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[GAVEL]

President Lewis: Good evening everyone and welcome to the meeting of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees. It is currently 7:03. And before we begin I would like to call up Carlos Manuel Torres to give the invocation.

>> Now you hear me. Let us be thankful this evening for the women and men that are gathered here, not of happenstance but for a real reason, and we ask that that reason be carried on by the members of the board by each and every one that has an involvement in this community college. That everything be carried forth with a purpose and although we are just humans but we are good humans and we are wanting to carry on this and the students that attend that they feel a goodness of family, a goodness of education that pushes them forward with a purpose, and let us not forget to be thankful one for the other because it is one with another that we can accomplish Godly and wonderful things for our community, and we pray in each of our names to the name that you most humbly know, and I say amen.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. And at this time can we have Trustee Marisa Perez give the Pledge of Allegiance.

>> 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: Will the secretary call the roll.

>> Board President Zurich Lewis.

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>> Here.

>> Vice President Carmen Avalos. Clerk Dr. Shin Liu.
>> Here.
>> Member Martha Camacho-Rodriguez.
>> Here.
>> Member John Paul Drayer.
>> Here.
>> Trustee Marisa Perez.
>> Here.
>> Trustee Sandra Sandoval.
>> Present.
>> Student Trustee Karen Patron.
>> Present.
>> And President Superintendent Dr. Fierro.
>> Present.
>> At this time is there anyone would like to change the agenda in any way?
>> Yes, I would like to refer to the item of Trustee Drayer's resignation be taken earlier.
>> President Lewis: Item 51? Sure. When did you want to it moved to.
>> [INAUDIBLE]
>> President Lewis: In the beginning or after the public comment and presentations?
>> Yes.
>> President Lewis: Okay. So after the presentations so is that after Item 5, the recognition of classified employee.
>> Yes.
>> President Lewis: Mr. President.
>> Dr. Fierro: I would like my comments to be requested at the beginning and recognize Trustee Drayer for his service being this is his last item.
>> President Lewis: Okay before her item and Item Number 5? Perfect. Any objection to that organization? Seeing none we will put that at that time so Item 51 after five. Anyone else wishing to reorganize the agenda in any way? Seeing none we will move to comments from the

audience, and I don't currently have any cards so since there's no cards is there one specific?

Okay. We have one. Oh --

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

>> If you could say your name and introduce yourself, where you're from.

>> Good evening. I am Graciela and a Psychology major and my purpose here today is give a thank you to the Board of Trustees for two things. Number one the trip we took to UC Davis, UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz. It was a wonderful experience. I had the honor to room with Student Trustee Karen Patron. She's a wonderful great person as an adviser, as a mentor. She was able to guide me into the schooling of Berkeley and Santa Cruz and thanks to you not only myself but other 39 students -- 41 students had the opportunity to experience this beautiful experience they got to choose. Also I sent you guys a thank you card. I hope you received it. It's on behalf of from everyone on the trip. Thank you very much and point number two as my major in Psychology we recently had Psychology Day which is a national conference that we just placed in the state -- we placed number one and in nationals we placed number two for community colleges that get to mimic a real conference here at Cerritos College so once again thank you very much for having that for us and not just for me for all the future Falcons we're about to have. I know we're about to have senior preview day so we need to give the high schoolers the best motivation here at Cerritos College and why they should come and once again thank you very much from the bottom of my heart.

>> President Lewis: Thank

you.

[Applause]

>> Good evening I am Henry and here on behalf of the Veterans Club and Veterans Resource Center and here to give you a thanks for allowing the Veterans Resource Center and the veterans to go to the state capitol and talk to Senators and able to spread the word how important the Veterans Resource Center is for college communities across California. Over 300 plus veterans showed up from different colleges and campuses in California so it was a good turn out. We opened up a lot of ears and sort of working the minds how important to have an actual Veterans Resource Center in colleges so we wanted to give you guys thanks.

[Applause]

>> President Lewis: All right. Seeing none we will move on to reports and comments from constituent groups. Is there any constituent group wishing to give a report? Mr. President.

>> Hello Board Members really quickly I'm going to talk about a few things. Currently as you know in the beginning of the year the roll over budget came and you information item was brought up to you guys. We are currently forming the new budget we have over \$2.1 million in

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requests and we're looking to allocate \$1.7 million. Aside that the Senate agreed to fund some of the veterans as well so they got alleviation from the student body as well. Also on information item number 48 on your -- if you have any questions and you would like to direct them towards me I am happy to answer any questions. Thank you. That concludes my report.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. Any other constituent

groups wishing to give a report?

>> Dr. Fierro: I have a letter one half of Michelle Llewellyn and the Faculty President and she can't be here so she asked me to distribute the letter and read the letter on so on her behalf I will read the following letter "Good evening -- please picture me Michelle is speaking.

[Laughter]

"Good evening I want to report on the sabbatical leaves that are up for approval today. As with all committees the Sabbatical Committee review their process and procedures and make changes to improve the experience of the process for the applicants and the outcome that benefit the students, the departments and the college. The committee move away from a point system that felt too much like a competition and not like a roll academic activity that all members of the campus community can and should benefit from. The proposals before you tonight represent the amazing variation of our faculty, faculty who are dedicated a the scholarly work as to their students that work with.

Dr. Kimberly Duff, Psychology has proposed a research program designed to increase communication between current Cerritos College Psychology majors and alumni of the program. Dr. Duff of course is invaluable as a faculty adviser of psychologist majors each year they're able to present the research at major conventions. As a result of her dedication to the field of science and the students. Dr. Frank Gaik, English has proposal to pair resources to the linguistic needs of our students. For example --

