

1 12-12-18 Cerritos BOT
2 [GAVEL]
3 >> President Lewis: Good
4 evening everyone and welcome to
5 our last board meeting of the
6 Cerritos College Board before
7 the end of the year. Before we
8 go on to our festivities and
9 other such things I have read
10 outs from the closed session
11 earlier today. It's reported
12 that the Board of Trustees
13 approved the employment of Frank
14 Dixon Instructional Dean step
15 one of the management salary
16 schedule effective December 13,
17 2018. The vote was 5-0. It was
18 reported that the Board of
19 Trustees approved the employment
20 of the [INAUDIBLE] police salary
21 schedule effective.
22 December 13, 2018 and approved
23 the employment Diesel Perez step
24 one of the contract salary

25 schedule effective January 9,

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1 2019. The vote was 6-0. It was

2 reported in the Board of

3 Trustees approved the

4 categorical funded management of

5 Judy Fox grade 2 step eight of

6 the management salary schedule

7 effective December 13, 2018.

8 The vote was 6-0. It is

9 reported that the Board of

10 Trustees approved the funded

11 temporary management employment

12 of Katherine Misher as advance

13 transportation sector step two

14 of the salary schedule effective

15 December 13, 2018. The vote was

16 6-0 so concludes the read out

17 reports, and we will move on to

18 our invocation done by Cerritos

19 College alum Michelle Manseas.

20 >> Good evening everyone. I

21 am going to recite a poem. It's

22 called the habit poem. I am

23 your constant companion, your

24 greatest helper or greatest

25 burden. I will take you onward

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1 or drag you down to fail. I am

2 completely at your command.

3 Half the thing you do you might

4 as well turn them to me I am do

5 them quickly and correctly. I

6 am easily managed and be firm

7 and show me how to do it and

8 after a few lessonings I will do

9 it automatically. I am the

10 servant of great people and alas

11 of failures as well. Those that

12 are great I have ahead great.

13 Those are failures I made

14 failures and I am not a machine

15 and work with the position of a

16 opinion plus the intelligence of

17 a person and take me, train me,

18 be firm with me and I will place

19 the world at your feet. Be easy

20 with me and I will destroy you.

21 Who am I? I am habit. IFalcon

- 22 habits of mind takes an
- 23 integrated approach for students
- 24 to be successful learners and
- 25 succeed and set and achieve

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- 1 academic and personal goals and
- 2 develop their ability to
- 3 discover connections between
- 4 their personal experiences and
- 5 academic success. I focus, I
- 6 advance, I link up, I organize
- 7 and have new ideas. I believe
- 8 in iFalcon. Let's work at this
- 9 time and mush the habit of
- 10 individuals that will come
- 11 through the doors of Cerritos
- 12 College. I Falcon. Do you
- 13 iFalcon? Thank you
- 14 [Applause]
- 15 >> President Lewis: Next we
- 16 have comments from the audience
- 17 and seeing no cards have been
- 18 turned in we will move on to any
- 19 reports and comments from our
- 20 constituent groups here. Maybe

21 we can save that until the end
22 after the rest of our agenda.
23 Is there a motion that we can
24 except accept to move it towards
25 the end of our agenda?

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1 >> I motion.
2 >> President Lewis: I just
3 want to make a mention that our
4 Interim Superintendent of
5 Student Services Kim Wesby, this
6 is her last meeting and thank
7 her for the service she's
8 provided for us.
9 [Applause]
10 >> President Lewis: Thank you
11 so much Kim and we look forward
12 to having you continue your
13 service here and we will like to
14 present you with this
15 Certificate of Appreciation and
16 something else.
17 >> [Off Mic].
18 >> President Lewis: But we

19 did.
20 >> Thank you. Ah, ah -- thank
21 you.
22 >> [Off Mic].
23 >> Thank you all for your
24 support.
25 >> President Lewis: Anything

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1 else that you want to say?
2 >> No, because I will cry.
3 >> President Lewis: Fair
4 enough.
5 [Applause]
6 >> President Lewis: So a
7 motion having been made to move
8 the reports and comments from
9 constituent groups to the end.
10 Is there any objection to the
11 said motion? Seeing none the
12 motion will carry and we move on
13 to our organizational meeting,
14 the swearing in of reelected and
15 new elected Trustees.
16 >> Dr. Fierro: Thank you very
17 much we're installing two

18 members and Mr. James Cody
19 Birkey will be installed at a
20 later date due to a conflict of
21 work so he wasn't able to attend
22 this evening event so I would
23 like to call on Councilman John
24 Lewis to help us install Board
25 Member Zurich Lewis.

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1 [Applause]
2 >> Nice to meet you.
3 >> President Lewis: Nice to
4 meet you.
5 >> Okay. Place your hand on
6 the bible and repeat after me.
7 "I do solemnly swear that I will
8 defend the Constitution of the
9 United States and the
10 Constitution of California
11 against all enemies foreign and
12 domestic -- yeah, I will start
13 again. I, Zurich Lewis do
14 solemnly wear they will support
15 and defend the Constitution of

16 the United States and the
17 constitution of the State of
18 California against all enemies
19 foreign and domestic and they
20 will bear true faith and
21 allegiance to the Constitution
22 of the United States and the
23 Constitution of the State of
24 California that I take this
25 obligation freely without any

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1 mental reservation or purpose of
2 evasion and that I will well and
3 faithfully discharge the duties
4 upon which I am about to enter.
5 >> Thank you very much.
6 [Applause]
7 >> Just so you know I am
8 related to him somehow.
9 >> Hold on dad. Scoot over.
10 >> [Off Mic].
11 >> President Lewis: I will
12 invite my fiance Jackie and my
13 mother to come join the picture.
14 Thank you. I just want to say

15 it's been an honored to serve
16 these last years as a Trustee
17 and I am amazed at the work of
18 the faculty and Board Members
19 and Administration and the
20 machine that we work is more
21 than just a simple machine.
22 It's made up of people, and I
23 have learned over the last four
24 years it really takes a great
25 group of people to bring the

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1 education to our community, and
2 I want to thank each and every
3 one of the Board Member
4 business, the faculty members,
5 the classified and everyone else
6 here at Cerritos College for
7 doing what you do. It's truly
8 been an honor and privilege to
9 be here, not only four years,
10 but to also serve with the
11 confidence of the rest my Board
12 Members as President of the

13 Board so I look forward to
14 another four years of serving my
15 constituents in La Mirada and
16 look forward to working with the
17 rest of the board to continue
18 the great work that we have been
19 doing for these past few years
20 so thank you very much for
21 everyone and thank you for
22 having no one to run against me.
23 Thank you.
24 >> Dr. Fierro: Would you give
25 me a minute? We have a

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1 representative from the ABC
2 Board of Trustees and she has
3 proclamations she would like to
4 present to you. (webcast
5 stalled).
6 >> Dr. Fierro: I appreciate
7 President Lewis wanting to run
8 an efficient meeting today and I
9 will now call Shin Liu up and
10 ask Dr. Shin Liu's daughter to
11 come up with her.

12 >> Shin Liu: I want to
13 recognize all the community
14 members that came to me and I
15 will acknowledge you one by one
16 and come from Pasadena and I
17 know Cerritos Chinese school and
18 my neighbor, and my friend Raul
19 and my students. That made me
20 cry. And Sophie my long-term
21 friend and also my campaign
22 manager twice and Linda and her
23 friend.
24 Thank you. Where is Dr. Jean
25 Chen? He's like Campaign

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1 Manager of the Campaign Manager.
2 I really appreciate. Anyone I
3 did not recognize you -- oh my
4 neighbor again, Alice. Thank
5 you. My students -- remember,
6 so that made me cry, so thank
7 you testing testing.
8 >> President Lewis: I don't
9 know, whatever Shin wants.

10 >> [Off Mic].
11 >> President Lewis: Do you
12 want to say anything else? .
13 >> Shin Liu: So so and thank
14 you for Stephanie remind me I'm
15 a lucky -- but I will -- even
16 though I upon lucky but I will
17 still work hard for our
18 community member (paused)
19 Even in my installation my
20 student came. That's why I want
21 to be a Board Member because I
22 care about students. Thank you
23 so much.
24 [Applause]
25 >> President Lewis: Now we

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1 move on with the rest of the
2 agenda I want to recognize the
3 dignitary that showed up and
4 hold your applause to the end.
5 I want to start with the Mayor
6 of La Mirada Larry Moles -- or
7 not -- or not. Mayor Pro Tem
8 Steve Deruc -- there you go one

9 clap. That's do one clap.
10 That's good. La Mirada
11 Councilman dad. La Mirada
12 Chamber of Commerce President
13 Rich Trujillo. There you go.
14 We will get used to. Norwalk
15 Vice Mayor Margarita Rios and
16 last chance Norwalk La Mirada
17 School Board Member Jesse
18 [INAUDIBLE] better. If there is
19 anyone else that I missed that
20 Shin didn't already point out.
21 We had Sophie but she left.
22 With that said we will move on
23 to our election of board --
24 >> [Off Mic].
25 >> Now, we can clap, yes.

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1 [Applause]
2 >> President Lewis: Anything
3 else I am missing? No. Okay.
4 Now as the current board
5 president I want to recognize
6 Vice President of our board

7 Dr. Shin Liu. Thank you so much
8 -- thank you so much for your --
9 [INAUDIBLE] yeah, let's go over
10 there. Some more presentations.
11 I want to recognize Dr. Liu for
12 the continued service and part
13 of the lucky club and thank you
14 Dr. Liu for your continued
15 leadership on the board and we
16 look forward to another four
17 years of such.
18 >> Shin Liu: Thank you.
19 >> President Lewis: And I
20 also want to recognize our Board
21 Clerk Martha Camacho-Rodriguez.
22 >> [Off Mic]
23 [Laughter]
24 >> [INAUDIBLE].
25 >> President Lewis: Thank you

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1 for your continued leadership on
2 the board and we took forward to
3 many more years thereafter.
4 >> Martha Camacho-Rodriguez:
5 Thank you.

6 >> President Lewis: You're
7 welcome. Next we will move on
8 to our election process and
9 reorganization of the board. I
10 will now call for a motion and a
11 second to open nominations
12 followed by a vote of the
13 members. I will entertain such
14 a motion.

15 >> [Off Mic].

16 >> President Lewis: We have a
17 motion. Is there a second?

18 >> I will second it.

19 >> President Lewis: We have a
20 second. Is there any objection
21 to said motion? Seeing none the
22 Motion carries. Is there any
23 know wishes to nominate anyone
24 for the position of Board
25 President? Trustee Perez.

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1 >> Marisa Perez: Yes, I would
2 like to nominate Carmen Avalos
3 for President.

4 >> President Lewis: A
5 nomination has been made. Do
6 you accept?
7 >> Carmen Avalos: I accept.
8 >> President Lewis: Are there
9 any other nominations at this
10 time (pause)
11 >> President Avalos: Thank
12 you. Next we will open up
13 nominations for the Vice
14 President position for the
15 board. Can I get a motion?
16 >> Zurich Lewis: So moved.
17 >> President Avalos: Can I
18 get a second?
19 >> Second.
20 >> Carmen Avalos: Would
21 anyone like to have a
22 nomination?
23 >> I would like to nominate
24 Marisa Perez.
25 >> President Avalos: Can I

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1 get a second or a another
2 nomination.

3 >> Second.

4 >> -- (paused).

5 >> President Avalos: With no
6 other nominations I would like
7 to congratulate Marisa Perez as
8 Vice President.

9 [Applause]

10 >> President Avalos: Next I
11 would like to open up the
12 nomination for Clerk of the
13 Board.

14 >> [Off Mic].

15 >> President Avalos: Can I
16 set a second?

17 >> Zurich Lewis: Second.

18 >> President Avalos:
19 Nominations are open. Is there
20 any nominations for Clerk of the
21 Board?

22 >> Marisa Perez: I would like
23 to nominate Martha
24 Camacho-Rodriguez.

25 >> President Avalos: Can I

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1 get a second?

2 >> Zurich Lewis: Second.

3 >> President Avalos: Do you

4 accept the nomination?

5 >> I accept it.

6 >> President Avalos: Are

7 there any other nominations at

8 this time? If not we will close

9 the nominations and Martha

10 congratulations on keeping your

11 position.

12 >> Martha Camacho-Rodriguez:

13 Thank you.

14 [Applause]

15 >> President Avalos: You're

16 the lucky one. Great. Thank

17 you. Moving on to our next

18 item.

19 >> [Off Mic].

20 >> President Avalos: I'm

21 sorry. At this time we would

22 like to recognize our out going

23 President -- thank you so much

24 there Zurich Lewis for his

25 leadership and conducting our

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1 board meetings and moving the
2 goals of the college forward and
3 we would again like to
4 congratulate you for your
5 leadership this year and look
6 forward to our continued working
7 collaboration on the board.

8 >> Zurich Lewis: Thank you.

9 >> President Avalos: And a
10 certificate and a picture.

11 [Applause]

12 President Avalos: Okay.

13 Great. All right. Moving on to
14 our next agenda item. We have
15 consideration of regular dates
16 for next year's meetings. I am
17 hoping everyone had an
18 opportunity to review those
19 dates and I'm not sure if there
20 are any dates that you need to
21 change or conflicts as you
22 review the dates. Are there any
23 concerns with the dates
24 presented to the board?

25 >> Marisa Perez: So moved.

1 >> Zurich Lewis: Second.
2 >> President Avalos: All
3 those in favor?
4 >> Aye.
5 >> President Avalos: The
6 dates are set and the starting
7 time is 7:00 p.m.. Next we have
8 consideration of a election of
9 the annual representative to the
10 Los Angeles County School
11 Trustees Association for 2019.
12 We had Shin Liu representing the
13 board at the -- of the Trustees.
14 Were you our representative?
15 >> [INAUDIBLE].
16 >> President Avalos: For Los
17 Angeles County School Trustees
18 Association? Right. You're the
19 representative (paused)
20 >> Continue the service on the
21 Los Angeles County School
22 Trustees Association. Great.
23 Second to that?
24 >> Zurich Lewis: Second.

25 >> President Avalos: All

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1 those in favor.

2 >> Aye.

3 >> President Avalos: Thank

4 you for the continuation on that

5 for the association of the

6 college. Next is Board Policy

7 Advisory Committee and Code of

8 Ethics standards of practice.

9 At this time I know that you all

10 received a copy of the policy.

11 Are there any changes that you

12 would like to see or any

13 comments on that particular

14 policy? Anyone?

15 >> Zurich Lewis: I will move

16 for approval. It's an

17 information item. Receive and

18 file.

19 >> President Avalos: Yeah, I

20 want to see if there are

21 concerns as presented? Okay.

22 Moving on we have a presentation

23 tonight. We will recognize the

24 Classified Employee of the
25 Month. Tonight we have Kristen

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1 Towhid thank you. Program
2 Assistant as a Classified
3 Employee of the Month for
4 October 2018. Is Kristen here?
5 Awesome. She's here, oh my
6 goodness. There she is.
7 Congratulations.
8 [Applause]
9 >> Come on up should I read
10 this? Do you want me to read
11 this? I will read it.
12 >> [Off Mic].
13 >> President Avalos: Well
14 first off congratulations and
15 recognize to be Classified
16 Employee of the Month. So the
17 outstanding committee name
18 Kristen Towhid as the recipient
19 of the Outstanding Classified
20 confidential Employee of the
21 Month for October 2018. She

22 began her career at Cerritos
23 College as a short term employee
24 in 1992. She was hired full in
25 2001 by the counseling division

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1 and promoted in 2018. She
2 promotes student success daily
3 and help students join the
4 iFalcon Club and linked up and
5 participates in all events to
6 promote student success. She
7 proudly promotes beyond the
8 campus boundaries and making
9 connections with the local
10 elementary schoolings and
11 bringing them on campus and
12 plays a vital role on campus and
13 your commitment and willingness
14 to go above and beyond to meet
15 the needs of students and staff
16 are exceptional. Today we
17 recognize you and proud you're a
18 Cerritos College employee and
19 commend you for your outstanding
20 service and dedication to all of

21 the Cerritos staff. Thank you
22 so much for a job well done.
23 Congratulations.
24 [Applause]
25 >> President Avalos: And a

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1 small token of our appreciation
2 to put on your awesome wall for
3 your own success wall is this
4 indicating Cerritos College
5 Employee of the Month, Kristen
6 Towhid library LRC. Would you
7 like to say some few words?
8 >> Sure. I want to say hi to
9 my spouse and our two wonderful
10 sons and they're watching at
11 home right now. I love you
12 guys. See you soon and thank
13 all of the iFalcon supporters
14 here tonight and those that
15 couldn't make and the true
16 iFalcon and they stay late and
17 they shouldn't be here because
18 it's finals week and they're a

19 true iFalcon. Thank you.
20 >> [Off Mic].
21 >> Thank you.
22 >> Congratulations.
23 >> Thank you.
24 Congratulations.
25 >> Thank you. Thank you --

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1 [Off Mic]
2 [Laughter]
3 >> President Avalos: Okay.
4 Great. Item Number 18 is a
5 Public Hearing. At this time I
6 will open the Public Hearing for
7 the presentation of the addendum
8 to the March 28, 2018 initial
9 proposal of the California
10 School Employees Association
11 CSEA, Chapter No. 161 to the
12 Cerritos Community College
13 District for July 1, 2018
14 through June 30, 2021 and taking
15 any public comment. Is there
16 anything -- is there any
17 comments on this? Nope. Okay.

18 Seeing no one making any
19 comments I would like to close
20 the Public Hearing and at this
21 time if I can get a motion to
22 approve?
23 >> Zurich Lewis: So moved.
24 >> President Avalos: Thank
25 you. Can I get a second please?

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1 >> Second.
2 >> President Avalos: Great.
3 All those in favor?
4 >> Aye.
5 >> President Avalos. Moving
6 on to the next item which is
7 consent and we have Items 19
8 through 31.
9 >> Dr. Fierro: But before you
10 do the approval I would like to
11 point out that Items 27 and 28.
12 Those are audits so if you have
13 any questions we will be happy
14 to answer those. If you want to
15 pull those out we're happy to do

16 that but for full transparency
17 and kiss closure make sure
18 you're aware of those two items
19 in particular.
20 >> President Avalos: Great.
21 Colleagues would you like to
22 bring the items off of the
23 Consent Calendar? No one.
24 Seeing none I would move
25 approval of the Consent Calendar

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1 items.
2 >> [Off Mic].
3 >> Zurich Lewis: Second.
4 >> President Avalos. Great.
5 All those in favor.
6 >> Aye.
7 >> Thank you very much. Item
8 32 is an information item and
9 acknowledgment and receipt of
10 the addendum of the proposal by
11 the California School Employees
12 Association CSEA Chapter No. 161
13 to the Cerritos Community
14 College District for July 1,

15 2018 through June 30, 2021. So
16 this is more of receive and
17 file. Okay. So I would like to
18 move to receive and file.
19 >> Zurich Lewis: So moved.
20 >> President Avalos: Great.
21 Can I get a second please?
22 >> Second.
23 >> President Avalos: Next we
24 have comments from district
25 officials. I would like to

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1 start off on my right for
2 comments and start off with
3 colleagues on the right.
4 Dr. Salazar.
5 >> [Off Mic].
6 >> President Avalos: Great.
7 Thank you.
8 >> Sandra Salazar: No report.
9 >> President Avalos: On this
10 side if we could get the Student
11 Trustee.
12 >> Thank you. I just have a

13 few things to report and a
14 podcast that I have been
15 following and
16 [speaking Spanish]
17 and podcast by two independent
18 Chicanos. It's interesting and
19 you can get on line and I saw
20 the live podcast after the last
21 board meeting. I have taken on
22 the responsibility of the
23 Vice-Chairperson of the SSCCC
24 and the Senate Senate of the
25 colleges in in California and we

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1 had a meeting in Long Beach
2 where one of the executive
3 members are and this week we'll
4 have the next meeting here
5 Friday and I will be chairing
6 that. I had the chance to attend
7 the President's representation
8 next week and thank you to the
9 culinary departments for the
10 delicious meals as always and I
11 had the chance to attend a

12 confirmation yesterday. I had
13 been working on a campaign for a
14 local School Board for our K-12
15 south Whitter School District.
16 I upon proud to see we have one
17 of the dependents elected and I
18 went to go see the confirmation
19 at the board meeting in Whitter
20 and also lastly today I had the
21 chance to attend the Norwalk
22 holiday luncheon at the Norwalk
23 arts and sports arena so I will
24 continue to attend those Norwalk
25 chamber meetings to see what

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1 we're up to over there. I think
2 that's all I have. Oh extended
3 library hours to Friday, the
4 library will be closed at
5 7:00 p.m. so utilize those hours
6 everyone.
7 >> President Avalos: Thank
8 you. Board Member Perez.
9 >> Marisa Perez: Thank you

10 very much. Thank you to
11 everyone for being here tonight.
12 I wanted to extend my
13 congratulations Zurich and
14 Dr. Liu and Mr. Birkey.
15 Congratulations. It's wonderful
16 working with you and I look
17 forward to working with you for
18 the next four years thank Kim
19 too for the help and support and
20 steps into the leadership void
21 that we had and doing such a
22 great job. Luckily you're not
23 leaving and just going back to
24 the old job so we'll continue to
25 see you and thank you so much

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1 for what you do for your
2 students. Yes, you're welcome.
3 I also wanted to tell everybody
4 briefly about the Community
5 College League conference that I
6 attended. That's why I missed
7 the last board meeting but it
8 was a great conference. I

9 wanted just to acknowledge
10 Dr. Kristi Blackburn who did a
11 presentation. It was actually
12 very interesting on racism and
13 so it was great and then I also
14 got to see Dr. Fierro and Miya
15 Walker do a presentation on
16 marketing yourself as the CEO
17 and the college and that was
18 informative too and I think the
19 other CEOs there were impressed
20 with everything that goes on at
21 Cerritos College and everything
22 that we do to promote what
23 everyone is doing in the
24 community and I wanted briefly
25 mention also that we had a very

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1 inspiring speech by Chancellor
2 Eloy Oakley and many people love
3 him and some don't and he
4 encouraged us to do our best and
5 be bold on behalf of our
6 students. He had this

7 presentation with very little
8 data except for one slide and I
9 think he did that on purpose and
10 that was the three year
11 completion rate that students
12 have by race and ethnicity and
13 just to remind you who our
14 students are in California
15 Community Colleges and Asians at
16 47.3, African-American 22.1,
17 Filipino 35, Hispanic 22.2,
18 American Indian 19, Pacific
19 Islander 25. Two or more races
20 32.3, white non Hispanic 34.5
21 and unknown 35.9 so when you
22 look at the slides it's clear
23 that African-Americans and
24 Hispanics which is a big amount
25 of the population here aren't

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1 reaching those goals and again I
2 was really inspired by him and
3 just to continue act on behalf
4 of the students in our
5 community. We talked about the

6 new funding formula. Heard
7 about Guided Pathways and again
8 about the money that we're
9 getting as part of the funding
10 formula to really support
11 programs that support our
12 students success rates and so
13 that was really good. I am glad
14 I got to attend and represent
15 the college and I have the CCC
16 board in conjunction with Dr.
17 Fierro CEO board and that was
18 good and meet again in January.
19 Busy in the community. Went to
20 Lakewood celebrates and the
21 luncheon and with the staff here
22 and ABC with Zurich and
23 Bellflower meeting and attended
24 the foundation retreat with my
25 colleague Martha

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1 Camacho-Rodriguez and also
2 traveled out to Ventura to see
3 our men soccer team win the

4 championship which was really
5 exciting. Really exciting for
6 all the family that was there
7 there to support of their sons
8 and you can see that at that age
9 this is pretty much a really big
10 deal for someone who has been
11 playing soccer probably since
12 they were four years old and it
13 was great to support our players
14 and our athletes and that's
15 about it. Thank you.

16 >> President Avalos: Thank
17 you very much for your report.
18 Mr. Zurich Lewis.

19 >> Zurich Lewis: I want to
20 echo the same sentiments as
21 Trustee Perez. Thank you for
22 the comments and I appreciate
23 that and thank you to the rest
24 of the board for your continue
25 collegiality and leadership.

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1 Also I want to congratulate my
2 two colleagues Dr. Liu and

3 Trustee Birkey on their
4 reelection as well. I attended
5 the ABC Board meeting with
6 Trustee Perez. We're going to
7 be getting Dr. Perez later on at
8 the next meeting as our Vice
9 President so congratulations to
10 the President of ABC Unified. I
11 also attended the Downey
12 installation of the new City
13 Council Claudia Formenta and
14 District four and honor out
15 going Councilman Fernando
16 Vasquez and congratulate Rick
17 Rodriguez who determine would be
18 installed as Mayor of Downey.
19 Other than that I want to thank
20 my family, my parents, John
21 Lewis and for coming out and my
22 fiance and her parents as well
23 and I really appreciate the
24 support and I couldn't do it
25 without you and I am humbled for

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1 the wonderful people in my life
2 as well as my friends on the
3 City Council, the Councilmembers
4 who left and my good friend
5 Diego as well for served as a
6 task force member here at
7 Cerritos College and that ends
8 my report for today. Thank you.
9 >> President Avalos: Thank
10 you. Dr Shin Liu?
11 >> Shin Liu: I also want to
12 thank Zurich for the service.
13 That's great. Thank you. And I
14 appreciate all the elected
15 officer come here to support us.
16 Most important I want to thank
17 recognize community members.
18 Thank you and community members,
19 students and residents. You are
20 the ones we are here for you.
21 Thank you and I will have
22 another four years to work hard
23 for you. Thank you.
24 >> President Avalos: Great.
25 Thank you. Dr. Fierro.

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1 >> Dr. Fierro: Well first of
2 all I want to thank Kim for her
3 help during this four months
4 that you work with us. Kim was
5 and still is but role as Vice
6 President great team member,
7 someone you can count on
8 regardless of what was happening
9 she will answer which is
10 something they value a lot. I
11 appreciate everything you have
12 done during your time as Vice
13 President and obviously during
14 your 30 years as Cerritos
15 College Falcon. Speaking with
16 Kim you can hear on her voice
17 and understand the commitment
18 that she has for the institution
19 that she does care about our
20 college, and our students so
21 thank you very much for
22 everything that you have done,
23 and for what you will continue
24 to do from your new position so
25 you will -- you can run but you

1 can't hide. I would like to
2 congratulate our new officers
3 and our returning officer of the
4 board. I am looking forward to
5 working with you during the next
6 12 months until our next
7 reorganization meeting I guess
8 and we will reorganize again at
9 that point, but I am looking
10 forward to next year and
11 continue to have good working
12 relation with all of you, and
13 continue to move the students
14 success agenda for our students
15 and campus forward. We have
16 made tremendous progress over
17 the last few years and I think
18 it is important to maintain the
19 momentum and continue to do what
20 is best for our students. I
21 also want to speaking of the
22 student success I also want to
23 recognize all of our team at
24 Cerritos College, classified

25 staff, faculty, Administrators,

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1 student leaders, community
2 members and all of our partners
3 that make the life of our
4 students easier and better
5 everyday. We will not be able
6 to achieve the levels of success
7 that we have been able to
8 achieve in recent years without
9 the help and participation of
10 everyone, and I will encourage
11 you to continue to think of our
12 students and all the decisions
13 that we make. That's why we're
14 here to do and every time that
15 we sound confused or that we
16 think we're not doing the right
17 thing we should stop and think
18 about if the decision we're
19 making is a decision that is
20 going to benefit our students
21 and if the answer is yes then we
22 should do it. I've had the
23 opportunity to attend and will

24 continue to attend over the next

25 week and a half multiple

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1 community events. I will won't

2 go over the list but you can

3 find a million pictures of the

4 events on Twitter or Instagram

5 and if you're not following me I

6 recommend you do and other than

7 that I think I have one more

8 thing to do Andrea. We have one

9 more surprise this evening, and

10 I would like to -- [INAUDIBLE]

11 to join us on the podium for a

12 minute. Yeah, that's you.

13 >> [Off Mic].

14 >> Dr. Fierro: So we will let

15 Zurich present this to you.

16 >> Zurich Lewis: This is I

17 will read it here. The Board of

18 Trustees on recommendation of

19 the faculty grants the degree of

20 associate in arts to --

21 [INAUDIBLE] all the rights and

22 benefits now pertaining thereto
23 satisfactory signed completion
24 of the two year curriculum in
25 Administrative Secretary given

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1 on this day -- not really today.
2 This month of June [INAUDIBLE]
3 signed Board President Zurich
4 Lewis.
5 [Applause]
6 >> That was so cute. Thank
7 you.
8 >> Wow that's really dating
9 myself here. Did somebody say
10 78?
11 >> [Off Mic].
12 >> Yeah, that's it. That's
13 it. Yeah.
14 >> Close enough.
15 >> Thank you so much. Yeah
16 Cerritos has always been -- I
17 practically lived here back in
18 those days and went to school
19 and took tons of classes and
20 this is really -- this is really

21 cute. This is really cute.
22 Thank you. Thank you so much.
23 >> President Avalos: Thank
24 you.
25 [Applause]

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1 >> President Dr. Fierro: No
2 more surprises.
3 >> President Avalos: No more
4 surprises. Thank you for
5 joining us here for the meeting
6 of the year for Cerritos
7 College. I want thank you Kim
8 for the dedicated service not
9 just the last four months but in
10 general because you do quite a
11 bit that isn't always talked
12 about and I know you're going
13 through a difficult time and
14 thank you so much for continuing
15 as they say trek on with the
16 difficulties in your personal
17 life and just continue to
18 support our students you know so

19 thank you very much for that.
20 >> [Off Mic].
21 >> President Avalos: We're
22 not going to forget anyone
23 tonight but I would like to take
24 this opportunity to congratulate
25 my colleagues for their

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1 reelection to serving four more
2 years on this board. It's truly
3 been a pleasure to get to know
4 you in the last four years and
5 work with you and really take in
6 all of the knowledge that you
7 have to bring to the board to
8 add value so thank you very
9 much. I would like to
10 congratulate all of our K-12
11 newly electeds and those that
12 were reelected. We look forward
13 to welcoming you as part of our
14 K-12 family at Cerritos College
15 and working in the years to come
16 to continue to bridge those gaps
17 that may exist to make sure our

18 students have success at all
19 levels of education in the
20 community so congratulations to
21 all of our local newly electeds
22 and reelecteds and I would like
23 to take this opportunity to just
24 you know wish everyone a happy
25 Merry Christmas. 2018 has

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1 brought many challenges to all
2 of us in the State of California
3 with fires, with different
4 losses, a variety of things that
5 our students face daily, and I
6 just want everyone to challenge
7 themselves, right. I want to
8 thank our students trusting us
9 to be the community college of
10 their choice and continue to
11 thank them for making it
12 everyday and showing up to class
13 and taking time and hopefully
14 moving on to a next prosperous
15 semester and it takes a lot and

16 congratulate the students and
17 the best for 2018 and as you
18 move into finals and too hoping
19 as folks are sitting and making
20 their new year's Resolutions and
21 one is to continue to support
22 each other, to continue to help
23 each other and as you're at home
24 and do your shopping you
25 consider donating to the faster

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1 care here on campus, to our food
2 banks in the community and to
3 the homeless shelters. There is
4 so much need in the community
5 and I told my kids you're
6 donating a gift to someone else
7 and that is part of the
8 Christmas list that they have to
9 do because I think again it's
10 about our community and trying
11 to help and support and
12 oftentimes bringing a smile to
13 someone you don't know means a
14 big difference and do that and

15 wishing everyone a prosperous
16 healthy 2019 and just you know
17 please be safe out there. Enjoy
18 the time that you have off with
19 your friends and family and
20 continue to make those positive
21 differences in the lives of
22 other people thank you so much
23 for trusting me and my
24 colleagues to be your President
25 this year and look forward to

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1 working with all of you. Thank
2 the executive team, all of the
3 Vice Presidents and the union
4 representatives and the Senate
5 folks who continue to lobby on
6 behalf of your groups and on
7 behalf of the students to really
8 all of us make a difference for
9 all of our students so
10 congratulations as we move on to
11 saying good bye to 2018 and
12 welcoming 2019 and I didn't

13 forget Dr. Fierro that we also
14 have our group reports so at
15 this time again Merry Christmas
16 everyone. Hi kids. I am at
17 work. They're wondering where I
18 was going. I am here and I
19 would like to start off with the
20 Faculty Senate if you have a
21 report.
22 >> I have an update with the
23 Faculty Senate and doing a lot
24 with AB 705 and the Guided
25 Pathways and the student success

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1 programs across campus. I
2 wanted to share a story of
3 student success from the first
4 year as faculty. I had a
5 student who was on the speech
6 team and took a gold at
7 nationals and went to transfer
8 to CSU L.A. and earned a
9 scholarship for law school and
10 she was sworn in last week as a
11 practicing attorney and we're

12 proud of her and the short time
13 I am here seven years that
14 students are making progress and
15 doing great things. There are a
16 lot of programs in the spring
17 that students will be engaging
18 in. One of them is our own
19 forensic team is hosting a
20 tournament on campus. We would
21 love you to come but
22 additionally there are programs
23 or support services available
24 for our students through AB 705
25 and the new funding formula and

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1 look getting information on that
2 and faculty working on student
3 success. Thank you very much.
4 Have a nice break.
5 >> President Avalos: Next is
6 our CCFF President -- anything
7 to add?
8 >> [Off Mic].
9 >> Next we have the CSEA

10 representative.
11 >> I just wanted to
12 congratulate our newly reelected
13 Board Members, Zurich Lewis,
14 Shin Liu and Cody Birkey and
15 congratulate our new Board
16 President Carmen Avalos, Vice
17 President Marisa Perez, and
18 clerk Clerk of the Board, Martha
19 Camacho-Rodriguez. I want to
20 thank Dr. Fierro for the
21 Christmas party that was very
22 well attend but we all know who
23 the backbone of the college is
24 and that is confidential
25 classified staff so putting that

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1 on for all of us. Merry
2 Christmas and Happy New Year to
3 all of you.
4 >> President Avalos: Okay.
5 >> [Off Mic].
6 >> President Avalos: Okay.
7 I'm going to hand to Shin. Did
8 you want to recognize someone.

9 >> Shin Liu: My student come

10 and I want you to stand up

11 please. Thank you for coming.

12 >> We're here because of the

13 awesome students and we

14 appreciate your attendance. We

15 will do have a recess in the

16 quad but we will come back for

17 closed session and we invite you

18 to come out to the quad area.

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