

>> President Lewis: Welcome to the Cerritos College Board of Trustees Meeting and will have the invocation.

>> Lord we pray your wisdom, every student and every administrative, employee and we thank you to Jesus' name.

>> President Lewis: Amen. Thank you pastor. Next we will have the Pledge of Allegiance lead by I will do it. Trustee Patron is not here yet. Please stand. Face the flag. Please begin.

>> 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 clerk call the roll please.

>> President Lewis.

>> Here.

>> Vice President Carmen Avalos.

>> Here.

>> Board Clerk Shin Liu.

>> Here.

>> Member Martha Camacho-Rodriguez.

>> Present.

>> Member Marisa Perez.

>> Here.

>> Member Sandra Salazar.

>> Here.

>> Student Trustee Karen Patron is absent and President Superintendent Fierro.

>> Present.

>> President Lewis: All right is there any member of the board wishing to reorganize the agenda in any way? Seeing none we'll move to comments from the audience and I have one card here that is from Ms. Debra Johnson regarding academic Excellence Awards.

>> [INAUDIBLE] off.

>> President Lewis: Yes

please.

>> My name is Professor Debra Johnson in the Business Division. I have been here for 26 years and in most of the years I have been part of the Academic Excellence Awards either as a faculty member who has nominated somebody or for the past couple of years I have been on the academic excellence committee and the reason I am coming before you to my acknowledge outside of graduation the Academic Excellence Award is the largest gathering of student success that we have during the year and it's disappointing to me that not one Board Member showed up this year, and I just wanted to let you know that we noticed and the students notice and I know we know you have busy schedule and you were missed and it started out in a grass-roots effort in my division. They wanted to sign a petition letting you that your presence was missed so I will read it. It says "The under signed faculty of the -- they filled in their division "Hereby wish to express their disappointment in the fact that not one Board Member attended the 2017 Academic Excellence Award ceremony in March. Most recognize this ceremony as the Academy Awards night for the students and disheartened that the board didn't make this a priority and I have 47 signatures. I could have gotten hundreds but it's that time of the year with graduations. I have been to a Berkeley and USC graduation and getting on a plane for another conference tomorrow otherwise I could have gathered more signatures, but I wanted you know that we miss and you would love you there and it's a great celebration is and

we work hard on it and if anybody is interested I bring -- what are these? The announcements that we pass out at the ceremony in case you're looking. The last thing I want to say we awarded over \$50,000 over the past five years and this year we recognized 58 students in their areas of expertise and it's awesome. They bring their families. They're excited. I believe Dr. Fierro was there and that was wonderful to see so I would like to drop these off if you're interested and that's it. Thank you.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. We will now move on to reports and comments from constituent groups. Is there any constituent group wishing to make a report? Seeing none we'll move to the open session agenda. That being the Institutional Presentation, a recognition of Classified Employee of the Month and we will recognize Leo Lopez as Classified Employee of the Month for March 2017.

Congratulations.

>> Thank you.

>> Dr. Fierro: Good evening. The outstanding classified confidential employee Selection Committee named Leo Lopez as the recipient of the outstanding Classified Employee of the Month for the award of March 2017.

Leo began his career at Cerritos College as an hourly employee in 2007 and in 2014 he was hired as full time financial aid technician and assisted families and students understanding the financial resources to cover the cost of college. He displays patience and kindness when discussing sensitive matters that will impact a student's decision to attend or continue at Cerritos College. Leo has a

strong work ethic as demonstrated when he took the lead and administered the California Grant Program for current and former foster youth and working with the Link Program. Leo, the Administration, and staff and students appreciate your personal attributes and outstanding efforts. Thank you for a job well done. We appreciate you being here.

[Applause]

>> President Lewis: Congratulations.

>> Thank you.

[Laughter]

>> Thank you.

>> Thank you.

[Applause]

>> Thank you very much.

>> President Lewis: Do you want to say a few words?

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

[Laughter]

>> President Lewis: Next we will recognize John Ella as Classified Employee of the Month for April 2017. John.

[Applause]

>> Thank you.

>> Congratulations.

>> Thank you.

>> Dr. Fierro: The Outstanding Classified Employee Selection Committee selected John Ella as the outstanding Classified Employee of the Month for April 2017. John began his career at Cerritos College in April 2016 as a Senior Technical Support Specialist. John was nominated by the health occupations staff. They greatly appreciate that John takes the time to respectfully explain what needs to be done and he does so with a smile on his face and a positive attitude. John recently help the nursing dental -- the nursing, dental assistant and dental hygiene, physical therapy assistant and the

Pharmacy Technician Program
prepare for the accreditation
visit. Thanks to the attention
to detail there was no stress
for the department when it came
to computer and printer needs
for the accreditation team.

John, we are proud that you're a
Cerritos College employee and we
commend you for your outstanding
service and dedication. Thank
you for a job well done and he's
only been year a year.

[Applause]

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

[Laughter]

>> President Lewis: Next we
will move to a Institutional
Presentation on the Forensics
Team update in which April
Griffin Director of Forensics
will provide a summary of recent
activities and accomplishments
of the Forensics Team. April.

>> Hello. I am April Griffin
the Director of Forensics here
at Cerritos College and I wanted
you to know what the team is
doing this year and we have been
busy but we brought Nick
Matthews hired as one of the
other full time teachers and
Heather Kelly.

And looking for full time
employment but both have been
integral to the success our
team. Nick has spearheaded
debates and hater has come and
done a lot of work with the
platform speeches and the
students are Ellie Herbert the
President and Michelle the Vice
President and Hugo a new member
to the team and corner who has
been with the team for a year.
We competed a lot of different
tournament this is year and went
a new national time and Pi Kappa
Delta and against four year
universities and a great
opportunity to network and get
more students to transfer to
schools beyond the neighboring
schools and opportunities for

scholarships so I wanted allow the students to tell you about their experience with forensic and about some of the awards they won this year.

>> Hi. My name is Ellie and the President of the Speech and Debate Team and I want to start off by saying how much this team actually means to movement I came in not knowing anything about public speaking and recruited by April's class. I suffer from anxiety so it's hard to talk in front of people or live my life day to day without having -- well, like thoughts that shouldn't be happening so I ended up being the President which was awesome and I have also -- it helped me cope with my anxiety so I don't suffer it from as much as I used to so I can probably say that speech and debate has done miracles for my life and Michelle.

>> Hello. My name is Michelle and I am the Vice President of the team. At the Pi Kappa Delta tournament that April mention said I got 3rd for interviews and this the award and exciting and a great experience to do that and the team in general helped me move up in a leadership role in my job currently and opened my eyes to consider all sides of a different controversial aspect instead of relying on what I think I know. I now been decide before view something I am able to consider all views and I contribute that to being on the team and I am grateful for that.

>> Good evening. My name is Hugo and the new guy on the team. I have jumped out of airplanes and off bridges but still public speaking is the most testifying thing for me. Because of forensic I now have the confidence to at least come up to the podium and not spank

uncontrollably and I am doing it a little and I was able to go to the national tournament and win an excellence in interviewing and grateful for the team and opportunity. Thank you.

>> How's it going so I am Connor and I stutter and the debate was really hard forward me at first because I couldn't talk. It was hard to articulate my thoughts and ideas and all my contentions and just like I came in third or -- I got like the Bronze Medal at the national tournament and it was kind of weird because I wouldn't have thought six months ago -- maybe not even three months ago stand up here and I won something at a national level with my stutter and I will always have my stutter but now I have like so much confidence in my speak abilities and also I like to thank Nick Matthews especially because you know like so -- for those that don't know Nick is like he's partially deaf. Like he has -- he does have two hearing aids but an all American debater so I saw what he did and what he accomplished and like there's no excuse for me not to be great you know, and I want to thank Nick Matthews and April Griffin for being a big part in my life.

[Applause]

>> We just wanted to come and do this presentation because we want to thank it is Board of Trustees, Dr. Fierro, the Vice Presidents at community college and the ASCC for the support of the team and it means a lot to the students and forensic is a life changing event. We hope to travel next year to Montreal as well as Tennessee and bring home more awards for you then so thank you very much.

[Applause]

>> President Lewis: Thank you

for making a presentation.

[Applause]

It's always motivating to us as Board Members to see that you know these students have put so much motivation and so much talent into their efforts and have come back with awards and for their victories at the national level against four year universities and you know that is something that is often understated that we do go up against four year universities, not just forensic and speech but other ventures as well and compete with the best of them and more often than we should we win so that's a testament to everyone here that works for our institution that we have produced that kind of talent to be able to compete at a four year level. Thank you. Next we will move on to a Certificate of Appreciation to Karen Patron, Student Trustee.

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[Applause]

>> Dr. Fierro: Karen, so now we have the opportunity to recognize very industrious young lady and part of the Board of Trustees for the last year and is now transitioning to be the President of ASCC. Which is a lot more work than being a Board Member I think, so we want to thank you for your service for being so open to collaboration, to always bring in solutions rather than complaints and I truly appreciate that. We have multiple conversations with Karen and even though there were things that bothered her about different things that were happening at the college it was never just a complaint. It was always an alternative to do what we were doing so I truly appreciate that. Now that I don't have to listen to you anymore as a Trustee I look forward to working you with at

ASCC and continue to see you grow and develop as a very, very professional young lady, so thank you for everything that you have done, and I have high expectations for you.

[Applause]

>> Karen Patron: Thank you Dr. Fierro for your kind words.

>>In [Off Mic]

>> Karen Patron: Oh yeah.

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

>> Karen Patron: Just a quick one minute speech. Oh okay. So my parents weren't able to be here today but I know they're proud of me at home getting home from work and my sister from school. I want to thank the board for being open to collaborate with me and students on campus and continue the work for the students. I can see some of the things we worked on start to blossom and happy to be part of this so thank you.

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Thank you to Dr. Fierro for being supportive even when I come and complain. It's nice knowing what I have to say is important and is taken into consideration. Thank you to the VPs, Dr. Jay, our new Vice President and all of you have been central to what I have done. Having that conversation with me mines a lot and I appreciate that. To all the students in ASCC and those not part of Student Government who have been there supportive of me and what I do I really appreciate them lending a hand or saying Karen let's do this. I don't know. Let's do this. I really appreciate that. To Rodrigo for also being -- always critical reality check kind of thing, always nailing me there. It's always necessary and Saul for being the dad or big brother watching for me and watching out. I really appreciate that. I am just really happy and I

really want to thank you all for this opportunity. You have no many doors you have opened for me and opened my eyes and given me a different perspective on life and being 19 having this opportunity doing what I am doing all thanks to all and given me the opportunity. It's something I will never be able to take back, never put a price on it, nothing. It's a moment I will always remember so thank you.

[Applause]

>> Karen Patron: Thank you Dr. Fierro.

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>> President Lewis: Thank you Karen for all the genuine effort that you have made into being a member of the Board of Trustees. That you know even though it's an advisory vote technically you do wield a lot of influence as a Student Trustee and you took the position and you made it your own and you gave genuine collaboration to the rest of us that we saw that, and collaborated back with you, so you made this position a great influence for the students so thank you for your service and we're looking forward to working with you in another venture of collaborative effort Madam President. All right. We move on to Item Number 7.

Contribution of approval of the district's Equal Employment Opportunity Fund Multiple Method Allocation Model Certification Form. Say that five times fast. Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

>> President Lewis: Is there any discussion from other Board Members that want open the discussion before Dr. Fierro gives a brief summary? Seeing none brief summary please.

>> So I'm the Director of Compliance and Title Nine Coordinator at Cerritos and the

form is a form of the Equal Employment Opportunity Fund Advisory Committee's annual events of the year and re-caps all events and plans and policy for it is year. It's similar from last year but you will note that it includes some of the programs including our AB 54 ally program that we started this year and the vet program this year. The other inclusion is the Falcon Leadership Program which we have been doing since 2012 I believe and next year will include diversity and inclusion.

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>> President Lewis: All right. I will entertain a motion at this time.

>> Carmen Avalos. Motion to approve.

>> President Lewis: Is there a second?

>> Second.

>> President Lewis: Is there any objection to the adoption of the motion? Seeing none the motion carries and then we move to Item 8 consideration of the approval 2017-2023 Educational Master Plan. It's recommended that the Board of Trustees approve such plan at no cost to the district. Is there any -- yeah,.

>> Yes. We are bringing forth what is a multi-month effort to for the Educational Master Plan started back in October. And we got buy in from all the different constituency groups and a variety of ways. You know we did the charette and interviews with several of you and survey with about 1700 I believe respondents including many of our students and we worked that into the goals which you have in front of you and those have attached action items which we can take and hopefully move those goals forward and see some of the things come to

fruition over the next five years -- not hopefully. We will. And that's that.

>> Dr. Fierro: Patricia is being a little modest and in all fairness we put her on the spot to give this report but it was a very large effort across campus and she is modest in the fact she was essentially from the district a Project Manager and coordinated the efforts across the different groups on campus. There was a lot of coordination between the different constituent groups and it is a very strong mark of the students' voice with the faculty, staff and administrators shaping that direction, so out of the 1700 I think respondents I think about 1100 were students so very strong voice but then the experience of our staff, our faculty, our administrators was essential to be able to shape those voices in what you see before you today, so a lot of discussion. The report went back and forth probably what it felt like a million times but I think we have a product that we are proud of and we will use that report to mark the direction of the college in the next five years.

>> President Lewis: All right. Is there any Trustee wishing to comment or have a discussion on this at this time? Seeing none I will entertain a motion to adopt.

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

>> President Lewis: We have a motion and a second. Is there any objection from any Trustees to the approval of this motion? Seeing none the item carries. Thank you.

[Applause]

Next we move to Item 9 amend food services agreement with Fresh & Natural Inc. DBA Fresh &

Natural food service group for district's campus food service vendor location number one.

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>> Dr. Fierro: These are all the items from nine to 14 are the items that we pulled out of the agenda last time around and are the consideration of extension of the contracts with our current vendors. So before you move into consideration I would like to obviously give you a little background on why we put the items why they're back in the agenda if you like.

>> President Lewis: So are we considering this as a package?

>> Dr. Fierro: You can consider them all together or one by one but the request is the same for all.

>> President Lewis: Okay.

>> Dr. Fierro: And the background explanation is the same for all.

>> President Lewis: With that said is there any objections from any Trustees to consider this as a whole package from items nine to 14? Seeing none we will consider nine to 14.

Dr. Fierro.

>> Dr. Fierro: So the discussion was pull them out of the agenda until we had a larger conversation with our business officers and our representatives from ASCC and how to renew this contracts and the initial intention was to renew for six months and open an RFP to potentially bring new service providers to the campus, but because we reentering the summer and it's difficult to put different constituent groups to form the committee and engage everyone's preferences we wouldn't be able to finish our search on time for the end of the fall semester and then it will take about a month to a month and a half to restructure the current locations to meet

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the needs of the new vendors which means we wouldn't have food service for at least a part of the spring semester so after a conversation between our business officer and representatives from ASCC the decision of renewing the contracts to the end of the spring semester meaning around graduation day was made so the RFP could take place all the way during the fall semester, make a recommendation and give enough time for the new providers to -- if any new providers do come in during the summer, set up their locations and be ready on time to open for business during the beginning of the fall semester, so this is two folds, one, make sure that the students have access to food during the first part of the spring semester, and the second, to be able to provide new vendors if any with the possibility of giving a facelift to the facility as they see fit. Karen would you like to add anything else?

>> Karen Patron: No, I think you did it all. Thank you. I did have a discussion with Dr. Fierro. We want to consider getting new vendors and possibly turning over to one vendor. That way we can hopefully get better prices for our students but we're still looking at the options and make looking over the contracts to see if there is anything to do to help the students and better meal plans and not five meals and on campus are and giving healthier options.

>> President Lewis: All right.

>> Carmen Avalos: I was going to say if we can take up nine through 14 since they're the exact same thing besides change in vendor?

>> President Lewis: Yes, we're

considering Item 9 through 14.

>> I have a couple of questions in regards to gross sales in general -- I don't need specifics but what is the gross sales of the six locations provide to the college?

>> Dr. Fierro: We will have to get that information.

>> Okay. I would like to know what the annual gross sales is for everybody and there are two other vendors on campus too, and then I need to know from the gross sales what the dollar amounts are to each group? Because according to the contract 10% goes to ASCC and I would like to see what the dollar amount is and then the 1% that goes to the district what that is on an annual basis? And I also need to know what the history is behind that? Because as I recall we went through this already -- at least once since I have been on this board. It's a very unique situation that the food service proceeds go to ASCC. As I understood it there's not many community colleges that actually allocate this portion to ASCC. Is that still the case?

>> Dr. Fierro: Largely yes.

>> Okay. So what's the history behind that? Why as a college did we decide that this is where that money is going to be going to? That's my first question, if anybody knows that okay. Those are things we should know before we bring them to the board and then going back to the prices. I think the prices a key item as well too and I don't know how you negotiate that through an RFP process again but I think that really needs to be paramount to this decision and ensure that the prices are as low as possible because a few years ago it was all about healthy options

and everybody remembers at the time it ASCC President -- I can't remember the name. Juan and that was his thing and the whole argument and took two years to get subway on campus I understand it's challenging and I understand the subway is doing fantastic. He owns two, three in the area and doing very well so we need to be creative and figure how to get the best deal for our students and I think that should be the priority when it comes to these contracts and since we don't I have a lot of the answers I think also maybe come back within six months because in six months you will have progress made and I would like to see a copy of how the RFP or RFQ is released before it's released to the public because at that time if the board and students have any feedback that should be -- that should happen before it gets out there and then we're unhappy with the results so those are my yes.

>> Dr. Fierro: Yes.

>> Yes. So I request that six months in.

>> Dr. Fierro: So six months an update on what we have done or six months to renew?

>> Six months -- I think all the questions should be answered for the board because again this is a lot of money. This is not something that's a small amount

of money that come to the college so again those are all things that I think we need to know about before we renew or extend contracts for seven different vendors for three, four years. Those are things in the future it would be helpful to have that before we talk about this but to come back in six months I think the draft -- before the RFQ -- so on this schedule when is the RFP

released based on the one year schedule now?

>> Dr. Fierro: I would say a month after we come back from the summer.

>> Okay. So before the RFP is released it needs to come back to the board and we need to give comments and as well as the students and before we go down this path and unhappy who ends up applying as well as -- because I remember there wasn't a lot of people that applied last time. Am I wrong? I don't think had a lot of competition last time? Who was here?

Right, so if we go through this exercise every three, four years then we are obviously not doing something right about this to either encourage diversity in the food and what kind we want and we heard that students want healthier choices for several years so if that's what they want that's what the students should get so those are my comments. I didn't realize it's moving this quickly but yes if you can agendaize it in September then to have a copy of that RFP /RFQ. I don't know how you're going --

>> Dr. Fierro: On the contract just for clarification you saying you want to extend six months --

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>> No.

>> Dr. Fierro: Six months update.

>> Yes. I'm sorry. I thought it was going to take longer. I thought it was going to take longer but if you're ready to release the RFP in the fall and a six month process. I don't want to rush.

>> Dr. Fierro: Yes, I understand now. Yes, we will do that. part of the conversation we had with Karen and others is on the requirements how we bill them because from a strictly

business perspective if I am going to be required to provide 10% of my proceeds and 1% of maintenance and I can only sell a meal that cost five or \$6 the way they will do the math is how much I can clear based on my revenue? And after that factor what type of food I can sell; right? So what we propose in the original conversation was to potentially have a tier system in which you have to have a meal that is affordable but that doesn't mean you couldn't have other choices for those students that want to get a different meal and pay a little more because it makes it harder on the people that are going to potentially apply to meet all the expectations all at the same time meeting every expectation about the type of food that can be sold and so on, so I can't recall the specifics on the subway contract but I think we could have gotten more money from a different vendor at the same time because of the choice.

>> Karen Patron: Another thing and I understand where you're coming from and last time there weren't enough applicants and I understand that and this time we want to look at the contracts and have more flex and offer the students newer higher tech, the ability to order online and bigger modern vendors and looking towards one vendor so the meal prices are easier for them because you're not competing for that profit from other vendors so we're listening to the concern as well and looking into it and that's why we're going through the process and have the discussions then.

>> I think the last thing we talked about Frantone' and was here for years without a contract and built the structure and nothing would allow them to

do that so we talked about having closer eye on these so again I think it was under student services. I'm not sure if the contract is still under student services but again I still don't know why we have -- I understand that geographic distance but having two Frantone's, two pizzas. There could be another option for a healthier vendor and again I just think before we rush into this because I feel we have been there, done that we need to figure out what we can improve with the contract and the RFP process especially before we go down this again and I don't know how the contracts are, three, four years.

>> Three.

>> President Lewis: So Trustee Perez are you advocating we postpone the items to a later date but with the request?

>> Marisa Perez: No, I think moving forward is fine and extending the contract for a year and May 18, 2018. I think that is fine and then what I am understanding Dr. Fierro come September he's going to via draft RFP process already developed and come back to the board and the students and the students will be back in time to give feedback again before the RFP is released.

>> Dr. Fierro: Yeah, during that process we have to have a user group, a committee that will have constituents from all of the campus community and obviously feedback as to what should be there will be collected as well because obviously food service is for everyone that works on campus so we have to make sure that we collect all information we have so we can meet as many of the needs of our constituents as possible and having multiple

locations as you said will potentially give us the ability to have options that are attractive, not only for other students for the employees as well, so I agree we have to build it in a way that is going to meet the needs of everyone and take the time since we're going to have almost a year -- actually less than a year but almost a year to go through the process that we take the time to listen to everyone and build something that produces something that is not going to comeback in a year for a renewal so we will take our time and be sure to include every constituent group into the conversation, bring it back to you so you make comments because you know oftentimes you are here and be able to find something to work for you as well.

>> President Lewis: All right. Is there any other discussion from any other Trustees? Seeing none I will entertain a motion to move all -- I can't do math, five items forward.

>> Dr. Fierro: Nine through 14.

>> Carmen Avalos: Motion to approve.

>> President Lewis: Do I have a second?

>> Shin Liu: Second.

>> President Lewis: Is there any objection from a Trustee to the adoption of this motion? Seeing none motion carries and we move on to reports and comments from district officials and starting with Karen Patron. Reports and comments.

>> Karen Patron: Well, I really -- I just want to thank everyone. I am sick and tired from finals. They have been kicking me in the butt but one more final to go.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> Karen Patron: Yes, so I'm a little bit -- I really want to thank the board for really being open and having those conversations. I think I've had conversations with each of you and inspired me to go to on the path to higher education no matter what way and ASCC I am happy and excited to take it into a different direction and hopefully change it for the better and change the culture of it so more students want to be involved and take advantage of what we have, the resources we have allocated for them. I am excited my sister is coming next fall so I will have a protege but we will see. I think that's it. I want to wish everyone

best of luck on the finals for those that are here, all the faculty members that helped me and guided me throughout the process, all the VPs, every student there for myself, my friends, for each other. I hope we continue the collaborative work to next year and we still have work to do and thank you for that and that's all.

>> President Lewis: Trustee Perez.

>> Marisa Perez: Thank you very much. Congratulations to everyone graduating and excited to celebrate with them and family. Also wanted to talk about the different great activities that have been going on across campus. It's been great to be able to participate in a lot of them. Teacher track ceremony again was fantastic this week. I think it was 51 teachers, future teachers who graduated from the program and on to great things at Cal State Long Beach and other schools mentioned and congratulate again everybody in that team for putting together a fantastic ceremony but even more important

all the faculty and staff who actually support our future teachers. It was evident we're doing a great job. Transfer ceremony which I actually is one of my favorite things because it's a joy to see all the students who are transferring to many different locations. Some of them local Cal State Long Beach and? Far away and one going to Columbia and one from Stanford and again lots of UCLA students and I was disappointed not UCS but it's okay and congratulations to everyone transferring. It was great to participate in that. I also got to attend along with Trustee Lewis the K-12 breakfast that Dr. Fierro hosted along with many of you who are here and the education partnership team and fantastic effort and progress has been made in that in the last year and when you see how far we have gone kudos to everyone pushing that and it's fantastic. Dr. Fierro always talks about the goal of having a math or English class on every high school campus in the fall and it's a ambitious goal and the more questions I ask I understand how difficult it is to be done and I want to acknowledge everyone putting that together because it's taken a lot of behind the scenes work and our community is very grateful for everything we're doing to support our next Cerritos College students. I attended Lakewood City Council meeting and Bellflower City Council meeting. Again I got to interview six fantastic young ladies who are all vying for the Ms. Hawaiian Gardens scholarship pageant and fantastic time to interview them and hear their inspirations. Unfortunately I think there is one Cerritos College and former and now

transferred and Cindy Trayo at Cal State Long Beach now and look to announce the winners soon and I went to a luncheon sponsored by the Lakewood Rotary Club and Miya went -- I can't remember who went, so many different events and congratulations because Lakewood student hunter Ford is coming to Cerritos College. Yay and he received a Pan Am association scholarship and I was excited to

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meet her and welcome her to Cerritos College. I also wanted to acknowledge Trustee Patron as well saying we going to miss you. Thank you very much for everything that you have done as a Trustee and look forward to working with you as a President and thank you very much for everything and that's about it.

>> President Lewis: Trustee Camacho-Rodriguez.

>> I will be brief. I wanted to thank the whole Cerritos community, staff, everyone it takes, this whole community to get what needs to get done on a daily basis and as we're closing the year I think everyone needs to acknowledge they have done a great job at pushing everyone forward especially with the record number of students that are graduating on Friday so thank you to everybody who did the hard work.

>> Carmen Avalos: I want to say I hope everyone had a wonderful mother's day. I had two last week so it was nice and again I am looking forward I haven't had the opportunity to attend as many events. I apologize for that. I have been sick but I want to commend all of the families of the students who will be walking across the stage this Friday. I actually have two nephews walking across the stage this Friday and excited and I don't know if he's

in my line or your line but regardless it's just exciting to see them continue with their education and really you know one of the things that they talk about is how much better students they have become because they came to Cerritos and that's great to hear and I

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know it's because of our faculty and they talk about the services they received here at Cerritos and I shared that with Dr. Fierro today in a meeting we have so many community colleges around us but when you compare the students that get from the ASCC members and staff from the custodian to the teacher just amazing support for so many students and say thank you for all that you. Do I know sometimes you're the unsung heroes but as we I think support our students and celebrate with them on Friday it is truly the best honor to have the signature of you on that diploma and I think as a Board Member when you are able to do that and you see that signature means something to someone it's exciting to be a part of this board but more importantly be part of the community of so many students who otherwise wouldn't had the opportunities because of incomes or life challenges. We are celebrating with every one of them as they across the stage and yes we will be tired of shaking hands but it's a good tired and I am excited for that and as remember the students that didn't make it because of a challenge and please come back. We're here for you and kudos to everybody for a another wonderful exciting year and looking forward to our next you're in terms of offering more opportunities for students so thank you.

>> President Lewis: Thank

you. Dr. Fierro.

>> Dr. Fierro: So I don't get tired of repeating this so I will do it again. We will graduate another record class hopefully over 3,000 students which is about 20% more than we graduated the year before and the year before was actually our largest graduating class so we did it again, but as mentioned before it is not a one person effort. It's a collective effort. Yes, it takes the faculty in the classroom but it takes the staff behind the scenes making sure that the students are getting what they need and routed to the correct location and the people they run into the hall ways or run out of the parking lot and be friendly and walk them where they need to be so it takes every single one of you to get there so we will graduating or awarding 3,000 plus degrees and diplomas is great. The problem is the next year we have to do is again and so think how we're going to beat the record next year. I won't say by 20% but you know I guess we are in agreement and everyone is moving in that direction so should continue to do that so thank you to everyone that work so hard to make that happen because as said before and I will say it again that doesn't happen by coincidence. It happened by a concerted every by everyone on campus and I mean everyone and making sure that things are working the best to help the student get to the finish line. There of a lot of efforts. Last week I had the great opportunity to walk into ASCC into a cabinet meeting and guest and said why don't you sit in this seat and I didn't I think so I agreed to sit there but I didn't know I was an adviser for that meeting and

they didn't start the meeting
and waiting for a college
representative to effectuate the
meeting so they tricked me again
and be the adviser for the
meeting. It was actually a fun
meeting. I was almost late to
my next one, but we had a good
time and I was glad to be there
but next time I will check if
you have someone already there.
I had the opportunity to host
our Bond Oversight Committee
last Monday and we presented our
report. We presented changes we
did to the reporting to augment
want level of transparency and
data available not only to the
committee but to the public, so
we provided a couple of reports
that are already available
online about the historic
expenses, what we're doing today
and what we have currently in
use, so some more comprehensive
report than we have done in the
past and it's to increase
transparency and information to
everyone and thank you to Felipe
for bringing those forward and
making the information more
accessible. We had the liege
Cerritos College K-12 partners
and hosted on campus and well
attended. We had all the
Superintendents and
representatives from the
different boards on the school
districts and the partnerships
are moving along very well. It
takes a lot of time to just to
get one MOU signed but once we
get the first few things start
to roll a little faster but it
has taken us almost a year
working in some of the projects
to finally get to the finish
line so thank you to all the
staff that work on this to make
this happen, but it seems we're
going to be able to have -- or

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at least get close to the goal
of one class of English and Math
in the high schools of district

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and perhaps outside of the district. We also have a summer academy because of this and bringing high school students in the summer to take classes in structured cohorts and class which the first time it's going to happen in such a way here. At the last meeting of the Faculty Senate we had a good time, a lot of laughs, a lot of accomplishments throughout the year and the last meeting and ended positively so thank you for the work and hopefully we open the year in the same way we close it. I had the opportunity to do my last President's hour during the semester and for the most part the traffic that I get during the President's hour I will say 90% students but this time around was mostly staff and faculty, some good conversations about the end of the year and the things that happen throughout the year and suggestions how we can continue to improve, so that last meeting was very good, a lot of suggestions and ideas how to continue to move forward during the last hour and obviously we have a number of graduations. I had the opportunity to do some remarks and the Cal Works and the Office of international students, speak at the Norwalk graduation and teacher track recognition which was a huge event, a lot of students moving on and receiving scholarships. We close the Falcon Leadership Academy and different pictures and different areas but we had a number of projects that faculty and staff and administrators put together and a couple are working on implementing their graduation projects so we continue to move forward in that regard and then transfer center celebration speech, Lang speech pathology celebration and

pinning ceremony and one that I don't miss, the Culinary Arts graduation yesterday, great meal. Thank you Michael and to the students and I had the opportunity to give a number of scholarships and medals to the students that were graduating. Based on the projections actually next time around we have to use microphones on that one because the numbers of the students in the pipeline on culinary arts is increasing exponentially so the next graduation is it going to be a full production meal adjust the number of students graduating so it was a very good ceremony so again thank you for the work, record graduation. Please come and support our students on Friday and thank you very much for everything else that you have done and will continue to do.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. Dr. Liu.

>> Shin Liu: At the end of this spring 2017 semester I would like to appreciate thank you to every single faculty, every single classified and manager. It is because of you we graduate more than 3,000 students. You are actually the hero. Thank you so much.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. Dr. Salazar.

>> Sandra Salazar: Okay. I attended the East L.A. Foundation and Vincent Price Museum gala this weekend and have information to share with Dr. Fierro that would be useful. I also wanted to thank Trustee Patron for her service this year and worked very hard and put a lot of time the entire year so very proud of her and looking forward to her work in the coming year.

>> President Lewis: All right. Thank you. I again want

to congratulate Trustee Patron on not only her retirement but her new job as Madam President. And I also want to congratulate Trustee Perez for her election to the CCCT Board.

[Applause]

And vote of all -- how many --

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> President Lewis: Yeah, more work so all of the community colleges in the district of California voted for Trustees to be representative to the statewide board and helping the Chancellor and other statewide figures with the policy of the community colleges and now we have representative to that board welcome Trustee Perez and thank you for putting your name out there and for the next three years of service and if you continue afterwards. I also attended the K-12 breakfast and Trustee Perez and Dr. Fierro and we have the hands talking to each other and the K-12 and the college talking to each other on a regular basis at a biannual meeting and as we continue to do this we will have a stronger partnership that will bear a lot of fruits for our community, not only for the students in the K-12 but at the college level that we can continue to do what we're here to do and that is to serve the community. Also I

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went to the Culinary Arts last Taste of Series which I attended with former Mayor of La Mirada Hal Malkin and Board Member Chris Flanser and La Mirada City Councilman from District 1, dad, and it was a fantastic meal. It was a five course meal which I could go on and on about, but I invite you to continue to attend these Culinary Arts Programs and taste of and even when it's not a special event do go in there and support our students that are making the topnotch meals

for a very generous price so thank you again to Amber and to the chef and all the students for continuing to make this program a staple of Cerritos College. I also attended the spring awards banquets and saw the inauguration of Madam President and all the other achievements that our students have made with their dedication to the student body and various aspects in a club or Commissioners or Senators or justices or anything else, so thank you again for each and every individual effort that each student has put in to sacrifices their time away from studies and family and from their personal time to serve the entire student body so we recognize them each semester and we're more than happy to do so and we will continue to do so. Looking forward on Friday to not only the graduation of a record number of students but also the wood working preview that is taking place just before graduation starting at I believe at 1:00 o'clock and ending at four, so I will be attending shortly before the graduation to see what our students have made

including this desk that we have right here, so with that we will conclude the open session agenda of this meeting. We will move into close session and which we will have a read out afterwards but we will be considering three items being the public employment of consideration of employment of Vice President of Academic Affairs and Assistant Superintendent and also a conference with the Real Property Negotiator regarding 5.2 acres situated in the Southwest portion of Cerritos College campus and with that we close the open session agenda. And we will come back later.

Yes, midnight -- tomorrow
midnight. (closed session).

>> The Board of Trustees
approved the employment of
Mr. Miranda as Assistant
Superintendent on the contract
management schedule effective
May 18, 2018. Congratulations
Rick.

[Applause]

And with that we end tonight's
meeting. Thank you.

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