

Johnson County Community College Board of Trustees Meeting

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Transcript of Meeting

- Good evening and welcome to the May 14, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting for Johnson County Community College. If you'll please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance,

- [Everyone] 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. All right, looking at the dais, it looks like we've got six members in attendance and Trustee Cross joining us via phone this evening. We are going to begin with our awards recognitions and highlights. Dr. Miksa, tell us who we have as our student spotlight tonight.

- All right, I'm excited to introduce Israel Montantes. He's gonna tell us a little bit about his journey here at Johnson County Community College with a focus around the idea of journalism.

- Hello, I hope this thing is on.

- [Attendee] Yes.

- My name is Israel Montantes. I am 37. I have lived in Olathe since 2018 and I moved here from Lawrence. Coming back to college wasn't exactly my idea in the first place, but I did decide to come back to help my community out as far as getting answers to questions that I wanted from discussions and whatnot in the classroom settings. Here at the college, I've been able to take my ideas in journalism and apply that in the student media as the student newspaper. So I'm the videographer here. Some of the highlights I could tell you about Japanese Festival was my first opportunity here to basically craft a story. I didn't exactly

know what I was doing. Truthfully, Sole gave me the job the week before. They didn't tell me anything, and then I decided, hey, I'm going to this event. Can I bring my equipment here? So that kind of led me from discussions, questions, feedback, and a lot of good trouble, let's put it that way. As far as what I've been able to obtain ever since then. I guess just to finish up the highlights, the AI exhibits at the upstairs and in the FADS department, some of the students gave some wonderful opinions, and that was another opportunity for me to get to know the student body here, learn about what they care about, how they wanna tell their stories, and film that. That was a great way for me to say, how do I frame this? How do I tell this? And, well, two sides of the story really. This semester, I got to take on the documentary on the student automotive group that they are building a Type 65 replica car that you guys should know about. They think they had a presentation last month and I've been documenting that almost the entirety of the time, like from when they start in their meetings to when they start building. And again, we just published another video just this week detailing a lot of the things that they've done over the past semester. And personally for me, this school has allowed me some very, extremely good opportunities as far as I got to go to NAB this year, the National Association of Broadcasters, and allowed me to not only play with a lot of the nice new toys, but got to talk to a lot of people and ask questions about, if I'm a videographer and I want to do storytelling the next 10, 12 years, whatever along, what do I need to be working on right now so that I can be effective, that I can find well jobs of course, but just to be a good workflow. Good... The word is escaping me right now, not manners, but I'll just go with workflow 'cause my brain is off right now. But either way, it allowed me just to ask questions to a very diverse audience of people that have been doing these kinds of jobs that I wanna do. So that is going to help me a lot with the next few years of my planning, which is to end up getting a bachelor's or hopefully a master's in journalism with an emphasis on production in multimedia. And overall, it's been a very good first semester for me here.

- [Attendee] Thank you.

- That's enough. I was told there'd be questions.

- [Attendee] Yes. We're gonna get to that part next. Does anyone have questions for Israel? Yeah. Trustee Jennings.

- I'm so glad you're here. We need journalists and we need to know what people are doing, so thank you. So what did you do before you decided to come back to college? Were you kind of in journalism at the time?

- As far as the community goes, like audio, video, that sort of thing? It was mostly just like trying to get the message across in very, not necessarily amateurish ways, but I didn't know exactly what I was doing, but I kept doing one thing and the next and the next basically problem-solved my way through it as best I could with the skills that I had. And I realized I could work some of this myself again, or I can try to go into a more foundational system college and see where my strengths and weaknesses lie. So that's why I'm here.

- Well, it sounds like Johnson County Community College has helped you find the path you really wanna take, and thank you for taking that journey.

- All right, Trustee Rattan,

- It's good to see you here. I will say I see you everywhere out in the community. So good to see you here too. You indicated that you were in this industry before but now you're getting the technical basis. Is there anything that in between that was a big "aha" or awakening or something you've learned an example of that?

- Well, and the writing,

- Well you said you were kind of in journalism and-

- Oh, okay.

- Production, but now you're doing the degree in it.

- Well, the idea is as things are changing, the cost of equipment is coming down. So things that you would usually run, you hundreds of thousands of dollars are now tens of thousands of dollars, and eventually they'll come down again and again and again, or more efficient pieces of methods that will allow me to create videos from like shooting it to publishing it and everything in between. So that is the workflow that I am learning from beginning to end. And the way I'm asking questions is I know how to do this part, what's the next part and how do I do that faster, quicker? And to be honest, in a much more sane way, because sometimes it does drive you crazy with certain parts that you don't wanna do. So... on the technical aspect, there's been a lot more advances in the last, well, 10 years as far as how journalism is made, how it's published and how it's consumed. So that in our classrooms, especially in the last two semesters has basically been the talking points is how do we still take the same ideas 'cause again, we're still talking about the same problems, the same issues. It may be worded differently, it may be covered differently, but we still wanna have that discussion around in the classroom about how do I take a story and publish it for somebody to read. And instead of paper, I am focusing on the multimedia aspect of how do I show this in a visual medium.

- [Trustee] Any other trustees? Yeah, Trustee Carroll.

- Thank you Chair. I just want to say hi Israel. We know each other for sure, and I just wanted to commend you for coming back at our age and coming back to college. It can be definitely scary and I just want to say stick with the journey and good luck.

- And since we just finished our ethics course, I would like to, at least for the record, say I've helped a lot of your guys' campaigns. That's why we keep repeating the same thing of you know me, you know me, you know me, you've seen me around.

- I think you've helped some pretty good people. So, we appreciate that. Trustee Mitchell, did you indicate you wanted to-

- I was also going to kind of echo what Chad said. We've known each other for a while and in fact, I think the last time you had a camera pointed at me, may have been this past Sunday, It wasn't a campaign event, but I did speak at an event. So, and I started to chat

with you a little bit about your next steps. You mentioned you wanna get a bachelor's degree, so have you kind of picked an ideal spot for you to land after you've completed here?

- KU has accepted me in

- Oh, excellent.

- Journalism.

- Congratulations, here.

- And I will be back next semester here, mostly to help out Professor Humphreys and his endless pursuit of trying to recreate the newspaper here.

- Okay, if I don't see anybody else that wants to speak, I will just say, Israel, I appreciate you being up here, and we call you a non-traditional student, that's a student that comes back after a gap period to decide, you know, decides college, community college, is for them for a number of reasons. And you kind of indicated that just a little bit in your story that someone or something was the final prompt because you began by saying, "It wasn't my idea to come back to college." And I was just curious, who or what was the final push for you to come back to join us here at JCCC?

- I wouldn't say a singular person, I'd say of community of people. Mostly it was the fact that I was reaching my limits as far as answers that I could give them. So that was kind of like the stepping stone of I need a way to get them the answers that they need or at the very least solutions for them. So... could I blame Cassie for this? Some of these people know her, yes. But overall it's just the variety of questions or challenges that I was facing, and I was like, I am at least smart enough to know when I need to ask for help.

- Yep, yeah, sometimes that's half the battles, knowing what you don't know, right?

- [Israel] Yeah.

- Well, thank you very much. Thank you for coming up here. Thank you for your story. I think everybody's story is unique on how and why they come here. And then where you go from here, we can't wait to see. So we look forward to seeing you next semester and apparently everybody will see you around about all over between now and then. So have a great one. Thank you so much. Okay, well that takes us too. Yeah. That takes us to our campus spotlight, Dr. Miksa. Talk to us about who we're seeing today.

- So today we're going to give you a glimpse of our recruitment and enrollment strategy team led by Pete Belk with the two other people in his office, Lisa Turner Hernandez and Krista Grace. So come on down.

- We need interlude music. Anybody? Anybody on the tube? Work on the technology? There we go. There we go, Dr. Miksa, got a little trumpet, you can play. Good evening.

- I'm Lisa Turner Hernandez, program director for admissions.

- Hi everyone, my name is Krista Grace and I'm the manager for student recruitment.

- And am Pete Belk. I'm director of Recruitment and Enrollment Strategy. So evolution of us, when I arrived here in 2003, part of one of our 30 hour employees duties was to visit high schools and attend college fairs and provide campus tours. In 2006, we hired our first recruiters thanks to at the time interim president Dr. Larry Tyree. The world was changing back in 2006, internet was taking off, social media, that started around then. And as you think about other things that were going on then marketing really is was playing a pivotal role in how we achieved how we enrolled our students. And marketing will always play that pivotal role, but recruiters truly bring our marketing to life as they're building relationships with key stakeholders. They're the face of the college, they're our boots on the ground, if

you will. We're now in our SEM era because SEM goes beyond marketing and recruiting. It's truly a holistic approach to reaching our optimal institutional size. Dr. Judy Korb, who was then our interim vice president, led us in our first plan. And now under Shelli Allen's leadership, our current plan will take us through 2027. You see the four goals of our current SEM plan on your screen.

- So these are just some of the pictures of the events and things that our team does to stay busy all the time. But really the recruitment and action, we're really focused on creating first and lasting impressions. You know, really how do we build and maintain impactful relationships in everything that we do. So we've been strategically reinventing our approach to recruitment, creating a renewed excitement and awareness of JCCC. Some of the ways that we're doing that. We've reinvented the recruiter territories to be more strategic. You know, if we have recruiters who were alumni of high schools or have relationships, really putting them in front of those high schools where the connections are already there, and then building upon those connections. We've been collaborating with marketing to create material that is able to be personalized and customized to the audience we're speaking to as well as highlighting our areas of interest and helping those students, especially in the high schools, who may not know exactly what they wanna do gives them that broad awareness and makes them feel like they're headed in a direction, and that we can help guide them from there. We are really focused on encouraging students to come visit campus. This place is amazing, the people, the facilities, and I believe that if we can get them here to see this and experience that firsthand seeing is believing and then we can take it from there. We've also reinvented what our large campus events look like. We've collaborated with staff across the institution as well as faculty to and include some sample classes in those events. Rethink what the different titles of the events could be, how can we create them where they're really looking at different specific areas for those students so that way they feel like the event is customized to them and they can already see how we support them as individuals. And then finally, you may have heard we have a new CRM at 451 that we've been very busy implementing and that's gonna allow us to continue that personalized strategic approach to communicating with students throughout their journey as students at JCCC. And as a result of the efforts thus far, just this year alone, we've had 3,600 prospective students visit campus in one capacity or another, as well as done 185 off campus recruitment visits and events to various high schools throughout the metro area.

- [Krista] All right, so as Lisa mentioned, we are working really, really hard to get students to us because we know what a valuable resource we are. Getting students excited is really the

bread and butter for admissions. But we also wanted to make sure that we were able to provide care and guidance once they were here, right? Feeling confident moving through that admissions. Back in July of 2024, we did establish a navigator admissions navigator role. I stepped into that role just a few months later in September and we saw incredible demand, right? Over the course of that role, I took over 1100 student appointments and helped facilitate walk-ins. So, really acting as a source for prospective exploration and admissions guidance. What we found was that students were so grateful they kept coming back. And as one tiny little me, that was really hard. And I really wanted to make sure that we were able to be able to continue to support those students. So as of May 1st, right? So just a few weeks ago we saw the need to fill that demand. And so we have brought onsite our success coaches. They were already doing incredibly valuable and important work through first semester preparation, onboarding, and continued academic coaching throughout a student's journey. We thought that they'd be a perfect fit to help kind of fill that need. So we're able to integrate that continued support with those additional resources. It's been hugely successful. As I said May 1st was our launch day and they've already seen 77 admissions inquiry appointments alone that is on top of the academic support and the first semester preparation that they're doing. So I know that we are to a strict timeline, but we'd love to end our presentation today with a little celebration. I hope that we are wired for sound. We just got done with our favorite time of the year, which is announcing our Presidential Scholar Awards. Our recruiters worked diligently to coordinate 24 surprise visits to our high schoolers. They showed up in blankets and PJs, and their Sundays best. But this was a particularly special one that we got to do last year for our Shawnee Mission West awardee. Oh no! Audio is muted. Am I gonna mess anything up if I try to turn it on? The answer is yes.

- [Attendee] That's content.

- [Krista] Well, I won't take up too much time, but we were able to go and surprise that student in their choir classroom. The choir had behind their back secretly put together a surprise rendition of a customized song. "Little Baby Luca, Happy scholarship to you."

- That's incredible. All right, so is that it? That was very brief. You guys were excellent with your timeline. All right, for anyone, any trustees have questions for our team?

- I do have a question.

- I thought you might, trustee Holton.

- Can we go back to the page that you presented with the goals? I'm big on goals and-

- The metrics, treatments, and metrics and things of that nature. So, I'm curious. I do have a question 'cause I attended a pretty awesome rally at the very beginning of the year. There was like the all hands rally or something like that in Yardley, and 20,000 students was one of the big goals at that rally. Are you guys able to or is that not a goal for you guys?

- It is reflected in here. So these are the four major goals of the strategic enrollment management plan, and then there are sub goals underneath that. So within the first goal, the recruitment strategies, there are sub goals which include the 20,000 students.

- Okay. Okay. And then are you guys just credit our recruitment?

- Yes.

- Okay.

- So I mean we have a good relationship with Elisa and others to be able to know when the handoff should take place, absolutely. Yeah.

- Okay. And then I, my final question is, have you guys done any data building relativity between your visits and visits here? You're going out on visits and your visits here to re-enrollment. How it affect the- what those visits and this number of students sign up?

- So the last time we did it because we're in our first iteration of a real CRM that will provide that information quickly to us. So the last time we did it was kind of merging some spreadsheets together and looking people up and going through a few steps. But what we found then was 75% of the students who come here for an individual visit enroll. Now that does not count Mr. Smith who brings his class of 30 here for a group visit. It's individual students who sign up for a visit. And again, that but that's been years ago. Research shows and students do tend to go to more than one institution to tour and kind of figure out where their fit is. But research shows bringing students on campus is gonna be the best indicator for their future enrollment.

- Would your questions. All right, very good. Anybody else? Yes, trustee Carroll,

- Madam Chair, if we could I believe go back, no, go forward one slide to where we had the numbers about the visits. Yes, this. So how has this increased or decreased over time? I'm guessing it increased, but what does that look like?

- Some of that is a little difficult to track because we haven't had a CRM, so I've been here almost two years. So I've been living in spreadsheet land tracking it. And I would say it's roughly about a 15% increase on the off-campus visits that we've been doing. And probably a little bit higher, although some of the data was a little difficult to find and to compare year over year for the total students to campus.

- Okay, and then I, final question. So in regards to the appointments, and everything like that so are students with our changing world, are students preferring to come in person versus utilizing-

- Surprisingly-

- Technology and everything?

- They actually more often, Chris, I'm gonna defer to you since you did most of the actual meeting-

- Yeah.

- But what's probably 65?

- Yeah, I think it was roughly about half were in person and then surprisingly my second highest modality was phone. It was certainly a really great resource, especially for our working students who were calling us over their lunch break rather than fussing with technology and figuring out, you saw me with the sound earlier, avoiding some of that but yeah. Yeah.

- Are you able to do a video call?

- Yeah.

- Call as well?

- Yeah, we offered in person phone and Zoom.

- Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

- Anyone else? Yes, trustee Jennings.

- Oh, you said that just, was it May 1st, you launched the success coaches to be part of the enrollment admissions

- [Lisa] For them taking over the admissions point appointments.

- So my question is, will they then be able to stay with the students that they worked with so that initial interaction becomes a an interaction for the semester?

- Yes, and building that relationship.

- That's awesome.

- Absolutely.

- That's awesome.

- Okay, so one of the things that we saw with Krista, and obviously is one person, her bandwidth was very limited. She did such a wonderful job. They were like, great, I did everything you said, now can I come back and meet with you? And it was handoff time because she is one person and so this is gonna allow us to we've even already seen, okay, so here's what you need to go do now that we've met for this admissions appointment. Once you've done all of that, come back. So do you wanna go ahead and schedule that while you're here for your onboarding appointment so we can talk about what's next? And so that's been a really great thing and I think, you know, that commitment level is much higher if we already have that on the calendar. We've already built that relationship while you're here. Let's get that on the calendar. And we've already seen some of those benefits. So very excited.

- I think that's huge because students may leave and still feel really overwhelmed. And if they know that they know somebody-

- They have a person they-

- They have a person that they know that can come back to and they have some relationship already started.

- Also throw in the CRM has a has the ability to assign a care team, if you will to a student. So they're gonna start with a recruiter, go to a success coach who's gonna follow them throughout their first semester, then be assigned a recruiter and potentially, I'm sorry, a counselor, thank you. And then potentially get into, you know, international student services or veteran services or student life, other areas that can be part of that care team that will do as you just said, help them through everything that they have going on.

- [Jennings] That's great. Thank you. Great job guys.

- Any other questions from trustees?

- Probably more just like-

- Like right down the line.

- More like just a quick comment. You and many other groups on campus are doing all these programs focused on student success, which in the two plus years I've been on the board has boggled my mind in a very good way, I might add. I'll just say that a thousand years ago when I went to college, they just, it was a meat grinder and it was well accepted that 50% of the freshmen class would wash out. So I think it's really good. It's super good the way we've been focusing on that.

- Trustee Rattan, do you have-

- Thank you. Thank you for what you do.

- Thank you all very much. I think we could probably do a three hour Q&A on this 'cause this obviously for ambassadors to the college, which is what trustees are, this is one of those things that a lot of community people will ask us, you know, and we are, for some people, their person and a gateway to how does this college work and, you know, how can you help me? I just wanted to give a small vignette. I have a graduating senior so she will be graduating next Thursday and we've done some college visits, and I will tell you that her being having been on this campus multiple times, we are the comparison for her. And so she has visited several four year institutions in the state and out of state. And when one visit that didn't go so well, so I won't name the institution, she said, "Mom, if she shows me one more room that looks like it was built in 1985, I'm gonna say, 'Have you been to JCCC?'" It's like so much better than what they have to offer. So, I completely agree with you and have lived the experience that when I bring my daughter and her friends, 'cause I'm dragging some kids here and you'll be hearing from me very shortly this summer 'cause I've got several that are gonna come for visits. They go, oh, it's not some little podunk thing. It's a like, feels like a real college experience to them. And so I appreciate you telling that because I think that is critical for it for as much of a virtual world that we live in. The reality is it's still that personal touch that makes a difference. So thank you for being part of that because you guys are really critical to that. So thank you so much.

- Thank you so much.

- Yes. All right, we are gonna move to the open forum section of our meeting. The open forum section of the board meeting is a time for members of the community to provide comments to the board. There will be one open forum period during each regularly scheduled board meeting. Comments are limited to five minutes unless a significant number of people plan to speak. In that instance, I would reserve the right to limit your comments to less than five minutes. Tonight we do have one registered speaker. When addressing the board, registered speakers are asked to remain at the podium, should be respectful and civil and are encouraged to address individual personnel or student matters directly with the appropriate college department. As a practice, the college does not respond in this setting when the matters concern personnel or student issues or matters that are being addressed through our established grievance or suggestion process or are otherwise the subject of review by the college or the board. The one speaker we have this evening is Mr. Hamilton. So Mr. Hamilton, if you'll please come to the podium. Thank you. If you could state your name and your address please.

- Tim Hamilton, Lawrence, Kansas. I'm a professor of economics here, and I wanted to talk to you about inflation because it's kind of unusual what's going on, and I swim in these waters that I don't think any of you guys do. And I did speak a little bit with our CFO who I'm incredibly impressed with. We are really, really blessed to have her managing our budget and I'm mentioning inflation numbers and she's already on it and already knows it. So, and I do have a cheat sheet I would like to pass out for you guys if I could. I think Dr. Miksa already has a copy of that. Inflation is, we got inflation numbers as of Tuesday and it was 3.8% by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank is a little more broad because they take not just the BLS, Bureau of Labor Statistics, but they also cast a wider net, a broader survey of businesses and institutions. They estimated 4.16% for inflation. And then the third one that I have listed for you, and there's links there for each of you if you wanna click on those State Street price stats, which is a private investment firm which looks at inflation. And this is kind of the money people forecasting ahead. And the reason why I bring the Cleveland and the State Street to you is because they're forward looking as opposed to the BLS is a little bit backwards looking and the reason I wanted to have these inflation numbers for you is because you're making budgetary decisions, you're making mill levy decisions and in the next year, where is inflation going to go? It looks like at least a lot of the things that I've read look at 4%, some forecasts have us at four and a quarter by Christmas. So if that is true, you might at least have that in your minds thinking that, and I just want you to have the tools to be able to do that. The Federal Reserve typically, at least my review of them the last time they raised rates was 2023. When inflation gets up to 4%, that is when they actually will raise the federal funds rate. And last time they did, they did it three times in 2023 was when inflation got to 4% and then they raise it usually a quarter of a percent per time. If that happens, then we could see higher interest rates happening also. And with higher interest rates, typically that means that a lot of home buying declines and much of our mill levy depends on the housing market. So it's all interconnected. Now I say all this and I on the ride home, who knows there's a deal cut and the Strait of Hormuz is open because there's this mercurial nature that seems to be going on all the time. But we have to play with the cards we're dealt now. And I just wanted the trustees to know, and everyone to know, at least what the data's showing because that way, you know, everyone is sort of on the same page because again, I swim in these waters that I don't think you guys do although our CFO also does. So anyway, just hopefully you can take advantage of this and we can at least know where we're going as we go forward. Thanks.

- Thank very much. Thank you. All right, we are going to move on to the first board report of the evening. And I do not see our student Senate Representative Oliver Gonzales. I'm sure he is dutifully studying or taking a final as we speak, so we're gonna move on to college lobbyist Dick Carter.

- It's not.

- Okay, thank you. Good morning Mr. Carter.

- Good evening, and-

- [Madam Chair] Did I just say morning?

- [Trustees] Yes.

- Kind of week. I'm having, thank you.

- Morning somewhere.

- Somewhere, right.

- We have reached that point in the legislative cycle where really there's a lull, there's not much going on. We're waiting for the filing deadline to come. That's June 1 for candidates that are running for statewide office and for the State House. We've had 12 house members indicate that they are not running next cycle. Some of those folks are either running for a statewide office or are just simply retiring. So that's a little under 10% of the House. I think that number will likely go up. We'll see some other retirements on June 1. And then the interim process, the interim committees that meet and study issues and topics that ultimately become bills or proposals in the next legislative cycle. We don't know what those

look like yet, although legislative leadership indicated at a recent Legislative Coordinating Council that they've received 2020 requests so far, 20 letters if you will. So there could be multiple study topics contained in those letters that they receive with a total of about 67 days requested. That may sound like a lot, that's about half of what was approved last year with this being an election year for the House. There won't be as many interims as we might normally see in the off cycle. It's even fewer when the Senate is also running. The Senate has two more years left in their terms. So, we don't have assurance of what those committees look like yet, but in June we'll know a lot better what the what the interim study committees look like. I would imagine that one of those is going to be property tax policy and property tax reform. The governor did veto the second effort by the legislature to pass property tax reform. It will be a topic of campaigns this summer. It will be back before the legislature next year. It's not something that's just simply going to go away. And so depending on what those conversations look like this summer and what those proposed solutions look like next session we'll be tracking those closely. There was an attempt, albeit brief by few senators to call a special session to address property tax. It became very clear, very early from the Senate majority leader that there really wasn't going to be an effort to entertain a special session. Not only that, I don't think the signatures were there for a two-thirds majority, either in the Senate and definitely not in the House to call a special session. Nonetheless, it generated some headlines. It was out there. Like I said, this issue is not going to go away. And then finally, one of the things that we'll be tracking over the course of the summer and fall as we look towards the next legislative cycle, we'll have an election in there. We'll have a new governor, we'll have some new house members, some new house members, even in Johnson County, we have some folks that are retiring, but we have some governance issues at the Board of Regents. We'll have a new CEO or at least will have identified someone by then that search committee is meeting and taking input from stakeholders in higher education in Kansas. We'll have, well we may, we may have three new regents. There are three that likely will not be reappointed or not seeking reappointment. And that makes a difference again, in what that conversation looks like at the state level from for setting higher education policy. And then finally, the board of regents also is going to have some challenges or, and I say that not in a negative way, but with legislation this past session that allows some of the research universities a little more flexibility in the way they do their business. That's gonna make some changes at the governing level as well for the Board of Regents. So that kind of captures where we're at. I think we'll know some more in June as far as not only the interim committees that we'll be looking at or at least some of those topics. They may not all be approved by then, but I think we'll have a glimpse of what those look like as well as we're gonna know who's running for governor and who's running for those House seats. So the big, the big race to watch obviously is the governor's race. I don't think we'll have nine members of the GOP in a

primary, but we will have several and it will be something that will be obviously following and watching all the way through August. So I think that's a good place to stop and see if there's questions.

- Questions for Dick? Okay, seeing none, I think we're gonna let you off easy this time. I joked with you yesterday that, you know, this is your vacation time because once June hits then all kinds of more fun begins after the filing deadline. So I hope you get to do something fun and away from the state capitol in between there. So-

- Thank you.

- Yeah, take care. All right, we are gonna move to the shared governance report. And I understand we have Ann Turner, is that right for this evening? Good evening.

- Oh, thank you. Good evening. I was told I have one minute, so-

- We'll extend it by 90 seconds. I will make this brief. I will read directly from my notes, no improv tonight. But thank you all for allowing this shared governance update. I am Ann Turney, I'm the chair of staff council this academic year. I'm gonna talk a little bit about college council, academic branch council and then I'll wrap it up with staff council. So college council met yesterday. We are ongoing review of our bylaws and one heavy consideration that we're having right now is how do we best leverage student voice in a college council setting? Historically, we've had two students senate seats on the council and so now we're looking at how do we best utilize their time and their input knowing that their schedules priorities are a little bit different than the rest of the makeup of the council. So we are looking at that and then we will elect our new co-chair in June. So we had a very good meeting yesterday. I felt like a lot of discussion, a lot of great updates. Thank you to Trustee Carroll for the update of the last board meeting. We are looking forward to really kind of seeing where the next academic year takes us with college council. Academic Branch Council. As the semester comes to a conclusion, they are done meeting until next fall, but they do have new leadership. So James Lyker will take over as chair and then Jason Gray will become vice or is will become vice chair. So I know they're looking forward to taking on those new roles. A quick update from ABC in fall 2025, they undertook the

challenge to survey the academic branch over 800 employees in the branch to really see what the pulse is on shared governance as it relates to ABC, Ed Affairs, OLAC, the Online Advisory Council and college council. Three big things stood out. Survey results showed a high level of, I don't know, or I really don't have enough information to comment on shared governance. So that was a good piece of information for them to take back and ponder. It also showed that the perception is that shared governance works best at levels closest to the respondent, so closest to the folks in the classroom, scheduling, things like that. And it kind of weakened as decisions were made further away from those answering the survey or those outside of the branch. So another good piece of information and then comments also identified a lack of formal inclusion for adjuncts to be problematic. So good insight, I think that ABC has to be able to really take that information from the survey and see how they would like to move forward and the work that they'd like to do, and ABC. And staff council, an area I'm a little more familiar with we are also in the time of updating our bylaws. So revisions are currently underway and one key thing that we are really incorporating into our bylaws are our new three standing committees. So starting in July we will have three standing committees, outreach and programming. So to better connect staff council with the rest of staff on campus, both socially just to get to know each other as well as what kind of trainings can staff council champion for all staff. We'll also have a communication committee. We are working on a SharePoint communication site, kinda a newsletter type thing to hopefully keep staff more informed of what staff council's got going on and shared communications there. And then lastly, a topic request committee. Topic requests are the most formal way that staff council receives feedback for things that our constituents would like us to discuss. And so by moving it from currently the leadership, four of us will discuss topics, now we're moving it to a committee to allow for more discussion amongst all members of staff council. Speaking of topics, so far this academic year we have had 40 topics requested and submitted to the council. We've closed or resolved 54 topics. So we had some topics that have been hanging out for a while and one of our goals this year was to really start to move through those. Maybe we didn't have the answer that we wanted. Maybe we didn't have an answer at all, but we were able to give something back and not just have those topics hanging out there. So I'm personally proud of that but I think we're all proud to like, okay, let's get moving along a little bit here. And we only have four open topics and I think we can tackle all four of them in some way, shape, or form by June. One notable topic I did want to bring up that we've discussed yesterday at college council as well was the suspension of the K-10 Connector bus. We've had employees reach out about how that has impacted their ability to get to work over the summer with a K-10 Connector being discontinued until August. Moving right along, on April 14th we had an open meeting, we have one open meeting a semester and invite anybody who'd like to attend staff wise. We did not quite as an intensive process to

gathering feedback as ABC, but we did want a kind of poll of those who attended the meeting so that we could start planning on what our initiatives and priorities were going to be for next academic year. And so we asked if staff council could do one thing next year, what would it be? And staff expressed a desire for improved work life balance, benefits of course was a topic that was brought up, stronger communication. So we are really excited to launch that newsletter platform in SharePoint also just to be more connected and for a more supportive workplace culture. We also asked if participants that attended the meeting did they participate in shared governance? And so we weren't surprised that it did parallel a little bit with ABC, that not everybody really understands what shared governance is. So 65 responded that they did participate in shared governance. So that was good. Nine reported that they had no participation but 26% were unsure if what they have done since being at the college counted as shared governance. Lastly, or not, lastly, I've got three more, sorry. We asked like what is their definition of shared governance, what does it mean to you? And they described shared governance as having a voice, being represented, and engaged in collaborative and transparent decision making within a supportive community. So staff themselves, that's kind of in summation what they define shared governance as. We also asked what barriers or support they had to engaging in shared governance. Engagement. They shared that engagement is influenced by time and availability. So do they have the time to commit to shared governance, whether that's being on a committee or participating in discussions. They also shared a lot about their managerial support, both as something that enabled them to participate in shared governance, but also as maybe a hindrance. So that gives us an opportunity to really work with supervisors and help promote the importance of shared governance and involvement in that. They also talked a little bit about psychological safety, not feeling that they could voice concerns without repercussions. And then also talked about just clarifying communication regarding what opportunities are available for them, what can they raise their hand for, what's out there for them to get involved in. And then lastly, we asked for if there was anything that the institution could do or that they could personally do to improve shared governance. And they indicated that shared governance becomes more meaningful when communication is clear, participation is supported by leadership, time is allocated, time again, and then outcomes demonstrate tangible impact. So that gave us an opportunity to really take this feedback, and we typically have a retreat in July. And so the new chair, Dr. Shank, she will take over in July and they'll be able to take the feedback from our open meeting to see what they're gonna focus on next year. But overall looking ahead, shared governance groups are continuing to explore strategies to enhance awareness and engagement across our constituents with a particular focus on helping employees understand both formal and informal ways that they can contribute to shared governance. So thank you.

- Thank you. Do I have any questions for Ms. Turney? Yes?

- Just a couple questions on the K-10 Connector thing. I assume, Ms. Turney, that this is probably a KCATA decision.

- Yes, you're correct.

- And is this new this year or have they done this in the past?

- That's kinda the same question I've been asked. Has this happened in the past? I'm not sure if it has been discontinued previously or not.

- I'm assuming that ridership drops off pretty significantly during that period and it's a bummer that they've shut it down for that period. But I'm assuming that's probably what the rationale is,

- I think looking at the monetary aspect as well, yeah.

- [Madam Chair] Rattan?

- You mentioned all the topics, which was the most common topics submitted?

- So we had a lot of HR benefit topics submitted, a lot of part-time benefits. So part-time benefits, whether it was bereavement, one that we still have open is adding sick leave to part-time employment in addition to the PAL hours, which PAL encompass any type of leave. And so we'll discuss that in June with HR, but very heavy on benefits. I will say I feel like it's shifted a little bit this spring to more like operational questions. We have one topic out there regarding like parking lot safety and we feel pretty good about that one. We

communicated with campus services and provided feedback on like some of the paint is wearing away as it normally does. And they responded back saying, hey, yep, this is on our summer plan. And then we have some things for the police department as well. And so we feel like that's kind of an operational topic. So things kind of like that but we're able to have some good momentum speaking with the appropriate departments to get those addressed.

- It seems like you really accomplished a lot this year and got really great quality answers on the survey. How many, can you remind me of how many people participated in that survey?

- So in the ABC one or the staff council?

- I think it was the ABC.

- ABC one. Oh, I do not have that in front of me. And I think over 200 participants. Yeah. Does that seem right, Irene? Yeah.

- And then how many people attended the meeting where you guys asked a question?

- Around 60. Yeah, 60 for the staff council. Yeah. And we had talked about, oh, do we, you know, send that out there to all staff or not or continue just to grab, you know, grassroots feedback

- And some quality information in and then working with it. So thank you for that.

- Trustee Holton, did you indicate the question?

- No.

- Okay. Any other questions? Ms. Turney, thank you very much. I would say, you know, been here officially for six years, part of the college in one way or another, 19 years previous with my father. And communication is always top of the trouble list for an institution of this size. I don't think it's anything new. I don't think anybody has found the silver bullet that answers all of it, but I wanted to commend the group that doing the newsletter I think is a really great step forward. I think higher ed in particular gets lost in silos and that, you know, something that goes across many of those silos to communicate some of those very basic things on how do you find out what your benefits are or, you know, what is the purpose of shared governance. Those kind of things really help because, you know, people like me who are very busy, you can go back and refer to an email in a newsletter. So sometimes that's nice to be able to have something that's put out there for people to refer to that maybe doesn't get lost in the, what's the thing? We don't have the- where all this stuff comes through-

- InfoHub

- What?

- InfoHub.

- InfoHub, where it's a lot harder to keep track and lose that. So thank you very much for your presentation tonight. Yes, absolutely-

- Have a good one.

- [Turney] Thank you. Have a good evening.

- All right, that takes us to Faculty Association presentation with Ms. Olivares. Good evening!

- Good evening, or good morning. I think the lights in here just make it seem so light and exciting. I will try to keep this brief. I do have some FA updates. The Faculty Association selected its officers for 2026, 2027. So I will return as president for one more year and hopefully that's it. Jim McWard will return as vice president, Erin Gould will be joining the FAS Secretary Recorder. Erin Gould is an associate professor of anthropology, and I'm sure many of you have met Erin, but she participates in a lot of the international, she volunteers with international students and things like that. And Lisa Parrott will return as treasurer. Amanda Glass will return as Uniserve representative. And Andrea Vieux continues to be the immediate past president. And I want to thank Danny Alexander, professor of English for his service for the last two years for his service to the Faculty Association as Secretary Treasurer. He is rolling off of that duty. So next I want to recognize our faculty and the American Sign Language and Deaf Studies Department because March 13th through April 15th was the National Deaf History Month. The faculty members in the department are Kimberly Kuhns, Chair, Steven Barrios, associate professor, and Ron Symansky, professor. National Deaf History Month celebrates the achievements of people who are deaf and hard of hearing, and it recognizes deaf studies. The National Association of the Deaf, NAD started this annual commemoration in 1997 and NAD chose these dates of March 13th through April 15th because they mark important milestones in deaf education history. March 13th marks the appointment of the first deaf president at Gallaudet University. This university was founded in 1864 to empower the deaf and hard of hearing community. And I have to admit, when you walk between the library and the CLB building on the third floor, there is a window cabinet display and there's a pin that says, "Gallaudet." And I walked by that so many times and I never realized that's what it was. So now that I wrote this report, I was like, oh, that's what that is. So I learn new things every day and that's what lifelong learning is, right? So March 13th marks the appointment of the first deaf president at Gallaudet. April 15th marks the opening of the first public school for the deaf in 1917, pardon me. As it relates to deaf and hard of hearing faculty in higher education. A 2025 dissertation at East Tennessee State University found that heritage language, ASL faculty frequently experience shortages or delays in interpreter services. From my conversations with our ASL faculty here at the college, I know that this is also one of their concerns. It's important that interpreters are available for the various responsibilities our faculty are engaged in whether that be committee work, chair work, teaching, or faculty meetings. And I know there's nationally and a shortage in interpreters, so that's one of the challenges of course. So I moved from that to other events from April. I know many of you attended the STEM Poster Symposium last week. And then I also wanna comment briefly on Associate Professor Michael Price's new documentary. So last week, and I won't say much because I'm sure you all will have reports on this, but there were 333 registered posters for the STEM Poster Symposium. More than 500 students were involved. So I wanna congratulate Lori

Slavin, professor of chemistry, and Brenda Edmonds, math professor, for putting on such a great event for students. And there were more than \$16,000 awarded in student scholarships for this. As I mentioned, a professor, associate professor of journalism and media communications, Michael Price celebrated the premier of his documentary called "The Politics of Trees." This documentary was released on Kansas City Public Television on April 23rd. And one of the topics Professor Price explored in this documentary is the way that developers are rethinking how trees can be incorporated into more sustainable building using trees as natural ways to lower utility bills and things like that. So I haven't had the opportunity to watch it, but I know you, most of you are here when Professor Price presented a few months ago and learned more about his documentaries. As we look forward to the summer months, I want to share that the Open Petal Farm renaming ceremony will be held on June 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Open Petal Farm, which will be renamed to Stu Shafer Open Petal Farm. Stu was a former FA president and I wanna say that I benefit so much from the very detailed notes he took in the FA archives. I rummage through those all the time and I just can't pull myself away from Stu's beautiful notes. So Stu was a former FA president, but he was pivotal in launching the JCCC Sustainable Agriculture program and the board, you all approved the renaming of the Open Petal Farm a few months ago after Stu Shafer passed away. And lastly, I want to share that faculty are very excited to celebrate graduation next week. And I want to thank all the staff, I think and maybe left already, and then all the staff who spend countless hours preparing to make sure the event runs smoothly for all of the students. So that concludes my report and you all should have received an invitation to Gert's Grille tomorrow. So if you're available, we'd like to see you there.

- All right. Any questions? Yeah, Trustee Holden.

- So the Gert's Grille thing, I did get an invitation, but the theme is this like, do we dress up as something or is, oh

- Oh, gosh, you know, just come as yourself.

- Oh, man!

- You crawl in at the end of a semester and you beg someone for a nice cold beverage. That's the theme.

- Although we did appreciate your red jacket at the December lunch.

- All right, Trustee Jennings.

- Will you also be having a- can we bring things to donate too? 'Cause you've done that in the past?

- Yes, we have. And my apologies that totally spaced implying that this is our first time at Gert's Grille. So I don't know if we'll have space for it, but we'll make space for it.

- Okay, great. Thank you.

- All right. Anybody? Trustee Rattan.

- Just wanna say, I'm happy to see the STEM Poster Symposium continue to grow and congratulations to the professors who continue to nurture that program. And sorry I missed it this year, but I know it was amazing.

- Our students are amazing. I was in awe of what they explained. I don't understand most of it. Agreed.

- I love that it's not, they incorporate non-science students into it as well.

- [Olivares] Yeah, yeah.

- That's all I have.

- Okay, any other questions? Okay. Seeing none, I just wanted to comment on two things. Very appropriate that you were mentioning the ASL history and how much our interpreters do on campus, which is separate from our degree program. But I found out today that one of our longest serving, I think she's been here 28 years, Levon Hamilton retired and she's the wife of Adam Hamilton, pastor of Church of the Resurrection, now Senate candidate. But just the dedication and hard work that it takes to provide those services for both our students and our faculty is incredible. And it's really, sometimes I worry I lost a fading skill that not everyone has. So I'm so grateful that we have a department here and we have degree options for people that wanna seek that or certification options And the other thing I wanted to say is that Stu Shafer was a dear friend of my father's, was an incredible individual. And I'm really looking forward to honoring him by renaming the Open Petal. If you all went to the foundation luncheon yesterday, Open Petal Farm gave centerpieces, and my car smelled delightfully of basil when I got home because they gave that centerpiece to me. But that was such a gem of such a passion of his to get that off the ground and he's dearly missed. So thank you very much. Appreciate all the things you cover in your report. All right, that's gonna take us to the Johnson County Education Research Triangle. Trustee Rattan, I think you've met now.

- Yes. I'll get to our meeting in a few, but JCERT received \$1,990,023.22 in sales tax in April, 2026. This is up over \$16,000 from last month. And \$155,000 higher than April of the previous year. Distributed was \$664,000 to each of the three university entities and transfers to the university entities were made on May 4th. Yes, we did meet on April the 27th. Definitely very educational of note, there was a lot of discussion around the KU Edwards and K State Olathe campuses working with us and Dr. McCloud to create 90 hour degrees. And you may wanna speak a little bit to that but they're doing similar things like co-locating labs and eliminating duplication, considering different degrees to add and change around and restructure.

- Do you wanna speak on that kind of on the spot?

- Yeah, the 90 hour degree piece is a new concept that HLC has allowed over the past 18 months, and there's sort of been a bit of a rush to the trough for institutions to try to figure

out what this looks like. We have been a part of some of those conversations to make sure that we protect the 60 hours of our associate's degree in that conversation, because that was in real jeopardy at the beginning of this conversation with folks trying to curtail the associate's degree to save revenue at the four year level. We've managed to stave a lot of that off and the hope is that we will find a way to really think about which fields could benefit from this and not have because the first blush of the first few offerings that people brought to the table to our state committees was not really well thought out and featured some degrees that already have 120 hours. And so the large question that we had at those tables was if it really requires 120 hours to build this particular skillset, if your argument is that you can do the same thing in 90, what are we losing? Because those outcomes cannot be the same when you're lopping off a quarter of the degree or we've been lying to people for 100 years that you needed 120 hours for a bachelor's degree. So, there's some real question about where we're headed in that space. And right now I think we're in a good spot and some of those are really focusing on degrees that are tied to professional certifications that really don't necessarily require- so some things like looking at whether it would make sense for, rather than getting the BSN, there'd be a nurse manager position in between. That would include what we offer in a nursing degree with some management coursework as opposed to management coursework and other didactic work that would lead to the BSN. So there are those kinds of conversations or things that we're having in K state's approach is starting to look at things like degrees and drone maintenance and-

- Advanced manufacturing.

- Advanced manufacturing and flight. And so we're trying to partner with them because we have the core programs that actually teach the basic robotic skills and all those pieces. And they're trying to look at what things they offered in Manhattan or at Salina that might kind of dovetail with the skills that we already provide. So I think it's a good spot for us to be in and some interesting conversations to be sure. The next piece is for us to ensure that employers really want this because right now the first blush from employers is that they want the full suite of skills that students come out with a bachelor's degree. And so there's a little bit of reticence around this particular concept, but everybody wants to be flexible and continue to have the conversation.

- I'm very happy that they're working with you and being very careful not to step on our toes.

- [Attendee] Yeah.

- And then finally, if you'd like to keep up with JCERT, you can always go to jcert.org or on Facebook. Joco Triangle. That concludes my report.

- Okay.

- Sorry my report.

- Any questions?

- Hey there.

- Any questions for Trustee Rattan? Okay, seeing none, we're going to move on to the Kansas Association of Community Colleges. Trustee Cross, do we still have you on the line?

- [Cross] Yes, I have no report, Madam Chair.

- Okay. Thank you very much. Then that takes us to Trustee Mitchell with the foundation report.

- Thank you, Madam Chair.

- Always a good one this time of year.

- Yes, that's right. JCCC Foundation collaborated with the fashion design and merchandising department on their final draft fashion runway show, which happened on Friday, April 17th. We want to thank the trustees who attended. Thank you for your support. The event was a huge success and we raised over \$18,000 for fashion students. And did Chair Smith-Everett have an opportunity to go?

- [Madam Chair] I go to go! So excited! It was great.

- On April 30th, JCCC Foundation partnered with the STEM Poster Symposium team to raise funds for students. Students selected as winners. Ash Grove Foundation was the title sponsor and funded \$10,000 for student scholarships with other generous donors sponsoring, more than \$20,000 was raised, which awarded scholarships to 26 students. Pardon me. Thank you to the trustees who attended the scholarship lunch on Tuesday, April 21st. It was a wonderful celebration with over 100 students, faculty and community supporters in attendance. Students spoke about the various scholarships they received and how they have been impacted by those scholarships and JCCC. Summer Sips and Scholarships is Wednesday, June 17, four to six in the Wylie Hospitality and Culinary Academy. And I think she mentioned yesterday it was gonna be in the barbecue pit area if possible. Hawthorn Bank has agreed to underwrite the event for the second year in a row, which means 100% of the funds raised by attendees will support student scholarships. We hope to raise \$30,000 to fund 30 students. Tickets are now available and they're hot. So go get 'em. And now the big announcement, exciting news for the 2025-26 school year JCCC Foundation has awarded more scholarships than ever before. A record breaking \$2,375,942. That's up from 1.8 million last year. Thank you to all have who have helped in reaching this incredible milestone. And that concludes my report, Madam Chair.

- What a great way to end. Any questions for Trustee Mitchell on the foundation report? All right, seeing none, that's gonna take us to the audit committee meeting. The first committee report we've got tonight. And so I will be providing that. The audit committee met on Thursday, May 7th at 9: 00 AM right here in this boardroom. During the meeting, the committee received several updates regarding audit activities and ongoing initiatives. Representatives from JCCC's external audit firm, RubinBrown, were present and provided an overview of the planned approach for the 2026 financial statement audit. As part of the updates on activities and audit agenda item, Jeff Johnson, Director of Audit and Advisory Services, provided a status update on the banking and investment audit, which is currently

underway. Mr. Johnson also highlighted audit and advisory services, continued focus on strengthening departmental competencies in alignment with the global internal audit standards. He reported that the team attended two professional conferences in March and shared that two staff members are currently pursuing the certified internal auditor or CIA designation for short. That's right everyone. In addition, Mr. Johnson reported that the audit advisory services and partnership with Human Resources implemented enhancements to the ethics report line during the past quarter. Looking ahead, audit and advisory services will begin planning for an upcoming enrollment management audit and we'll also prepare the annual trustee and president expense report, which is scheduled to be presented at the August Audit Committee meeting. The committee also reviewed the audit recommendations update matrix. Mr. Johnson reported that 10 audit recommendations were addressed and closed during the quarter while 18 recommendations remain in progress and are currently being addressed by management. Finally, the committee received the ethics report line update covering the period from January 22nd, 2026 through April 22nd, 2026. During that period, 104 reports were received. As of April 22nd, 2026, 85 of those cases have been reviewed and closed, and 19 cases remain in process. And that concludes the Audit Committee report. Do I have any questions? That's right. We're gonna have CIA designation right here at JCCC and all of us and all the spending. So for those that walked and those that didn't in Washington DC, the numbers are coming in August. Just prepare yourselves. We're gonna move to the Board Governance Committee with Trustee Carroll.

- Thank you, Madam Chair. The Board Governance Committee met at 11:45 AM May 6th, 2026 right here in this room in GEB 137. Those present were Trustee Chad Carroll, Dr. Tony Miksa, Dr. Mickey McCloud, Kelsey Nazar, Caitlin Murphy, Rachel Lierz, and Liz Loomis as recorder. We reviewed 100 series policies, board responsibilities, Policy 110.00, Meetings of the Board Policy 112.00, Special Meetings of the Board, and Operating Procedure 112.01. The board governance committee did not propose any changes. Caitlin Murphy, special assistant to the president shared information about the new board portal software. The software, Boardable, will be available to trustees later this summer with training taking place prior to then. And then Kailyn also announced the summer board retreat, which will take place July 16 prior to the board meeting. The retreat will be in the board room, GEB 137, from 3:00 to 4:45 PM on Thursday, July 16. July, yeah, 16th. She also discussed planning for an August retreat with the date and information to be sent out early next week. That concludes my report.

- Okay, any questions for Trustee Carroll on the board governance committee? Yes?

- Comment. I'm hoping that the minutes of this meeting reflect that I was in attendance, excuse me, was in attendance for the Board Governance Committee meeting remotely.

- Okay. Noted. We will fix that. Any other questions for Trustee Carroll? Okay, seeing none, we're going to move along expeditiously, but Trustee Carroll is back for the Employee Engagement and Development Committee report.

- Thank you. The Employee Engagement and Development Committee met on Wednesday, May 6th, 2026. Kim Steinmetz, Program Director for International and Immigrant Services provided the employee Engagement and Development Committee with the timeline and process involved in submitting an RFP for a carrier to provide Johnson County Community College students with International Student Group Health and Accident Insurance. After careful consideration of 10 responding bids, LewerMark, the incumbent vendor, was the vendor chosen by JCCC's Evaluation Committee. The following recommendation was made. It is the recommendation of the Employee Engagement and Development Committee that the board of trustees accept the recommendation of the college administration to approve the proposal from LewerMark for International Student Group Health and Accident Insurance for a base year of \$342,672 and a total estimated expenditure of \$1,080,273 throughout the renewal options as subsequently shown in the board packet.

- And do you make that motion?

- Yes.

- All right.

- Second.

- Made by Trustee Carroll. Seconded by Trustee Mitchell. Do any discussion on the motion?
Hearing none. All in favor say yes.

- [Trustees] Yes.

- Okay. Any opposed? No. Motion passes. Six to zero, please proceed.

- Ms. Christina McGee, vice President of Human Resources updated the committee on the results from the recent JCCC benefits survey stating 2,880 employees were invited to take the survey. 734 respondents completed the survey, which is a completion rate of 25%. The majority of those were full-time staff between the ages of 40 to 59 who have a long tenure with the college and whose primary work location is the main campus. Overall feedback showed 83% of JCCC employees who completed the survey were satisfied or very satisfied with their benefits and most agreed that were much better than other colleges are employers benefits. Ms. McGee shared the next steps to be taken toward communicating out the survey results in actionable areas to focus on for the upcoming year. Other updates by Ms. McGee included the compensation study status update benefit satisfaction survey, specifically around new benefits of legal services and identity theft and upcoming analysis of the HRIS system, which will begin this month. And advising the committee that an updated ethics points form has been launched for easier reporting. Ms. Rachel Haynes, Director Employee Engagement and Development and Dr. Farrell Jenab, Director Faculty Development, reported on the Employee and Faculty Awards that were presented at the employee awards luncheon on Friday May 1st, describing the different award categories for faculty and for staff. Ms. Haynes and Dr. Jenab provided the committee with the printed award booklets that were distributed at the luncheon. This concludes my report.

- Okay, very good. Any questions for Trustee Carroll? Okay, seeing none, we are going to move right along to the Management and Finance Committee report with Trustee Mitchell.

- Thank you, Madam Chair. The Management and Finance Committee held their meeting in this room at 8:30 AM on Wednesday May 6th. Information related to this meeting can be found on pages nine through 16 of the board packet. The Management finance committee received the following report from staff. We started with an update on sustainability

initiatives. Dr. Jay Antle, Executive Director Center for Sustainability and Professor of History, provided an update on initiatives within the center for sustainability and campus services. Dr. Antle discussed the sustainability goals included in the new facilities master plan and highlighted progress achieved in recent years through the college's power switch program aimed at reducing energy consumption and costs. Additionally, he provided information on JCCC's investment in solar energy, electric vehicles, charging infrastructure, water and wastewater management recycling initiatives and materials management. He also shared updates on the activities of the Student sustainability committee, the Campus Farm and JCCC's bird collision study. Next we moved on to other agreements. Rachel Lierz, executive Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services presented to agreements one with the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center and the other with Union Pacific Railroad. Details can be found in the consent agenda portion of the May 14, 2026 board packet. From there we received our acquisitions and improvements progress report. Tom Hall, Associate Vice President Campus Services and Facilities Planning, and Facility Planning, rather provided the committee with information on facilities projects from Capital acquisitions and improvement matrix. The matrix summarizes and monitors budget and actual expenses for campus services projects and includes payments through April 30th, 2026. Excuse me. Our next item of business related to the fiscal year 2026-27 management budget adoption. Megan Casey, Vice President CFO, presented the proposed general post-secondary technical education funds management budget for 2026-27. The college will complete the required notifications and public hearings in September prior to adoption of the legal budget for fiscal year 2026-2027, which will be filed with the Johnson County Clerk according to statutory requirements. At this time, I'd like to ask Ms. Casey to come to the podium and share the proposed budget summary with the board.

- Good evening. Okay, so at our last board meeting in April, we walked through the budget in detail during the budget workshop. So today I'll just highlight a few key features for you all. Okay, so our recommendation for fiscal year 27, is to keep our current mill levy flat at 7.86 mills. And this is after five mill levy reductions in the past six years. This budget also includes a tuition and fee increase across the board across all residencies that was approved in December 2026, 2025 I should say excuse me. It also includes benefit cost increases, and then support for phase one of the facilities master plan to the tune of 25 million. This budget still maintains the college's reserve levels and which supports our financial health and our strong bond ratings. So high level overview, we are budgeting for a \$10 million increase in revenue and then a \$32 million increase in expenses with the bulk of those expenses being to support the facilities master plan. So the next steps, as were mentioned, after you all, if you adopt the budget today, the management budget today in

August, we will hold a public hearing or vote to hold a public hearing for our legal budget. And then in September is when we will have our legal budget adoption. So this budget today, the management budget allows us to begin doing business on July 1.

- [Trustee] Very good.

- Any questions for Ms. Casey? This is not our first rodeo with this information and presentation. We do our budget about six months out of the year.

- Yeah. And this is just one of those steps along the way. We want the college to continue operating without having the budget begin until the statutory requirements. And that's what this allows us to do, right?

- Correct.

- All right, so please proceed Trustee Mitchell.

- Thank you, Ms. Casey. And thank you Madam Chair. It is the recommendation of the management finance committee that the board of trustees approve the fiscal year 2026-2027 management budget as presented by the college administration, and I so move.

- Second.

- Second on the budget. Trustee Rattan with a second, or any discussion? I really already made my comments, but I think it's always important for the sake of transparency to just say to the public that the budget is a multi-month process. This is not, just because we have limited discussion tonight doesn't mean we haven't gone over these numbers or inquired if we have concerns. And I frankly am very proud of the fact that we've kept our mill levy as low as we have if not lower in some years. But as our speaker tonight said, with

inflation, we may not be able to do that in coming years. So I'm in full support of this budget. Yes, Trustee Mitchell?

- And just to reiterate what Ms. Casey said, this allows us to basically function without a finalized final budget that we send to the county. So there's always, if something were to change, we still have the August and September time periods to deal with that, so.

- Do our budget six months and 10 months outta here.

- Yeah, exactly.

- Sometimes it feels like. Yes, Trustee Holton.

- And then I should just make one comment. I should express appreciation to Ms. Casey and Dr. Miksa for sitting with me as I had several questions and helping me through the process. So thank you guys very much for that.

- All right, any other questions? I believe we have motion. We have a second. We're ready to vote. All in favor, please say aye.

- [Trustees] Aye.

- Any opposed?

- [Cross] Yes.

- That was in favor, Trustee Cross.

- That's what yes means, Madam.

- Sorry it was a delay. So you came right as I asked for a no vote or opposed. All right, hearing unanimous approval.

- [Cross] Sorry.

- Approval. That is seven in favor.

- [Cross] Thank you.

- Trustee Cross, do you have anything to say?

- [Cross] No, thank you.

- Hearing no opposition. The motion passes unanimously. All right, please proceed, Trustee Mitchell.

- Finally, we moved on to the procurement reports and recommendations. And Jim Feikert, Executive Director of Procurement Services, presented recommendations for two bids and awards and three cooperative bids and awards resulting in a total of five recommendations. The first of these is parking garage repairs. It is the recommendation of the management and finance committee that the board of trustees accept the recommendation of the college administration to approve the bid proposal from Concrete Strategies in the amount of \$721,340 with an additional 10% contingency of \$72,134 to allow for possible unforeseen costs for a total amount of \$793,474, and I so move.

- [Trustees] Second.

- Motion moved by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Carroll. Any discussion in the parking lot purchase? Yes, Trustee Mitchell?

- Just a couple things quickly. Mr. Feikert always makes a point of reiterating that the contingency is not something that's necessarily shared with the vendor. So we keep that money in reserve in case there is a little bit of a, for lack of better description, scope creep or something that's controllable, but changes the cost a little bit. And I also wanna note that this is a low bid and it covers repairs to three garages on the main campus. And these will come out of the campus development fund.

- [Attendee] Okay, thank you.

- What is the life of these repairs? So once we do these repairs, do we expect this concrete to last for five years, 10 years, or is not predictable?

- I think we asked that question, and I may phone a friend on this, but I think Tom said it 15 years is something we should expect out of these.

- Am I

- At 55-0?

- That was the phone a friend.

- Yeah, you can come to the podium, please. It was the five-zero I think was the blower or the-

- [Attendee] Yeah. Air thing.

- It depends on which repairs we're doing, but, you know, we're gonna do repairs on parking garages on an annual basis. You know, it is never the same repairs. Like part of it is coating the surface. Part of it is fixing where there's any kind of corrosion or something like that. So we'll continue to bring these every year. This is a little bit bigger than normal 'cause they're usually around 250 to 300. But this year we had a few more things to do with some surface coating on the tops of the garage.

- [Rattan] It's various repairs that have various-

- Yes.

- [Rattan] Prices and live lifelines.

- Yes.

- Expectancies. Thank you.

- Okay. Any questions? All right. Did I do a motion in a second already? Can you may remind me.? Okay, all right. We're gonna move on to a vote. All in favor of the motion for the concrete strategies, please say aye.

- [Trustees] Aye.

- [Cross] Yes.

- Any opposed? Hearing none. The motion passes. Seven to zero, please proceed.

- Okay. So the second one is for architectural and engineering services for the commons building. It is the recommendation of the management finance committee that the Board of Trustees accept their recommendation of the college administration to approve the proposal from BBN Architects in the estimated amount of 568,000, which is 7.1% of the design fee. And I so move.

- Okay. I hear have a motion from Trustee Mitchell, a second from Trustee Cross. Any discussion on this motion? Okay, Trustee Mitchell,

- Give a little additional detail.

- Yes, please.

- This is the most responsive responsible bid or based on the RFP criteria. It's for architectural engineering and appropriate professional services for the programming design administration. And it's on the Commons Building Infrastructure project, which the com building was constructed 1971 and has 76,505 square feet with four floors. An infrastructure study was completed in 2024, which supports this. And the scope of work includes many things, but it including but not limited to the loading dock improvements, kitchen renovation, restroom renovations, elevator upgrades, HVAC replacement, electrical gear replacements, fire sprinkler installation, plumbing systems, suppression systems, and lighting. These costs will be coming out of the capital outlay fund, but it's a very extensive scope of work on this.

- Okay, thank you for that. Trustee Holton?

- I have a question for you. When you refer to responsible bidder, what is that? What is, what is?

- So a responsible bidder is a bidder who can actually complete the job. It's not always necessarily the lowest bid. And in this case, there actually was one bid that was slightly

lower than this, but the committee that reviewed this felt like they weren't capable of adequately, maybe I shouldn't say that. They felt like this group was better suited to perform the work that was scoped out.

- Okay. Any other questions? Okay, hearing none, we're gonna go to a vote. All in favor? Please say yes.

- [Trustees] Yes.

- [Cross] Yes.

- Any opposed? Okay, hearing none... Trustee Mitchell made the motion. Trustee Cross seconded. If passes unanimously, please proceed.

- The third one is for infrastructure hardware. It is the recommendation of the management finance committee that the board of trustees accept the recommendation of the college administration to approve the cooperative purchase from CDWG for total expenditure of \$160,000, and I so move.

- Second.

- Okay, motion made by Trustee Mitchell. Seconded by Trustee Cross. Any discussion on this one? Okay, Trustee Mitchell, please.

- Yes, I believe this to be the case. And Ms. Lierz, if I'm incorrect, please correct me. But this was previously funded by a board vote in June of 2025. And at the time we were doing agreement with Sirius. And Sirius has subsequently acquired CDWG.

- Okay.

- So this is real. I don't believe this is actually new funds. This is just to facilitate the new contract.

- I would say Ms. Lierz's smile indicates she has taught you well,

- Because I got it right?

- Yes, it's-

- A new vendor.

- She's proud that you regurgitated it correctly.

- [Lierz] You're under a new cooperative. He's correct. Yeah.

- Very good. Any more questions or discussion on this one? Okay, hearing none, we will go to a vote. All in favor say aye.

- [Trustees] Aye.

- [Cross] Yes.

- Opposed?

- Any opposed? Hearing none. The motion passes.

- The fourth one is for asphalt repairs and improvements. It is the recommendation of the management finance committee that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendation of the college administration-

- Second.

- To approve the cooperative purchase from RR Concrete in the amount of \$545,430, \$545,431 rather, with an additional 20% contingency amount for \$109,086, to allow for possible unforeseen cost-

- [Cross] Second.

- For a total amount of \$654,517 for fiscal year 2026, and I so move.

- Second.

- All right, thank you Trustee Mitchell. Trustee Cross, I believe indicated first for a second on that one, and we are funding a lot of concrete tonight.

- [Cross] Thank you.

- Any more discussion on that? Trustee Cross, did you have any discussion points?

- [Cross] No, I just wanted to thank you and Greg Mitchell for your leadership on this issue, Madam Chair. Thank you.

- Okay, Trustee Carroll.

- Thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanted to ask, why is the contingency higher on this one? Normally it's around 10%, but this one's 20%.

- I asked that question and hopefully Ms. Lierz could help me with that. I don't remember the response to that.

- Yeah, sometimes when we get into projects like this, we do allow for a more generous contingency just for any potential unforeseen situations once we start the surface work.

- Okay.

- Yeah. But like you indicated earlier, it's not necessarily committed to the vendor upfront.

- [Madam Chair] Mitchell?

- And this is a cooperative agreement. So it was pre-bid out by an organization that we've probably done work with before. I can't remember the name of them offhand, But it's the cost is coming out of the Campus Development Fund.

- Okay, very good. Any further discussion? Hearing none. All in favor say aye.

- [Trustees] Aye.

- [Cross] Yes.

- Any opposed? Hearing none. The motion passes. Seven zero.

- Finally, we have a recommendation for active learning multimedia services equipment. It is the recommendation of the management finance committee that the board of trustees accept the recommendation of the college administration to approve the cooperative purchase from AVISPL, LLC for a total expenditure of \$230,435. And I so move.

- Okay, Trustee Mitchell with the motion, trustee?

- Second.

- Second.

- Okay, Trustee Rutan with the second. Any discussion on this one? Trustee Mitchell, please just

- Wanted to point out that this is part of an ongoing conversion plan for several classrooms on campus. And I don't think this is the final set of classrooms, but I know we're getting very close to the end. And after that we'll be done with the initial conversions and then we'll start with the maintenance on the ones that we begin with way back when.

- Yeah, we shouldn't publicize it. We're converting anything or anyone that's controversial these days. But yes, we are on the classrooms. Right? And yes, we have done this for a number of years, maybe as many as 10.

- We've been at it now-

- It's been right around 10.

- Yeah. And how many are left to do

- Next year's budget that we just adopted will include the final initial round and there'll probably be five or six next year, and then we'll-

- Very good. As my daughter indicated, we have really great facilities and people notice it, especially our students who are coming to look at whether they're gonna come here or not. So any further discussion on this one? All right, Hearing none all in favor, please indicate yes.

- [Trustees] Yes.

- [Cross] Aye.

- Any opposed? Hearing none. The motion passes. Seven zero. Trustee Mitchell.

- Thank you, Madam Chair. That concludes my report for this evening.

- Thank you very much. And that is going to take us to our Student Success Committee report with Trustee Jennings.

- Thank you, Madam Chair. The Student Success Committee met at 9:30 AM on May 6th, 2026 in this room. Barry Bailey, professor Librarian presented new courses, course modifications and deactivations, program modifications and general education designations effective for the 2027-28 academic year. Details can be found subsequently in the consent agenda portion of the May 14th board packet. Sheila Maupin, Associate Vice President of Instruction, presented renewal agreements with school districts and the annual affiliation renewal list. And I just might add that a lot of those annual affiliation renewals were in the healthcare industry. So yeah, we're making good decisions here. Details can be found subsequently in the consent agenda portion of the May 14th board packet, Melanie Harvey, Professor of Chemistry, shared information about an independent study student research project in chemistry. JCCC students Niki Ahmadian, Priviledge Mudzembwe, and Makena Martinez were selected to present interactive digital research

posters at the American Chemical Society National meeting that was held in Atlanta in March. Dr. Harvey was a mentor for these students as they conducted their research on anti-microbial compounds produced from bacteria during the fall and spring semesters of this academic school year. Niki and Privilege presented an overview of their research posters to the Student Success Committee. They explained the process of isolation testing and identification of antimicrobial compounds produced by bacteria isolated from the soil. In addition to providing a summary of their research posters, Privilege and Niki shared their experiences meeting with researchers from all over the world and the connections that they made professionally at this conference. Dr. Harvey also announced that Niki, because of her extensive research experience at Johnson County Community College, has been selected to participate in a 10 week research experience for undergraduates, REU at the University of Kansas' Summer, funded by the National Science Foundation. This is a prestigious and competitive 10 week summer program where she will be paid to work in a research lab at KU. Additionally, room and board will be covered and she will have the opportunity to present her summer research at the American Chemical Society National Meeting next year, spring 2027 in New Orleans. And I would also like to add that Niki is one of very few community college students who is asked to attend this very prestigious event. So we're very proud of her.

- Does that conclude your report?

- Nope.

- Oh, sorry. I shouldn't turn the page.

- Dr. Harvey, Privilege and Niki thanked the trustees and the administration for their support and for funding. Madam Chair, that concludes my report.

- All right, very good. Any questions for Trustee Jennings? Trustee Jennings, small little world story. My husband received that 10 week summer internship back in college and he was at a four year undergrad and it was very competitive at the time. And he had a professor who went on and on about how amazing it was that he got in. And it's incredible that our, and he was with people from big universities. We were at a very small college. But it's incredible

that we have our community college students there because the four years like, yeah, they really try to get their students in. So the fact that our students are there as well.

- And if I can just add one more little piece to this story that I shared, the professor who's in charge of that at KU actually saw Niki's poster presentation and talked with her at the conference they presented at and then went to Dr. Harvey. He knows and said

- It's very good.

- [Madam Chair] She's got to come.

- She, yeah, well, she needs to

- Apply.

- Apply. for this as quickly as possible and here's the papers.

- Yeah, that's great. It is, and you really have to have your hand held through the process to get through it because there's quite a bit of paperwork in applying and so it's, you know, not an easy thing. It's not just like a given. So that's incredible that she's getting to get to do that. Yeah, my husband 30 years later still talks about that experience. It was great for him. So I'm really glad to see that she's gonna be able to do that too. Any other questions for Trustee Jennings? All right, I believe that's gonna take us to the Treasurer's report with Trustee Mitchell.

- Thank you again, Madam Chair. The board packet includes the treasurer's report for the month ended March 31st, 2026. Some items of note include, page one includes the general post-secondary technical education funds, which are the primary operating funds of the college. An ad valorem tax distribution of \$7,000,641 was received in March and distributed as follows, the general fund received \$6,557,290. The capital outlay fund received \$443 or

\$443,274. And the special assessment fund received \$77. Yes, that's correct, \$77, for a total of \$7,000,641. Also in March, the college made a semi-annual debt service payment on the series 2017 certificates of participation, expenditures of the primary operating funds are within approved budgetary limits. And with that, it is the recommendation of the college administration that the board of trustees approve the treasurer's report for the month ended March-

- Second.

- 2026, subject to audit. And I so move.

- Trustee Mitchell with a motion, Trustee Cross with the second. Any discussion? Hearing none. All in favor, please indicate with aye.

- [Trustees] Aye.

- Any opposed?

- [Cross] Yes.

- Hearing none. The measure passes unanimously. Trustee Mitchell, does that conclude your?

- That concludes my report. Thank you, Madam Chair.

- Very good. All right, we are going to go to our monthly board report from Dr. Miksa. Oh, not a lot going on around here.

- Yeah, it's been a crazy month. Been quite-

- It's been really busy. But I'll first start off with enrollment for the summer and the fall. I think you guys have your sheets over there. When you take a look at it looks huge. When you talk about the summer, we're up between 14% and 15%, whether you think credit hour or head to head or headcount. But I have to look at it John, to just make sure the comparison isn't actually one for one to last year at this time. When you read down a little bit further, what we started getting numbers a little bit earlier this year this time.

- About 10 days.

- About 10 days earlier. So our numbers are a little higher. But with that in mind, we still believe we're up between two point a half and three point a half percent. So that's really good still for the summer fall, we've got good news for the fall down there as well too. Up between eight and a half and 9%, whether depending our credit hours and those numbers I think are pretty safe at this point. Comparatively still.

- [Attendee] They're still a little high.

- They're a little high, but they'll kind of connect in as we go. But obviously you see we're doing great work with recruitment from what you saw with Pete Belk, and his team are doing there. I also wanna note that our continuing education, we've got Elisa in the House here tonight. We're about 85% towards our goal of 17,000 students having served on our non-credit side of the House, 14,871 students.

- We are, if I can clarify, we are 85% towards our enrollment goal. That would end in December?

- No.

- Or in the school year?

- School year. June 30th.

- Okay, I was gonna say- okay.

- It's a fiscal year.

- Well darn, I was gonna say for December.

- From rolling.

- And then that'd be really impressive, but-

- They're still impressive.

- Yes, they are.

- They're always impressive.

- All right, just a few other things that we have going on today. You've heard a little bit about this in the recruitment and enrollment area. The new Element451 CRM has rolled out. The rollout is in the final stages for our students. Element451 is an AI powered all in one student engagement and enrollment CRM designed for higher education to automate personalized communication, manage recruitment and improve retention. What I think is exciting is I think we're using it right now. I'm not gonna look at Shelly. She'll probably say I'm wrong if I do something wrong, but we're using it now in the recruit or excuse me, in the application process. And then we can communicate to students throughout that application process if

something isn't there and we know where they're at. So I think that's a big improvement for what we have. So we're really excited and more to come with that as well too. So great work Shelly and your team and everything that you've done there. And also I got to throw out a shout out to Rob and his team 'cause they've done a lot of IT work in the background also. The JCCC Veterans and Military Student Resource Center is now fully operational in the newly renovated COM 309 space. Trustees are invited to tour the new space at 4:00 PM on June 18th. That's not a random date. That is the next board meeting, hopefully, 'cause you guys have to approve that still.

- No, June is approved.

- Oh, June's approved.

- All right, sorry. Just trying to be cool there. All right, directly prior to the June board meeting, Christine and I actually got the opportunity, when I said Christina from the office got the opportunity to tour it. It's wonderful. I think it's gonna be great. It'll serve more students. So we're looking forward to having you guys up there as well. In hospitality management, our Chef Apprenticeship student Alyssa Opfer Alyssa Opfer represented the United States as a member of the United States culinary team in the global Culinary Olympics in Singapore last week.

- [Trustee] Wow.

- Alyssa earned two second places in the world for her appetizer in a mystery box competition.

- Whoa!

- I just like reading that. That kind of sounds really exciting. In addition, the US culinary team achieved first place in the in the world for best menu. Congratulations to Alyssa for her outstanding international accomplishment. And also a sincere thanks to the JCCC

Foundation. We are doing a great work with all that money that we have there for providing significant financial support that made her participation possible. What would a report be without talking about athletics this time around? Our softball team has done some great work. They are headed to the Softball World Series so we're excited about that. That's gonna be a lot of fun. Our baseball team, they've been ranked number one in the country for a while or for most of the season. They are knocking the ball out of the park. It's been a great year for them. I think they have one more round of tournaments to get to the national tournament, so hopefully they'll do well. We're wishing 'em luck there as well too. As we said, it's been a busy few weeks preparing for the end of school, but we did have the opportunity to do some things. It's been mentioned earlier, but we were at the fashion show, felt like we're in Milan, this was great. Certainly Chair Smith-Everett was there, but we also had Vice Chair Rattan and Trustee Chad Carroll was there, and the super cool jacket. I felt really cool by him.

- Fancy threads as the kids say.

- That was awesome but it was really a fun night as they walked down the runway. It's getting packed. So we're gonna have to figure out how to continue to grow that event. I like to just say this, the name of this one, Deb and I attended the play Urinetown. You can take that word any way you want, like "You're in town" or Urinetown. But I want to throw a big shout out to the people that, to the director. It was an amazing acting. The singing was amazing in the play. I can't wait for the next production. And the fact of the matter is it's free to go to these plays and the quality of production that's there was really just amazing. So we really had a good time there as well too. A few other events that we got to be a part of, we went to went to the CLEAR certificate ceremony. What an amazing event those students are awesome. I loved the presentations, I loved the passion. I loved how they got up in front. If you guys, Trustee Jennings was at that one as well too. So if any of you get a chance to go to that ceremony, it's wonderful. It's a great one to go to. At Cav Craze, Jean Claude snuck up, well maybe not snuck up but came up and smashed a pie in my face. So that was a wonderful event that we got to go to. Our faculty in graphic design did wonderful work getting our students to their, what they call their NAC presentation. What an amazing event downtown Kansas City. I'm still kind of learning but it was at an ad agency downtown where our students were there. I got to walk around and talk to some our students, but I was really careful not to take too much time 'cause there were employers there as well too. And I didn't wanna be in the way as employers but employers there. So what a really just a wonderful event. I got to judge the Ice Cream Sundae Battle. That's always a fun thing to do

as well too. Attended the outstanding Student Awards luncheon, participated in a couple corporate challenge events. So that was a wonderful event. We did the 5K together. We knocked it out when we did that. Participated in the Seven Days of Kindness event. One of those being an indoor recess event, which held what I thought was one of the most fun events that I've done on campus this year, which was a hula hoop competition. I got lucky. We did go into overtime. I was able to beat Chief Mullis. I thought what I would do for chief is get a picture take if you wanna come up and grab this chief, you looked really solid in the picture with your outfit so it's all yours if you'd like to take that. You can show it around.

- Put it up in your office.

- Staff.

- I like the hands.

- Well, thank you.

- And last but not least, you know, kind of the culmination, you know, kind of what I talk about that idea of 40-40-40, we got graduation next week. I think we have the number that I have down here right now could change but about 4,800 students receiving degrees and certificates in some fashion. They won't all be at the graduation ceremonies, but we're really excited about that. Looking forward to having all you there and looking forward to have everybody there 'cause it really is a culmination of all the great work that the students have done. And also a culmination of the great work that all of our faculty, staff, and US board members have done as well too. And that's my report. Thank you.

- [Madam Chair] All right, questions for Dr. Miksa? Yeah, Trustee Mitchell.

- On the Veterans Resource Center that we're gonna be touring on the you said June 18th I believe.

- [Miksa] Yep.

- Have we had the official grand opening for that already or is that?

- Not yet.

- No.

- That's sort of.

- [Miksa] Fall.

- Oh, it's not until the fall.

- It's in the fall. The ribbon cutting will officially be in the fall. They've had some other busy things going on and so they wanted to wait until everybody was back.

- Do you know if the congressional delegation has been invited to that? Because when we were in DC we sort of told

- We will invite 'em. We haven't-

- All that we'd invite 'em and who knows if anyone will show up but-

- Oh yeah, we'll definitely invite 'em. We'll invite people.

- Well, it's an election season for some so I'm sure they will. But yeah, they certainly tout the vets is very important constituency. So good point on that one. Any other questions for Dr. Miksa? Or Trustee Rattan?

- Are you seeing good participation in corporate challenge? I know it's really a nice way to bring people together in a company and so hopefully people are participating.

- So I think-

- It was our first year.

- Yeah, I mean a variety. Yeah, first year back. I mean for the 5K, I think there was like nine or 10 people there. I mean so it just all depends. We're doing, I know for the bike race there's about five or six of us in the bike race. It was really cool. We got to ride around the racetrack so that was kind of neat. But yeah, I mean we're getting medium participation. I don't know what our standings were. We had moved up a little bit for a little while.

- Yeah, we're toward the bottom.

- Yeah, but

- We're not,

- And maybe that's 'cause it's your first year, but I know when my company did it was a way for us to kind of rally together.

- [Miksa] Right.

- And you get to meet people from different departments that you may not necessarily meet. So, it's a great tool for a company

- Yeah.

- To participate in.

- Any other questions? Okay, well it just sounds like to me you're just doing indoor and outdoor recess and eating basically the entire month, so.

- It's a great place to do that.

- I was gonna say, I guess you're having fun, which is great. Glad you're doing it. I had another comment but I don't remember what it is. So we're gonna move on. All right. That is going to take us to the new business and I'm not aware of any new business and so we will move on to old business. I'm also not aware of any old business. So that is going to take us to the consent agenda. Consent agenda is a regular part of our board meeting where we bundle several standard pieces of business that we take care of all in one bundle. And I will make the motion to take up the consent agenda. Do I have a second?

- Second.

- All right, Trustee Jennings with a second. Any discussion on the consent agenda? I wonder if you're gonna say the same thing. I am. Yes, Trustee Rattan?

- Two people I'd like to pull out that are separating from the company. One is Terri Laddusaw and I do wanna thank her for all the work that she's done at Foundation. It's always a welcoming face, walking into an event or a meeting and I really appreciate her. The second person is Mya Lawrence, who is going on to another university in a different role. I'm very happy for her, but definitely will miss her, seeing her in the corridors, and realizing

she's not one of the students, but she really has contributed a lot to student success. So I appreciate Terri and Mya and wish them the best in the future.

- Yeah.

- That's great.

- Good. Any other discussion on the consent agenda? I was going to also mention Terri, she's given a tremendous amount to the college in general. I don't know how many years she's been here, but forever probably. And she has supported the advancement department, government affairs and is really critical in communicating with us in some ongoing ways and scheduling things with us, which can, you know, be a beast 'cause we've got a lot going on so I appreciate her. I hope she is sailing off into the sunset to do something lovely and relaxing and get away from, you know, all the management she's had to do here all these years. So hearing no other discussion, I think we'll move to a vote. All in favor say aye.

- [Trustees] Aye.

- [Cross] Yes.

- And any opposed? Hearing none. The motion passes. Seven zero. All right, we do not have an executive session for the evening, so I will take a motion to adjourn.

- Madam Chair, I move to adjourn.

- All right, Trustee Mitchell with the adjournment and a second from Trustee Holton, was it?

- Yes.

- All right, Trustee Holton with the second. All in favor say aye.

- [Trustees] Aye.

- Opposed? I hear none. Moving on from, motion carries seven to one, seven to zero. Thank you very much.

- Thank you Madam-Chair.

- Have a good evening.

- Thank you for running a great meeting.