Dear members of the campus community,

The Board’s regular April meeting saw much interest and participation by members of the public and campus community. Of particular interest were Viticulture & Winery Technology program hiring and transition plans, administrative organization/reorganization plans, and Classified Appreciation.

Vice President Terry Giugni made a presentation on the VWT program which is in a transitional phase as existing program faculty have, or are soon to, retire/separate. Hiring of one full-time faculty member is nearly complete and hiring processes – for both a 2nd full-time faculty member and a winery operations manager – are about to begin. Expanded engagement of students, the program’s advisory committee, as well as other local industry experts on job descriptions and program structure is in progress. Students requested that biodynamic and organic farming, as well as other sustainable practices in viticulture and wine technology, be added to the curriculum and Dr. Giugni shared that these additions are underway at local and state levels by program faculty.

The Board recognized and honored Classified Professionals, including those who are reaching 15 years of public service at the college, by way of a resolution and presentations by supervisors. This year Maria Ortiz (Secretary III, CalWorks), Kathlene Franco (IT Computer Specialist), Solange Kada (Administrative Assistant, Business & Finance), and Jolie Brown (Student Services Specialist, Welcome Center) have reached the 15 year milestone.
The consent calendar included shifts in the administrative structure of the Health Occupations and PE/Athletics divisions with a title change for the vacant position “Associate Dean of ADN” to “Associate Dean of Health Occupations.” Robert Harris, Acting Dean of Health Occupations and Associate Dean of PE/Athletics, was reclassified to Dean of Health Occupations & PE/Athletics. Hiring for each division’s associate dean is expected to begin soon.

Interim Vice President Jeanine Hawk thanked Budget Committee members for their hard work in identifying savings measures and provided updated projections on the NVC 2014/2015 budget that show the District is on track to meet mandated reserve requirements. A public forum on the 2015/2016 Tentative Budget is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on May 21, 2015.

Over the past several meetings, the Board has been engaged in a study of communications options to increase visibility of the college within the community. This month, Jeff Schechtman of Napa Broadcasting, demonstrated a method for audio streaming of Board meetings. Audio and video streaming, as well as options for broadcasting on NapaTV, will be further discussed at the next Regular Meeting on May 14, 2015. The Board may elect to pilot one of these systems. Discussion includes the impact and interrelationship of these alternatives on the traditional meeting minutes.

The Board approved employment for three well qualified candidates. Please join me in welcoming them to our team and their new positions!

- Lynette Cortes – Veterans Services Specialist
- Simon Jacks – Custodian I
- Jorge Garcia – Custodian I

**Looking Forward:** The next Regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 14, 2015. A Special meeting on April 30, 2015 is also scheduled for Board training on the Brown Act and ethics.

Thank you,
Dr. Ronald Kraft

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