. Dr. Dennis Jones, the nationally prominent
authority on performance-based funding, and the regents are using him as they look ahead
trying to set this up. Performance-based funding is really becoming more the norm across the
country rather than the exception, and this is being driven by state legislators who are
demanding greater accountability from higher ed. It just doesn't impact community colleges or
technical colleges; the universities are in this as well.
It does pretty much what the name says it does; it links funding to performance. But, most importantly, the performance metrics, what we'll be measured on, are most critical. A common metric is the number of credentials earned by the students, be they diploma for graduation or a certificate for program completers. That's always one of the more common ones that's used. Our challenge is to do whatever we can to make sure that these metrics are fairly conceived, fairly applied, and ultimately produce the desired outcomes the State desires.

At risk is our funding from the State, not all of the funding, which is in the neighborhood of 20, 21 million, but certainly a portion of that, as these funds can potentially be reallocated from one school that fails to make their metrics to another that succeeds. So we'll be watching this whole process evolve very closely and we'll want to be involved as much as possible.

Here are some events that you might want to be aware of. At the next trustee meeting on September 25th, Patrick will provide the updated key performance indicators. These will be based on the progress that occurred over the past year in these key performance indicators. The top line results are encouraging and also point to the need for continuous improvement in these areas. You'll find it fascinating.

On Tuesday, August 26th, there is a command performance for all of us as representatives from the League for Innovation, the site visit team will be here. I believe that dinner will be prepared by our culinary students and served in the Regnier Family Dining Room in the Hospitality and Culinary Academy. So that is Wednesday evening, August 26.

Next Friday, August 22nd, is the Annual Harvest Dinner, which starts at 6:00 p.m. at the college. This event is conducted by the Center for Sustainability. It's a scholarship fundraiser and much of the food is locally grown and the chefs are local as well. For example, the appetizer chef is chef Aaron Prater from our own Hospitality Management Program. The entrée will be prepared by Alex Pope, owner of The Local Pig in Kansas City. And dessert will be prepared by Lindsey Larix, the owner/creator of Little Freshie in Kansas City. None of these restaurants which I have frequented, but I'm sure they are very, very good. The farm to table dinner will be dependent upon the harvest itself. But tickets are $50 and it's an outstanding event. If you can make that, you'd really appreciate it.

Then after that, you can walk out of the Regnier Center and we're going to have Kelley Hunt out of Lawrence, Kansas, will be performing in the Light Up The lawn Series on the lawn at Nerman around 8:00. Last year the lawn was packed. People were over the hills. It was a fantastic concert. Kelly is highly regarded and there is considerable excitement about her playing at the college. She's produced six albums and her latest is "The Beautiful Bones."

On September 10th, we'll do our strategic plan roll-out presentation. Patrick will actually do his report in song after being inspired by Don Perkins yesterday. This strategic plan is a definite step in the right direction for the future of the college. On the 17th, September 17th, is the Foundation's annual Scholarship Recipient Luncheon. This is always a very nice event. You're certainly invited. We may need to utilize trustees as live student interviewers. If you recall, Trustee Sharp and Trustee Musil performed the role last year. Trustee Sharp was outstanding. Oh, and so was Trustee Musil.

On October 1st we'll do the State of the College report. That's October 1st. Last year we featured the accomplishments and projects of several of our faculty. This year's focus is in development.
>> Trustee Greg Musil: Time?
>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: It will be at 1:00 in the afternoon.
>> Trustee Greg Musil: Thank you.
>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: And, lastly, when I was fortunate to go to Russia on that Fulbright, that mini Fulbright in 2009, it was fascinating when you go into a university or college and to see how they featured their award-winning faculty and staff in very prominent locations in the college. It was just, every school did that. It was really pretty fascinating. We're fortunate to work at an institution that enjoys a national reputation for excellence, and much of that comes from the work done by everyone in this room, but before it was us, it was them, those that came before us. So I'd like to point out that in the entrance hallway to the GEB, you probably walked by it this evening, you'll see the newly relocated JCCC Wall of Honor. The Wall of Honor was moved from the Virginia Krebs room into the -- from the Carlsen Center to this new location. This will be up on the wall and there will be an inscription and it will read "JCCC's Wall of Honor lauds former JCCC employees for their significant lasting contributions to the college or for bringing honor to our college through their own regional or national recognition."

This is something that we can certainly all be proud of. I hope that it will inspire additional nominations so there will be more members of our faculty and our staff on that wall. So thank you very much.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you, Dr. Sopcich. I would hope that all of you have the August 26th event on your calendar with the League. It's important for all of us to be there. For those of you that didn't see the faculty ceremony yesterday morning, we were honored by the return of the Smothers Brothers. Now, most of you are too young to know who the Smothers Brothers were, but everybody -- Dr. Sopcich and Don Perkins performed at a very high level on a guitar duet and encouraged some from the audience to go up and --

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Which one does Tommy?
>> Chair Jerry Cook: -- sing. Well, I'll let you figure that out and sing about this college. So it was really a fun day. Dr. Korb gave a wonderful presentation on a personal example of wellness, and I just really again want to thank Karen and you, Dr. Korb, and the committee for the great work that was done to put all of that together. It was really a nice week.

Do we have any old business? Any new business? We'll go to reports from board liaisons. KACCT is first. I would say that we had a nice opportunity this summer to bring together the representative of the Council of Presidents for Kansas Community Colleges. Myself, as chair of KACCT, our executive director, Kenny Wilk, who is -- Regent Wilk, who is the Chairman of Kansas Board of Regents, and Dr. Tompkins, Executive Director. It just seems as if it's important to always review what one expects of one another, and we had a very nice discussion about how we're going to work together going forward, and I think that was very, very productive. As a result of that, Dr. Tompkins and Regent Wilk will be at our KACCT meeting in September at Pratt Community College. That's September 12th and 13th.

One of the initiatives we're trying to do as trustees is to have two trustees from each college really become advocates for the community college movement in the state, and it's always interesting for some of us that have been on state boards that the representatives tend to want to protect their home interests, and that's probably natural. But we're trying to encourage
our trustees that sit on the KACCT board how can we move the footprint of the community college movement in the state of Kansas, how can we make the community college presence in Kansas among the best in the nation?

So we're delighted about Regent Wilk coming and Dr. Tompkins, and hopefully that's the beginning of some really nice discussion. I'll be visiting with you. I think we need one more person that would like to attend those on a regular basis. If we had 38 advocates of trustees and a whole -- the hidden agenda there, if there is one, is to help elevate the level of trusteeship in the state of Kansas, and we're working on trustee perception index as to what -- what do you understand about being a trustee before you even put your name on the ballot to become a trustee. And usually people when they become a trustee say, oh, my goodness, I had no idea that it was so involved and encompassing. So I think we're trying to raise the level of professionalism with our trustees in the state of Kansas and help us understand how important community colleges are.

Do you have anything else to say about the Pratt conference coming up? We also have Noah Brown is coming, Joe, the executive director nationally of ACCT. And so it's always nice to have the national executive director there. But do you have anything else?

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: I would hope that there are other trustees who can find the time to join us in Pratt. It's actually a lot of fun. And you might want to think about that sometime. Dr. Cook is out there carrying the banner on his own, and so to have another trustee or two there would be outstanding. I just thought I'd bring that up.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Any questions?

>> Trustee Lee Cross: I would be interested. I've committed to do something with my wife that night -- (Inaudible).

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Spouses are welcomed at the trustee retreat, yeah.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: This is not a battle I'm looking for.

(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: We'll consider that for another trip.

>> Trustee Lee Cross: But in the future, Mr. Chair.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Johnson County Research Triangle, Trustee Musil.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Johnson County Educational Research Triangle board met last week -- was that August 4th? -- on a Monday morning at 7:30 and once again reviewed the budget process for the three entities that are funded by that one-eighth cent sales tax that are the Kansas University Cancer Center, Kansas University Edwards Campus, and the Kansas State University Olathe Innovation Campus. Some of the things we look at with the KU Cancer Center that they report on the number of clinical trials they have going that are part of the NCI designation, the number of patients they have, the number of demographics, where the patients are coming from, and the number of collaborative efforts they have with cancer researchers and pharmaceutical companies that are looking to help find ways to ameliorate or cure cancer. And all of those indicators are up. They're very excited about where the University of Kansas is and what this funding source provides them as an opportunity to turn Kansas City and the State of Kansas into a real cancer research and treatment place that it didn't -- it didn't have the opportunity to be before.
KU Edwards Campus continues to add bachelor's and master's degrees, as it pledged it would do if it received this funding, and it try -- it's rolling out a couple more in the fall of 2014, I guess this month, and then some -- looking for more in 2015. The Kansas State Olathe campus also does primarily master's and doctorate level work in degrees in food safety and development and reports on -- at our quarterly meetings on new partnerships it had with industry trying to generate better foods, safer foods, safer water supplies, and things like that, that's probably what K-State is known for.

And as I mentioned last month, the sales tax receipts continue to be slightly higher than last year, not dramatically, but slightly higher, at least for Johnson County, so that generates a little bit more in the coffers of those three educational institutions.

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: Trustee Musil, was there a discussion about Degree in 3?

>> Trustee Greg Musil: There was not a discussion of Degree in 3.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Being you have raised that, would you like to give a 30-second commercial?

>> Dr. Joe Sopcich: I was going to defer that to Dr. Anderson.

>> Dr. Andy Anderson: Thank you. Actually, it is an exciting opportunity. We've been working much more closely with the University of Kansas for the past actually year and a half. The Degree in 3 will allow students to complete a Bachelor of Science in computer information technology, if they coordinate their schedules wisely. They have to begin in high school, we're starting with the Blue Valley program, they'll meet with their counselors, they'll get involved in the program. By the end of their high school career, they will have completed in effect their first year of general education requirements. They'll come here, complete a second year, and then go to the University of Kansas. If they are focused and take the right classes, they will be able to move and complete a four-year degree within three years of completing high school.

And so the Degree in 3 refers to a couple of things, actually, being able to complete a degree in three years out of high school, and actually we're working with three institutions, Blue Valley -- and actually other high school students in the area can participate -- and also Johnson County Community College, and then the University of Kansas. So we're excited about that opportunity.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Good. Thank you very much. Thank you.

>> Trustee Greg Musil: Stephanie is not here, and I know probably because there hasn't been a Foundation board meeting, but I thought it was worth noting in the Treasurer's Report that this year the Foundation contribution income was over a million dollars higher than the year before, which is a credit to our citizens and businesses that have contributed to that, and that to remind everybody once again for the first time we were able to give more than a million dollars in scholarships, and we can't do that without everybody out there on TV contributing to that and supporting the college. But those numbers are very impressive for a college this size to have a Foundation as active and to be able to give away a million dollars in scholarships, that's an awful lot of students that will benefit. And Stephanie might have brought that up, but I wanted to make sure it was on the record.

>> Chair Jerry Cook: And Some Enchanted Evening is just around the corner.
Dr. Joe Sopcich: That's right. And if I can, Trustee Musil, and that million dollars-plus would not have been distributed without the incredible cooperation and help from the financial aid office on campus. They're the ones who get that money out, and so it's -- they're really doing a great job with it.

Trustee Greg Musil: And that's a good point because it's not as easy as it sounds to give money away. For scholarships that have restrictions or conditions, you've got to find the right student at the right time in the right place, and part of our effort is to do a much better job of that, and it is appreciated. I know the students probably don't appreciate all that goes on behind your staff, Dennis, but we do.

Chair Jerry Cook: During the -- thank you, Trustee Musil. During the committee reports, I failed to recognize that the Collegial Steering Committee did not meet in August. With that, I'd like to call on Mr. Palcic to give the Faculty Association report. Are you so smiley because the week of activities is about over? Or you've taken these wellness courses and you're feeling really good?

Mr. Ron Palcic: I'm walking. I'm sleeping. I'm drinking lots of water. It's been very helpful. Thank you, Chairman Cook.

(Laughter.)

I'm Ron Palcic. I'm the vice president of the Faculty Association. And for this semester I will be trying to take the place of Deb Williams. I tried to joke in the Faculty Association meeting, I'll try it here. Her shoes are going to be very hard for me to fill, literally and figuratively.

(Laughter.)

But I'm going to have a very short report tonight. The faculty is eagerly preparing for the start of the new year. We're really excited about everything that's happening. We're under and very excited working with Dr. Sopcich and as his leadership and his staff, with the staff, the administration, all of the Board of Trustees, I think we're going to have a wonderful year. We can feel the excitement in the air throughout all the presentation days, the professional days. We're preparing to return with our students and learning the benefit of a healthier staff college-wide, as well as Chairman Cook's opening remarks at the all-college meeting, and that was very inspirational. I wanted to thank you.

Chair Jerry Cook: Thank you.

Mr. Ron Palcic: In fact, when you spoke and then when Judy Korb made her presentation, I thought of one quote that comes to mind, and it was from John F. Kennedy, and it's very short, but it was very meaningful to me, and it says one person can make a difference, and every person should try. And that was from the two of you, and I appreciate that.

Finally, the Faculty Association would like to invite the board and the administrators to our start of the semester celebration that we host every fall at Quivira Falls. The doors will open at 4:00. The food will be delivered at 5:00. Don't be too late. And you're more than welcome to show up and enjoy. With that, I'd like to say thank you.

What's the date on that?

Mr. Ron Palcic: It is this Friday. Tomorrow.

Oh man!
Mr. Ron Palcic:  Short notice, isn't it?

(Laughter.)

Chair Jerry Cook: Any questions of Mr. Palcic?  Ron, thank you very much. Appreciate it. And you will fill those shoes very, very effectively.

Mr. Ron Palcic:  Thank you.

Dr. Joe Sopcich: Ron, very good report.

Mr. Ron Palcic:  Thank you very much.

Chair Jerry Cook: This is a time for our Consent Agenda. We deal with a number of routine items at this point in one motion. Are there any items that any trustee would like to remove from the Consent Agenda? Any items? I would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

So moved.

Second.

Chair Jerry Cook: Motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes.)

Chair Jerry Cook: Opposed? Motion carries.

I would like to acknowledge Trustee Musil for chairing the meeting last month in my absence. I understand it was the most efficient, well-run meeting we've had in years, and thank you very much for doing that. I would also like to recognize Trustee Drummond. Trustee Drumond has decided to take on new wings and has retired from TLC, but, Bob, your service to TLC has been just absolutely remarkable and commendable and I know Trustee Musil would like to say a comment about that.

Trustee Greg Musil:  Well, I didn't want this to go by. I know Trustee Cross and I had a chance to attend your -- the retirement reception that was put on in your honor, probably over your wishes, but it was a wonderful tribute by this community and this county to the work that you've done to help kids that otherwise didn't have a place to go, and you've built a remarkable facility out there with your team, and I know you acknowledge them, but I think most people think it wouldn't have happened without your leadership. And they've got a good guy to replace you in Gordon Docking, but it won't be Bob Drummond. One of the gifts they gave him was a wrought iron bench with a young boy and a girl sitting there reading a book, a perfect example of the kind of things that I think you and your wife have stood for at Kids TLC. So congratulations.

Trustee Robert Drummond:  Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

Trustee Greg Musil:  Now he has a lot more time to spend on this.

Chair Jerry Cook: Any other items for this particular meeting?

Trustee Lee Cross:  Just if I could, Mr. Chair, to recognize real quick, I believe -- I'm not sure it was mentioned, if Dick Carter mentioned it, but Molly Baumgardner, I just wanted to recognize she had won her primary, her Senate primary, and just recognize and congratulate her on that.

Chair Jerry Cook: I'm sorry we overlooked that, Senator. And good luck in your general election upcoming.

Trustee Greg Musil:  The balloons will drop after the November election, right.
(Laughter.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: Dr. Sopcich, anything you'd like to -- we do not have an Executive Session tonight. So with that, I'd ask for a motion to adjourn the August meeting.

>> So moved.

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

(Ayes.)

>> Chair Jerry Cook: The meeting is adjourned.