Dear members of the campus community,

I am sorry for this delayed update on the last Board of Trustees meeting earlier this month. As we can all appreciate, this is a very busy time of year. I am hopeful that midterms went well for everyone. This will, however, give me an opportunity to provide a timely “preview” of the May 8th Board meeting’s expected agenda.

Looking back:
At the April 10th meeting the Board celebrated and recognized Classified Professionals, particularly those who will reach 15 years of service to our students this year. Congratulations!

The Board accepted bids for two scheduled maintenance projects and one energy efficiency project to leverage on available state matching funds and PG&E rebates. We can look forward to new roofs on Buildings 800 and 1000 this summer as well as LED lighting at the tennis courts and in some parking lots. Around $31,000 in annual savings are expected from the lighting retrofit. After many years of zero state dollars for maintenance, it was most timely to receive $109,000 for aged roofs. Watch for construction updates from Facilities Services coming soon!

Lissa Gibbs, director of the Office of Institutional Advancement, and Bruce Cakebread, president of the Napa Valley College Foundation, presented the Foundation’s annual report of financial activities. Revenues, like the economy, are up and the Foundation provided more support to the college and its students in FY 12-13 than in previous recent years.

Legal counsel for bond related business was also approved by the Board following an RFQ process. Four firms participated in the RFQ and our existing counsel, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, was reaffirmed. Their first order of business will be to develop documents for a refinance of some Measure N bonds that will save the taxpayers of Napa County $1 million by way of reduced interest rates. The resolution for refinancing is expected to be on the May 8th agenda.

Looking Forward:
The Board will next meet on May 8th and the agenda includes end of year recognition for the outgoing Student Trustee, PTK students, student ambassadors, student athletes, the recipient of the Student of the Year Award, retiring and emeritus faculty, and recipients of the McPherson Distinguished Teaching Awards. Curriculum changes, which are now expected monthly, will also be on the agenda. This regular meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. with a visit to the Visual Arts Center for the opening of the Student Art Exhibit.

Thank you,
Dr. Ronald Kraft