Dear members of the campus community,

Last night’s Board meeting was a fantastic affirmation of what makes Napa Valley College a successful and special place to work, teach, and learn.

Year-end recognition kicked off with acknowledgment of the outstanding contributions and achievements of:

- **Outgoing Student Trustee Alex Shantz**
- **Student of the Year award** recipient Cassarie Soungpanya
- **Student ambassadors**
- **Student athletes**
- **Phi Theta Kappa** honor society members

The Board also honored and recognized the contributions of four faculty members who are retiring. It is with mixed emotions that we bid adieu to **Michael Dow, Glen Bell, Peggy Carroll,** and **Stephan Krebs** as they prepare to leave NVC for the adventures of retirement. Their 87 years of collective experience will be greatly missed, as will their individual and unique talents and expertise. Michael, Glen, and Steve also applied for and were granted the honor of **Emeritus status.**

Glen Bell was also honored as this year’s full-time faculty recipient of the McPherson Distinguished Teaching Award. He and Bill Miller received this award which was established by founding college president Dr. Harry McPherson to recognize excellence in teaching.
Following the truly inspirational messages about our outstanding students and faculty, and a great deal of applause, the Board approved a refinance of some Measure N general obligation bonds that will save the taxpayers of Napa $1,000,000 through a reduced interest rate. The term or length of the bond will remain unchanged (ending in 2020).

Lissa Gibbs, director of Institutional Advancement, and Robert Butler, dean of Institutional Technology, gave a brief update on the website redesign project timeline. The cutover is planned for August 8th. Additional detail about this project will be distributed soon.

**Looking Forward:**
The Board will next meet on June 12th and the agenda will focus heavily on finance, including the Tentative Budget (don’t miss the forum on May 22nd!), “May revise” information & the state budget, The Way Forward, and 2013/2014 ending budget projections. This regular meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. with a demonstration of equipment by Forrest Quinlan.

Thank you,
Dr. Ronald Kraft

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