

>> President Lewis: right.
Good evening everyone. and
welcome to the meeting of the
Cerritos College Board of
Trustees. First thing we will
be having is the invocation by
David Bettencourt.

>> Thank you. Good evening
everybody. Thank you for giving
me this moment. I thought since
we were in a room of leaders and
decision makes I thought I would
share words of inspiration if
it's okay and it's from a book
"Minute Motivators for Leaders"
and these are the words in the
book "Leaders are always on the
learning curve. They know they
haven't arrived until they have
shown someone else by their own
example to be the best they can
be. Leaders know that their
achievement don't require
someone's failure and the most
leaders believe that success can
help others reach the goals also
what can I do for you and
leaders ask what can you do
together? I found the words
inspirational for myself and I
hope you do likewise. Thank you
for your time.

>> President Lewis: Thank
you. Next we will have the
Pledge of Allegiance lead my
Trustee Camacho-Rodriguez.

>> Hand over your heart. I
pledge allegiance to the flag to
the United States of America and
to the Republic for which it
stands, one nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all.

>> President Lewis: Roll call
please.

>> Board President Lewis.

>> Here.

>> Board Vice President Carmen
Avalos.

>> Here.

>> Board Clerk Shin Liu.

>> Here.
>> Member Camacho-Rodriguez.
>> Here.
>> Member Marisa Perez.
>> Here.
>> Sandra Salazar.
>> Present.
>> Trustee Patron.
>> Present.
>> And President
Superintendent Fierro.
>> Present.
>> President Lewis: All
right. Everyone present. Next
we will move to agenda
organization. Is there any
member of the board wishing to
organize the agenda in any way
other than it's presented.
Trustee Patron.
>> Karen Patron: Yes, I would
like to take out items 28
through 33.
>> 28 --
>> To 33.
>> To 33.
>> We will take the items out
and postpone to the 17 meeting.
>> Yes.
>> We will have a conversation
on that.
>> President Lewis: Is there
any objection from any other
Trustee? Seeing none we'll move
on. Is there any other
organization from any other
member at this time?
>> Carmen Avalos: No. Just a
quick question so we're moving
all of those items to the next
meeting? Is that correct.
>> That's correct.
>> Carmen Avalos: Okay. Is
there any issue of timing or
anything of that nature?
>> Dr. Fierro: The decision is
to explain the decision to move
them you could say there may be
an interest from the student
body to have open solicitation
to solicit new vendors so we
want to make sure we have a
timeline to determine whether or
not we need to approve this

vendors for six months or an extra year based on a conversation we will have with Trustee Patron for future known as President Patron about the possibility of calling open proposals for vendors so we want to have that conversation in the next couple of weeks, try to put a timeline together and determine whether or not we are going to approve a full year or six months extension.

>> Carmen Avalos: So I think we need a motion to move those and a second to move on with those items. It just doesn't get moved with a request. I am fine with doing it but I want to do it correctly. Motion to move 28 through 33 to the next meeting.

>> Yes.

>> President Lewis: Is there discussions?

>> I have comments on each item so thank you for pulling the item and I'm not sure if you want to take comments now and hold back on the comments and feedback on the items until the next board meeting and I have comments how the contract is structured as well as the percentage that comes back to ASCC.

>> President Lewis: I think the motion is postpone the discussion and approval at the time.

>> Dr. Fierro: Could I get the comments so we could build the item based on the feedback from everyone?

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>> Yes, my comments again I am 100% of releasing them back out. It's been some time since we had the vendors. I think we went through it three, four years ago, I can't remember exactly and I would definitely like to see some opportunities for others who may be interested as well as as I am interested also

as part of the discussion to see if we can include or negotiate something to keep the prices the same for our students and for all of our faculty and staff that use the services too? So I would be interested in seeing that and I'm not sure how it's structured but I want to offer the lower cost as possible to students and staff and that's the general and the other thing I wanted to know if there are was any other open spots available or now are all the spots taken?

>> Dr. Fierro: Right now all the spots are taken so we're essentially we will have to open for new bids and replace vendors essentially.

>> Thank you.

>> Dr. Fierro: And if there are other comments from anyone between now and then please send them via Email. We will have conversations with the students in the next couple of weeks and if we get all the information we will bring the items back or give you feedback of what will happen at that point.

>> President Lewis: Okay. Is there any other discussion on the motion to postpone these items? Seeing none is there an objection to adopting the motion? Seeing none this is postponed. Now we move on to the comments from the audience.

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I have one card from the Math Department and SEM Division and Enrollment Management. Pilar Mata.

>> Well, I'm from the Math Department, have been for 17 years, but as usual I don't represent the comments of the Math Department, don't represent the comments of the SEM Division, the standards disclaimer and if you want to throw on everything else is hypothetical too. We can throw

on whatever legal disclaimers we need to but I of before the board before and requested help with the Math Department. I asked for interventions from three Vice Presidents of Human Resources, two different SEM Deans and the current and former Dean and multiple other administrators and just nothing happens. I don't know why. I'm not privy to that knowledge. Why would somebody do that? Why would they repeatedly ask for help with their department? I don't know. In fact it's really a bad thing to come here because every time I do there is some type of retaliation I must endure for believing in right to free speech and democracy and whatever you want to call it and the retaliation comes from the Deans and chairs because they don't like what I have to say. It's an ugly truth so here it is. I personally have moral and ethical issues with sitting in a Math Department meeting and have the Math Department discuss the correct magic ratio of homework to exams for all of the math classes so that we can prevent students from passing. That's kind of a weird thing so here's the deal. Classes are made up of homework and exams. Okay. Maybe you say 60% homework and 40% exams. There needs a magic ratio to rule them all. One ratio from Basic Math all the way up to calculus so the standards are the same. This isn't my belief personally and holding the basic skills student to the same ratio students as the calculus student and they're experience in the experiences and aptitude for math and their knowledge of the college in general so I have to sit there and listen. Well, if we have this much homework then somebody can do bad on the exams and pass

the class because of the homework and we don't them to pass the class but if we have more exams and less homework then somebody could pass the class without doing homework because they already know what they're doing, and so what is the magic ratio to fail students? It's an odd way to go about your business, don't you think? Am I wrong? Really? I don't think that's my job to sit there and find a magic ratio to fail people. That just really bothers me and we shouldn't be treating developmental students the same as all students.

And that's what goes on in Math Department meetings and I can give you examples of the application of that. A few years ago nobody cared but me and I cared deeply with a College Algebra class and I passed one out one of 40.

Only one out of 40 passed. Horrible, horrible semester. Nobody cared. Nobody cared but me. I was the only one hard on myself. Nobody cared because our job is to fail them and in the fall I passed too many students and got a good group of freshmen and start of a program and now I am passing too students so now I get in trouble with my Dean for passing too many students and I have to file complaints in Human Resources for retaliation and harassment and discrimination and I get hit with a Administrative Review for all of that so I'm not even free to exercise my right and say "Wait a minute you can't do that to me" and file it in Human Resources and without a Administrative Review.

Some classes will do better than others. You never know but I am getting tired the retaliation from Dean and Chairs for fighting for the students

fighting to get career services out to the students fighting to promote Math 75 which is the best math class since sliced bread. I am getting tired of it and it needs to stop. Okay. That's all.

>> President Lewis: We have another comment card from Sally Harvis.

>> I don't know how you could read the card. I found out the necessity of having a workable thumb when I fell on mine but you figured it out. Thank you. I just happen to find out that professor Mata had another issue to address and you know even in Congress they yield the floor. Can I please give her my five minutes? Well now it's only four and can she please address you on her other issue? That's what I wanted to ask.

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

>> President Lewis: Go ahead.

>> Carmen Avalos: You may come up and use her time.

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>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> President Lewis: Could you speak into the microphone please?

>> My other issue was Enrollment Management and I spend a lot of time discussing the lives of students with them and what I hear a lot is "Gee I have a friend, spouse, relative and they really like to come to Cerritos College and take classes but they can't. They don't have a high school diploma or GED" and that's when I tell them the good news. You don't need a high school diploma or GED and just need to be 18 years old or a minor student and we have a massive amount of individuals in the service areas and the population and if we spread the word all you need to do is be 18 we could tap into that population for extra enrollment so the general

population is not aware that you just need to be 18 to come to college. I also see students going up to the machines where you buy the parking permits from and they admit they spend more money on the permits than it would cost to buy the semester long parking permit but the problem is "I don't know where to buy the permit from." Well, I don't know so I always ask my students. Somehow a group of 40 students always knows the answer to everything and apparently once you log into my Cerritos and look at all panels there there are quick links and one of the buttons is parking permits and every time I see one at the machines and I explain how to buy parking permits. Our students could save a fortune if they learned or promoted more how to buy permits. It's not prompted at the time of registration and my Cerritos doesn't do that and how much money they have to spend on parking permits and registration is related to attendance and related to success and so on and so forth. I had one student isn't fall that spent \$12 round trip to go to school and two and half hours to and from Cerritos College. I if I had to spend two and a half hours to attend college to be honest I couldn't do it. I don't know how they do it. they're a better breed than I will be and my hats off to them, every one of them and I look at Rio Honda and they have programs where the students get the prepaid bus passes and their transportation costs are paid for them in advance and I am wondering why we don't have something like that at Cerritos College? Because if students can't afford bus fare -- I get Emails from students. " I don't have the pocket change to go to

class today of bus fare" and they're Emailing that. How many students aren't doing that and that's the reason they're absence and it affects grades and success and so forth and we need to be cognizant of the transportation costs and what we ask do to mitigate the costs to get the attendance up but in the end it comes down to faculty, staff interaction and the faculty are the individuals with the most contacted with students and we need to be more than just a body in the classroom teaching whatever it is our particular subjects. My particular subject is math. We need to refer students to career service where they have binders of job postings. So someone working 40 hours a week and going to school full time and take that job and work only 20 hours a week and attend school and hopefully get better grades so some things we need to think about that students are not aware of that we need to be aware of if we're going to help them succeed. Thank you and thank you Sally.

>> President Lewis: All right. Thank you. Next we move on to reports and comments from constituent groups. Is there any constituent group to comment to make? Oh that guy in the back. Mr. President.

>> Hello everyone. As you know ASCC President. Karen is replacing me soon so I will get on with my final report to you guys. Good news the Senate has voted in and finalized the budget, the ASCC budget so there is no rollover this year, so me. The Commissioner budget and finance and Dean will finalize everything to get it ready for an informational item for you to look at the your discretion. I would like to thank all of you guys. If you weren't here last

meeting and raise your hand and gave out pins and I will go to my car and get you a pin if you were absent and if you see Dr. Fierro he's wearing it and sporting it over there if you want a preview over there. I would like to give you that as well. There you go. Thank you. And I would like to thank all of you guys on the board and everyone for your support and continued support to the ASCC and myself throughout the year. That concludes my report. Thank you.

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>> President Lewis: Thank you.

[Applause]

>> President Lewis: Next we move on to Item 4, Institutional Presentation a recognition of retirees in which we will recognize Gary -- I'm sorry, not Gary. He's not retiring. No, he will make the recognition for the retirees. Sorry. Stay here. Thank you.

>> Thank you.

[Laughter]

>> I thought there was news. Am I retired already?

[Laughter]

Thank you very much President Lewis, Trustees. Rich Cameron. In February Cerritos College held the opening for the Fine Arts building and my remarks I acknowledged the special place the artists and the collaboration between journalism and art is part of the history and collaboration that blended print journalist with web based stories and Social Media campaigns. Moreover Professor Rich Cameron's legacy will be present each time the journalism space inspires reporters and broadcasters. He spent 20 years at Cerritos College which constitutes half of the years as a professor in the California Community College system and

advised on 419 issues and was the Department Chair as the tenure in Cerritos and curriculum Chair for seven years and a member of the institutional technology committee, student outcomes committee and other committees and Chair of the Council and created the model transfer degree in journal imp. His

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expertise on curriculum matters is without peer and his advice about leadership is state of the art. However I encourage you to seek out his less formal side and spend time reading about the most vulnerable less predictable Rich. Since 2006 he has ran a blog called Rich's musing and I highly recommend it. His popular post is titled "Pace Setting, Not Pacemaker" and tells a story about chest pains and paramedics and student achievement in the same setting and show offs the wonderful writing ability. He was a journalist to the heart of the world and find a world of imagination in his classes and many stories about the students. In a time of fake news it's reoccurring that the future editors and reporters and broadcasters and teachers of tomorrow had the formative days taught by this formidable role model and highlights our newspaper and the design of our new building and distinguished career devoted to training journalists. Thank you for the years of service to the district and on behalf of the Fine Arts Communication Division I wish you well in your retirement.

[Applause]

>> Dr. Fierro: Thank you very much Rich. Over the last couple of years obviously I have gotten to know you. This morning I had the opportunity to spend some time with someone who thinks

extremely highly of you and you're probably going to see that in his last radio show, and the passion that he displayed when he was speaking about the influence you had on him and his career was incredible, and like

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him there are many sitting in this room they I've had the opportunity to spend time with over the last couple of years and see some of the work that you guys do closely so I want to say I appreciate what you have done here in four years, the lives you have changed and you being so open to letting me sniff around and look into the back rooms and the publications and so on. It was fun so thank you very much and we would like to recognize you with a couple of pictures if you want to come and say something and bring anyone you want to bring to the podium.

>> I would like to have my daughter join me up here. My wife is out of town this week and thought it was apropos and I was hired in late December and started in early January and we were up in Northern California at that time so the first semester I taught here the family was up north and missed the first semester and now missing the last month because she is out of town. I have become a better teacher -- well, I had a bad ending at my last college. In the mid-90's they eliminated the program for budget reasons and I had enough tenure they decided to turn me into a computer application teacher which was fine as over load but not what I wanted to do with my life so it was a very difficult transition to move my family down here and join here, but I've never regretted it. I had the opportunity to grow here, to become a better teacher

than I ever was up there and people thought well of me up there but I have enjoyed my time here. I am looking forward to the next chapter of my life but I have hopes that I will be able to come back and teach part time after taking some time off.

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Thank you.

>> Carmen Avalos: I want to say congratulations on the many years of service to the many students you have taught over the years. Well deserved. I am excited for your family to get you back for some time but definitely we will keep you as long as you want and congratulations and all of our students were blessed to be your students.

>> It's been my blessing.

[Applause]

>> Dr. Fierro: There is something that I learned of rich and what happened in the media room every Thanksgiving and I don't know if anyone knows but they have a Thanksgiving dinner there and they celebrate as a family and it's a tradition that has been going on for a while and, I know it's a special thing that all of them do in the media room so I hope it continues in the years to come Alecia.

>> Thank you very much.

>> President Lewis. All right. Thank you. We're glad you made the move down here.

We're much better off for it.

Next we will move to an Item 5 the Board Advisory Committee report. That being the Bond Construction Advisory Committee and Mr. David Moore will read the report.

>> David Moore: Good evening Trustees. On April 19 we had the Bond Construction Advisory Committee meeting. Attendees were present were Trustee Shin Liu and Marisa Perez via

telephone. Jimmy Riordan from

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Tilden-Coil Constructors and myself. At this meeting we discussed Items 13 through 18 on your board agenda tonight. These are six change orders associated with the Fine Arts-CIS Math projects and I will go through those briefly. If there are questions I am glad to answer them. Item 13 a change order to ABBA Distributors. It's in relation to some modification to some automatic doors and to make them more accessible for the users. Item 14 is with Sierra Lathing for cabinets in the Fine Arts building: Item 15 was Emphyrean Plumbing for the Fine Arts-CIS Math and fire hydrant in the way of seismic bracing per the DSA field engineer for construction and bracing for the engineer. Item 16 was Emphyrean Plumbing for the math building and again that was additional seismic bracing per the DSA field engineer and to repair an on site water main that was damaged by another contractor and that other contractor will be back charged in the amount of \$5,000 for those costs associated with that repair. Item 17 was for RDM Electric on the Fine Arts building to address unforeseen underground utilities and also an additional revised two hour rated fire alarm cabling per the DSA filed engineer and lastly Item 18 was RDM Electric. This time for the math building in relation to the two hour rated fire alarm per the DSA field engineer and also a user request to add additional conduit infrastructure in the CIS server room. We had a brief discussion on the on going construction on campus and that's the summary of the meeting. Are there any questions I can answer? Next meeting is May 24.

>> President Lewis: All

right. Thank you. Next we will move on to the Consent Calendar items. Is there any discussion on that?

>> Can I pull Item 6 please?

>> President Lewis: All right. Item 6 has been pulled. Is there any objection to adopting the rest of the Consent Calendar?

Can I get a motion to adopt.

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

>> President Lewis: Motion to approve by Trustee Avalos. Is there a sufficient second?

>> Second.

>> President Lewis: Second.

Is there any objection to adopting the motion? Item passes seven through 44 and we will move on Item 6. Trustee Salazar.

>> Sandra Salazar: So I would like clarification on the amended version we were provided today. What are the changes and why?

>> Dr. Fierro: The changes are the first one is I will not be traveling to China and neither will Dr. Johnson. The reason for this was to establish a partnership with the University of Southern Taiwan but at this time I decided to not travel.

>> Sandra Salazar: So for the item to clarify what you're asking us to approve are airfare for ten students, Dr. Liu and an adviser?

>> Dr. Fierro: Correct.

>> Sandra Salazar: Just to clarify the ten students chosen are from a special language class?

>> Dr. Fierro: No, this was essentially open to some of the students that were from Professor Duran's class, Chinese students and studying of the Chinese language and other students from computer application systems and the request was made by students

through ASCC so the budget was approved from ASCC but since it's international travel it comes to the board for final approval.

>> Sandra Salazar: Right. But the ten spots are only available to people in the language course or the computer class? Is that what you said? Is it open to the population of the 21,000 students we have?

>> Dr. Fierro: In the future if we sign in subsequent years what we were looking to open 15 to 20 spots for anyone at Cerritos College to go.

>> Sandra Salazar: But currently this is only for ten in those courses?

>> Dr. Fierro: Correct.

>> Sandra Salazar: The only concern I have is for paying for the advisor to go on a trip and they're 18 and older and I didn't have an adviser when I traveled and I understand the reason for Dr. Liu to go and serve as the advisor to cut the cost by another \$1,200; right? Would that be correct in terms of the cost saving?

>> Dr. Fierro: Correct.

>> Sandra Salazar: Because I feel -- again so far I think it's a fabulous opportunity for the ten students but it's not open to the entire population and if we talk about I am sure that the professor whoever is going to choose the ten students

are going to be vetted closely and they're going to be responsible students and that I'm not really sure what the role of the adviser is.

>> Carmen Avalos: Can I add a comment to that? And correct me if I am wrong. I'm not sure. We're using ASCC funds so it's coming out of their correct, correct?

>> Dr. Fierro: Correct.

>> Carmen Avalos: So they

have the money to do this in.

>> Dr. Fierro: That's correct.

>> Carmen Avalos: I don't know how many traveled out the country and as a student I hadn't other than Mexico but that was home and personally I think it's great to have an advisor and Dr. Liu is in addition who is going and as terms of a resource you will do other things than the advisor and supporting the students and you're fluent in Chinese so a lot what is happening on your end is the opportunity to formulate these agreements and have the discussions and I don't know that you can do that with all of the students at the same time doing different things so I don't know what it's going to look like. I am assuming here so maybe you can add some clarity to that.

>> Dr. Fierro: Could I have Dr. Johnson to explain the role of the advisor but to clarify the students plus the one adviser are funded through ASCC. The funding for Dr. Liu is separate.

>> Sandra Salazar: I think to clarify where I am coming from. I understand it's ASCC money but at the end of the day the money

we can save can potentially touch more students. For example, correct me if I am wrong I think ASCC allotted -- was it the Dreamers or the Dream Club? You mentioned it last meeting? Do you remember? There were funds allocated for the first time -- does that ring a bell.

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic] we did go to the UCLA.

>> Turn on the speaker.

>> Karen Patron: We got funding to go to the UCLA campus and the applications for Taiwan was promoted earlier in the year

and there were students that were interested to go and we didn't close it just for the class and I myself wanted to go and the Chief Justice and the Student Body President wanted to go and due to the legal status we knew that and they look at our passports before the application and we want to make it available to other students and we have the borders and doesn't allow us and there were many opportunities to go and I don't know if that answers the question. It's not just for the students in the class and open to all but only a couple took advantage of the opportunity.

>> Sandra Salazar: I think more mine is to the point having ASCC funds available to impact more students than ten and I would like clarification on the role of the advisor and who it is and I believe in the original item it said AJ and I would like clarification on that.

>> So the role of the advisor is to be on any student travel that we do and faculty, staff, manager, adviser to provide information, guidance, support, whatever it might be. For our practices whether it's a club, it's a transfer trip to Northern California, whatever it might be, Student Government otherwise advisers travel with students unless it's -- it might be pretty standard practice would be if it's just two students going to something we might not send an advisor. Otherwise if it's a group we send an advisor.

>> Sandra Salazar: So who would that be going?

>> It's AJ.

>> Sandra Salazar: For me it makes better sense that the professor that speaks the language. Does AJ speak the language?

>> Dr. Fierro: There is an

issue.

>> Shin Liu: What?

>> Dr. Fierro: He is concerned about the new Administration and travel things.

>> Sandra Salazar: Okay.

Well, I mean to me it would make better sense to someone who can navigate the students if that is the case. If we think the students are in another country and provide someone that can speak the language and guide them -- I would run to Shin Liu before the advisor to be honest if they speak the language and to me I am having trouble feeling comfortable spending another \$1,200 on an advisor to go and they're not -- aside from moral support I'm not really sure what they would provide on this trip.

>> Well, again anytime we have students traveling our practices that an advisor goes and part of that is really overseeing everything that is going on because of the extent of the

travel because there's overnight and because there's expenses.

It's making sure all of the things are attended to consistent with the college's either procedures and or policies so it would be again other than if usually around maybe up to two other than that advisers go with students whatever travel we're talking about so last year when the speech team went to China I understand it would make sense that the coach would go with them but that person is going also as an advisor to the group.

>> Sandra Salazar: So is there anything you suggest? I guess my point is from a cost saving perspective. I understand it's ASCC funds and they approved the funding but technically the money can go to more students of the population

of 22,000 plus.

>> President Lewis: If I may make a comment? This is again ASCC money and I don't want to start a precedent that we're going to start dictating how the ASCC should be spending their funds. Again this item is only on \$1,200 for Dr. Liu that we're allocating to take that trip and she can serve as an advisor and different titles and consistency with school policy and Dr. Liu can serve as the advisor even if it's not the official title and she will serve as an advisor for that. Is there any other discussion? Trustee Patron?

>> Karen Patron: I appreciate Trustee Salazar looking out for us and we had a request to go to New Orleans and only ten students and this is a lot less money for more because they're staying for a month so this

opportunity if I could take it honestly I would search for money myself to go and I think \$13,000 would be -- that doesn't put anything on the experience you're going to experience over there.

>> Sandra Salazar: No, I have no problem with the students go and a chance of a lifetime and life changing. It's not the issue but more of the advisor, that all. Not even Dr. Liu going. Do we need both of them to go versus Dr. Liu serve as the adviser/ Trustee. That's my question.

>> Karen Patron: No problem.

>> President Lewis: Is there any other discussion from other Trustees on this item? Seeing no--

>> Karen Patron: I'm sorry. So why can't -- that is -- why can't Dr. Shin Liu be our advisor? Will she be taking care of --

>> Dr. Fierro: That is not necessarily a issue. I guess I

will let you speak to it and it's the length of the trip.

>> Carmen Avalos: I'm sorry Dr. Fierro we're moving from what we're doing. If we want to create another policy that's another discussion. This is just for approval. I am fine with moving with it. The Trustee can be an additional person instruct the students and be an advisor and with the institution and about the collaboration and about relationship building. In terms of student support I think we have staff that do that and AJ's role to support the students through the activities and endeavors and I am fine with moving it. If we want to change the policy we need to do it at another meeting and I'm not ready to do that tonight.

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>> President Lewis: I am sprain a motion at this time.

>> Carmen Avalos: Motion to approve.

>> President Lewis: Sufficient second?

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> President Lewis: Any objection? Seeing none and the motion passes and enjoy the flight to China.

>> Carmen Avalos: Have fun. Bring back a report.

>> President Lewis: Next we will move on to Item 45, the College Coordinating Committee minutes. Is there a motion at the table?

>> Carmen Avalos: Motion to approve.

>> President Lewis: Receive and file.

>> Carmen Avalos. I'm sorry. Receive and file.

>> President Lewis: Is there a sufficient second?

>> Second.

>> Any objection? If not we will move to 46 for Sabbatical Leave Reports for 2014-2015

academic year. Is there any discussion or any motion at the table?

>> Marisa Perez: So moved.

>> Carmen Avalos: Second.

>> President Lewis: There's a second. Any objection to adoption of this motion? Seeing none we move to 47 and approval of Sabbatical Leave for 2015-2016 Academic Year.

Is there a motion at the table?

>> So moved.

>> Carmen Avalos: Second.

>> President Lewis: Any objection to adopting the motion? Seeing none we move on to 48. Consideration of adoption Resolution No. 17-0503E in support of Assembly Bill 705 to increase student success utilization of multiple measures.

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>> So moved.

>> President Lewis: Is there a second?

>> Carmen Avalos: Second.

>> President Lewis: Any objection to adoption of this Resolution or discussion? Seeing none motion passes and we move on to reports and comments from district officials starts with Trustee Patron.

>> Karen Patron: All right then. I'm coming down to my last days and May 17 is my last day. Correct me if I am wrong Dr. Fierro? May 17.

>> Dr. Fierro: Yes.

>> Karen Patron: Or would you like me to continue?

>> I would like you to continue. I don't know about incoming Trustee Avalos.

>> Karen Patron: I want to announce that the Springs Award Banquet is May 5 at 6:00 p.m. so stop by to get your tickets and that's all and I want to wish the best of luck to all the students working on the finals and the library has extended

hours and we have coffee and stress balls and cookies to motivate on the finals and I am excited to see that happen and that's all.

>> Marisa Perez: All right thank you very much. Thank you for being here tonight. Just a few updates. I wanted to recognize a couple of things. I wanted to recognize Dr. Mary Su who again won the Superintendent of the year award. I got to

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attend the state of the district hosted by the Artesia Chamber of Commerce last week and Ross Middle School and congratulations to what they do. They mentioned partnership with Cerritos College and happy with the participation in the K-12 bridge program and acknowledge that and they have the annual report and talks about the goals and again strong goal on professional development and I hope we're working on that too. I wanted to announce on their behalf the Artesia Chamber of Commerce is having a scholarship application that is open to their residents. The deadline is next Wednesday and I have a copy and you can get it from the chamber and any students in Artesia you consider should apply for this. It's between \$100 and \$500 and I had the opportunity last week to interview students for the City of Hawaiian Gardens \$25,000 a year high school scholarship program. Fantastic program. They do everything every year to support the students in Hawaiian Gardens. Most come from Artesia High School and come to Cerritos College and I am excited and very pleased to meet them and talk a little bit about their stories and hear what their plans are for Cerritos. Many of them actually taken the ERWC class at Artesia and said it was

tough and challenging and good to get feedback on what the high school students are doing as they prepare to come to Cerritos and I wanted to thank my great friends in Hawaiian Gardens and the Hawaiian Gardens casino for everything they do to support the students and the city.

Tomorrow is the beginning of the Pan Am Fiesta in the City of Lakewood and start with a luncheon so I am happy to represent Cerritos College tomorrow. Here is the advertisement for everything going on May 11-14 in Lakewood. It's a great family event for people to attend. Unfortunately let's see when we had the groundbreaking the City of Bellflower was not able to attend but they dropped off this beautiful certificate to recognize Cerritos College for the groundbreaking of the new health and wellness complex and share with everyone and pass it to Dr. Fierro and Miya to add to the rest of the collection so thank you very much to the City of Bellflower. I also wanted to give a special shout out today to the Math Department. Last week I was going to Starbucks and I was ordering my coffee and the barista was talking to a coworker talking about Cerritos College and of course when someone mentions Cerritos "Are you a student at Cerritos College?" "Yes, I am studying to be a nurse" and taking the independent math class and loves it and I never heard anyone say that and everyone says I am struggling and it's a fantastic math class and she's doing L I believe her professor is Dara and never met her and online and she's doing a really great job so I wanted to recognize that because again we have so many different students here who are

different types of learners and why some student shy away from student lead instruction she is excelling and wanted to thank everyone in the Math Department

and there are changes that are positive for our student so thank you very much.

>> President Lewis:: Trustee Camacho-Rodriguez.

>> Martha Camacho-Rodriguez: I wanted to say thank to the professors that come and presented on the sabbaticals last meeting and awesome and I look to the other set of instructors going on leave. I think it's going to be exciting and I wanted to thank our Instructor Mata who came to advocating for students and Sally for being supportive. Thank you.

>> President Lewis: Trustee Avalos.

>> Carmen Avalos: Mine is going to be quick and not like Marisa who has more time representing the college and thank you. I want to thank Joanne and Michelle who provided the journal of the student writings and they're the developmental English classes and they're really outstanding. Aside from being outstanding I think the stories really portray just the challenges our students have to walk on to campus every day so they're very inspiring. I am going to share with my son who is getting ready to go to high school and so because they always complain I'm a terrible mother because I say no to everything. Can I go out? No. Can I play video games? No. And some have it more challenging and to appreciate the blessings that we have and with that I want to thank Dr. Charles Erra and retiring from the area and moving on to the desert where it's a little

hotter and lot cooler in many
other ways and thank him for
really tenacious support of
changing the dynamics of our
many districts in terms of
accessibility and really in
terms of equity for the many
boards that we as folks can sit
on. This board happens to be an
example of that so thank you
Charlie if you're watching
tonight for the courageous
effort to change the status we
for the minority communities and
as always be proud of the fact
we were part of changing the
dynamic and what the diverse
board looks like now and
congratulations on the
retirement as you move on to the
desert and you will always have
a place in my heart and this
place in Cerritos, not just the
college but the many districts
you helped to change quite
frankly and lastly you know I
want to say happy mother's day
to everyone out there who is a
mom or if a Tia, Nina, someone
involved with a child and you're
helping transform their lives
and happy mother's day and to
the single mother's day doing
the job on their own and happy
mother's day too and that's my
report and looking forward to
graduation and handing over a
diploma to a new you and excited
about that and congratulations
to the students and support them
as they continue to move on to
other places and glad to see at
our next week for finals that
our library will be open for the
many students who sometimes just
find it difficult to go to the
local libraries because they're
not open as late and thank you
for making that available and I
am wondering if someone going to
be out there with hot drinks hot
chocolate and coffee and that's
a hint. Support our students.
That's it. So thank you very

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much.

>> President Lewis: All right. Dr. Fierro.

>> Dr. Fierro: All right. A lot of things since last board meeting but is the time of student celebrations and faculty and staff celebrations so one of the first ones they got to attend was the Psychology [INAUDIBLE] induction and a small ceremony but a great ceremony and funny part about that one I wasn't officially in the list but there was a student from the honors -- Psychology Honors Club that was going to be inducted into the honor's society and she came to the office and couldn't get in and apparently waiting on the other side until I came back from a meeting and as I was walking by I saw the student making a beeline across the quad and before I got to the office and so I got to attend and great ceremony so it was great. I had the opportunity to go to the campaign for the college opportunity meeting in L.A. with the former Secretary of State. You're familiar with the college opportunity. We had a couple of speakers here and essentially they do a lot of advocacy for legislation and so on to favor student success, and I also had the opportunity to continue to attend the UC Davis Fellowship Program, a program of leadership development for new presidents that was put together with the partnership of the Chancellor's Office and the UCC STEM and speaking of the Math and English work done I presented at the UCC convention on the K-12 partnership and the accelerated programs that our faculty and staff are working on and full room, lots of great questions. I gave the credit to the people doing the work. So thank you

for that but it looks like we're heading in the right direction based on the comments and questions and others that were also asked to speak on the same topic. There is a group that you probably know sir top mist and every year have a award and traditionally Cerritos College students receive the scholarships and we have five scholarships for some wonderful ladies that are our students and the stories they have to tell were incredible stories of endurance and success and most of all tenacity, their background, what they had to do in order to attend college and be able to graduate it is just incredible so congratulations to them and hopefully our Soroptimist International will continue to support our students. They're walking on stage on May 19 and those of you attending the Military Ball will get to meet one of them. They had an incredible story of how she was able to actually make it to college successfully after having some difficulties. We have the standing faculty award ceremony. Great event. Obviously it's hard to pick faculty that are the most outstanding faculty but this year Gallery Director James he did an amazing job so it was essentially unanimous standing ovation when he was named. We have been doing some work with an organization that is called "Progressive Learning" in order to continue to try to secure funding do additional support in English and Developmental Mathematics. We have had some meetings with them and most recently last week and hopefully the initiative moves forward and expand some of the support we offer to our students and most of that comes on self pace and

good type of programs that are available for our students.

Also I have initial conversations with the Lumina Foundation and doing work in accelerate the learning pathways so I had the opportunity to establish that connection and start working on that. Last week we had the student art exhibition, our award ceremony. Again great art. You will go to the gallery and think you're in a professional gallery. The work of our students is incredible. The work of the faculty and staff setting up the gallery and making it look like an actual professional art exhibition that you will see anywhere on the streets of L.A. it was great. It was attended very well by parents and friends of students and that little sitting area under the bridge between the SEM, the new computer information science building and the arts and communication building is doing exactly what it was meant and sitting area, garden area. It was a really great event. To continue to look for additional funding opportunities I had a meeting with the Superintendent of Lynwood to help us with a letter of support for a grant we're putting together and hopefully that partnership

continues to move forward, and I had the opportunity to join the CEO and board joint meeting and two big items outside of the legislative advocacy that came up. One was the support for the staff and pathways. The Academic Senate is working to establish an agreement with the Academic Senate of the CSUs to try to have a better connection for non major students to be able to access pathways that are outside of the traditional Algebra and other states have

proven to increase graduation rates and mostly focused to non major students and the other item that came out of that and this is obviously for all of you. May 22 is the legislative advocacy day so if you have the opportunity to speak with your local legislators or go to the Capitol at 9:30 in Sacramento please do. Essentially all of the community colleges and State Chancellor's Office and increase to the base to compensate for the different mandates and different increases so we're trying to do that before the final review of the budget. It's a big effort to try to change a little bit of the money that was allocated for growth that is not going to be used in growth since you know most of the districts are not growing. To move that money to the base to help with the increase of medical, STRS and PERS and other mandates that have not been funded at the levels, the speed they have been growing. The nursing pinning ceremony last Friday was always very elegant, nice event, so there will be also walking on May 19. If you haven't seen nothing but the

blues I highly recommend to go to that. I had the opportunity to see it on Saturday and great talent, great show so if you haven't seen it feel free to go. The tick tack meeting -- I had the opportunity to go with Kim our DSPS technology specialist to the meeting. There are some conversations around the state to try to advocate for technology being part of the infrastructure of campus which I think it is obviously what is needed and there is always the expectation for our students and staff and faculty that our campuses are equipped with technology and a big move being

done. A lot the conversation how to package data across the state with canvass and building accountability for student with disabilities and students and making sure at the state level it's all very consistent. This morning we had the opportunity to attend the Norwalk Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce meeting right here in our own grove at Cerritos. I was going to call it something else. It was a good event and I attended the radio show with Rob Florez. Many of you have been interviewed by him. He's trying to record the good bye show and graduating this May and he obviously he's happy to be grating but he has mixed feelings about leaving and all the good opportunities that have been afforded to him during the time he has been here so if that isn't a testament to what we do at Cerritos College I don't know what is. It was a great show and he clearly had fond memories of campus and extremely emotional. We hosted the CEO

for the college opportunity here on campus who is also our commencement speaker. She had the opportunity to speak and spend time with the Student Body President and Student Trustee Karen and I guess she got more information than she was looking for the speech but she really had a good time on campus and she thanks everyone. She's thanking everyone for the hospitality and how well she was treated and I think that's about it.

>> President Lewis: All right. Trustee Liu.

>> Shin Liu: Thank you for my board colleague to approve the retreat. I appreciate it. Thank you to Dr. Fierro to recognize the Artesia Soroptimist Club. I'm the

member and thank you for the marketing. Next year when I send you the fundraising ticket it will be easier; right? Because it's for a good cause. Thank you.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. Trustee Salazar.

>> Sandra Salazar: May 18 is the vacation for the area three and the day after the next board meeting and I wanted to ask the question the scoring matrix is it going to the board and when?

>> Dr. Fierro: We can send it out right away.

>> Sandra Salazar: So we can give feedback via Email.

>> Dr. Fierro. Yeah.

>> Sandra Salazar: And the vote is what day?

>> July -- I'm sorry, June 7 I believe.

>> Sandra Salazar: And it falls on a board meeting?

>> Dr. Fierro: Let me look at it quick. June 7. That's the board meeting.

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>> Sandra Salazar: A business meeting.

>> Dr. Fierro: Correct.

>> President Lewis: I had the opportunity to attend the monthly Chamber of Commerce La Mirada at a pie restaurant and if you go to Rosecrans it's lovely pies and they over baked the giant cinnamon rolls and selling them at half price and I couldn't resist and I got two of them and they're all for me at home. So that's good. Go there when you get the chance. It's worth the drive. Also I attended this morning as Dr. Fierro mentioned the Norwalk Santa Fe Springs Chamber mixer and we played a different version of a game and multi-networking and here's my business card and works for some people and some doesn't but nonetheless it was an enjoyable time. Other than that in the

future this Friday we have the ASCC spring banquet and looking forward to attending that and the La Mirada carnival at Benton Middle School. The field will be renovated at the school after this carnival so we may or may not have the carnival afterwards so if you have small or even big children or you are big children do come out to enjoy the carnival at La Mirada Benton Middle School on Olive and lastly we end on a some -- on a sad note that I want to adjourn this meeting in memory of San Jose Salgone who say Norwalk resident age 44 and children was senselessly and tragically shot in the City of La Mirada and we wish his family blessings as they cope with the tragedy and continue to move forward with

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that and we held a prayer vigil in La Mirada at Behringer Park where the city officials and much of the community did come out and we showed that we are La Mirada strong for any tragedy that will come our way. We are a bonded community and continue to be that for many decades to come so I would like to adjourn this meeting in memory of him and last before we do that Dr. Fierro.

>> Dr. Fierro: I was just reminded of something that I skipped here. Last night was the scholar honors ceremony. It was a very good ceremony but the unofficial numbers from last night are something to be proud of. Over 90% of the students from that program got accepted to the UC of their choice right away and not only that but the rest also got accepted probably want to the one of their choice but they were accepted so what it was initially it was kind of funny and then it's like that's amazing. The universities they are going and they will keep

going and it wasn't any school. It was Berkeley, UCLA, UC Irvine and he is still weighing his options. She is still weighing her options. It's not matter whether or not they got accepted or a matter of whether or not they wanted to go there and the performance and 90% of students got accepted to the school of their choice and 100% of them are transferring but the other ones may not be the school of their choice but it was very interesting that every single one of them was highly accomplished they were not really thinking and if they were going to college which one they wanted to select so

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congratulations to all the students and to everyone that participated in this scholar honors program because you clearly are doing a great job.

>> President Lewis: All right. Thank you.

[Applause]

And now we are moving into close session which we will consider three items. The first public safety employment, the consideration of employment of Vice President of Academic Affairs and Superintendent. Next a conversation with Real Property Negotiator.

Approximately 5.2 acres on the Cerritos College campus with negotiating parties of Felipe Lopez of Business Services under negotiations of the lease terms and I am told to read the following. Item 50 is a conference with the Real Property Negotiator pursuant to the Government Code 54956.8

District's Vice President of Business Services. Property subject to negotiation is the property situated in the Southwest portion of Cerritos College and this close session discussion is related to the

lease of the property in the Southwest portion of the Cerritos College campus and the third item is conference with labor negotiators.

>> Dr. Fierro and there will not be a read out.

>> President Lewis: And there will not be a read out afterwards. Thank you.

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