

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Carl E. Haynes, Ph.D., President
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SUBJECT: President's Report to the Board

ENROLLMENT

As you know, we budgeted our enrollment for the fall/spring semesters to be down approximately 3.4 percent. I am happy to report that as we finalize our enrollment for the spring semester, it appears that our total fall/spring enrollment will be right on budget or perhaps slightly better.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES/ACTION PLAN

There is considerable work underway with the six strategic priorities action plan groups. Within the next month, I will be delivering a status report to the College community on the status of each of the action plan groups.

CHILDCARE CENTER

We are continuing to develop our capital project request for the Board that we will ultimately be sending to SUNY and to the State for their fifty percent support for this project. In the meantime, the TC3 Foundation Stewardship Committee has been advising our staff regarding the organizing of a Campaign Committee that we hope to have active by June of this year. As of last week, Carol Travis, a TC3 Foundation Board Director Emeritus, has agreed to serve as the Chair of our Campaign Committee. Efforts are underway to recruit additional members from both Tompkins and Cortland Counties.

OTHER MATTERS

On January 22, Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton and her Chief of Staff, Linda Smith, visited campus for a tour of the Child Care Center and a photo opportunity.

On January 26, I provided welcoming remarks as part of the spring semester new student orientation program.

On January 27, the spring semester classes began.

On February 1 through 3, I was off campus recovering from minor surgery.

On February 9, I attended the SUNY Chancellor's Presidents' meeting held in Albany.

Also on February 9 and 10, immediately following the Chancellor's meeting, I participated in the NYCCAP meeting also held in Albany. At the dinner meeting, I had arranged for the keynote speaker who was Dr. Jordan Matsudaira, economist and Assistant Professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management at Cornell University and chair of interagency team that led the development of the White House CollegeScorecard.gov initiative. Dr. Matsudaira spoke on how the "Scorecard" was developed, acknowledged the difficulties of how the "Scorecard" represents community colleges, in particular, acknowledged the political dynamics that were involved in its development, and indicated that he continues to be involved with the group for what is likely to be another version of the "Scorecard" in the future.

On February 11, Bruce Ryan, Paul Brenner and I hosted Carol and Mack Travis to lunch at Coltivare. The purpose of the meeting was to honor Carol for her many years of service to our TC3 Foundation and to present her with a plaque recognizing her as a Director Emeritus that had been voted upon at the December Foundation Board meeting. Additionally, we discussed with Carol the possibility of her chairing the campaign committee for the Child Care Center fund raising campaign and after this brief discussion, she readily agreed.

On February 16, we expected two visitors from Olds College in Olds, Alberta, Canada – Dr. Jason Dewling, Vice President of Academic and Research, and Mark McLaughlin, consultant for Olds College working on an Agricultural Institute concept. The purpose of their visit was to learn more about our Farm to Bistro initiative. A full day of meetings was scheduled with President Haynes, Provost Conners, TC3 Farm Staff, academic program faculty, and Coltivare lead staff. However, due to weather in New York City, they were unable to make the final leg of their trip.

On February 16, I provided my State of the College Report to the Tompkins County Legislature.