Friday, October 16
Welcoming Remarks:

President Good. Thanks to Suffolk County CC for their gift of the glass coasters and to Dr. McKay for attending. Interim President George Gatta introduced.

President George Gatta (Suffolk). Thanks to Tina. Happy to be welcomed by the FCCC. Welcome to Long Island. A great place to visit despite the “weather” here and in Albany. Dr. Gatta spoke about the various programs offered by SCCC and how they help to benefit Long Island and its population and industry. He pointed out the unique qualities and the challenges faced by of Suffolk County CC in the current economic climate. He suggested that what will and has already helped are the partnerships that Suffolk County CC has created with the local community, particularly industry. Looking at the coming year, especially with advocacy, these partnerships are going to help SCCC. Full partnerships, transparency, and disclosure needs to happen if the College is going to address the challenges in the coming year. He closed with stating that he looks forward to getting to know us and partnering with us and others at SUNY institutions during the coming year.

Art Lundahl. (Suffolk). Thank you for making it here. It’s a pleasure to welcome you. Happy to hear that the weather is no longer his fault.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Dr. Dustin Swanger. (NYCCAP). Delighted to have the relationship he has with Tina and is happy to say that the relationship with NYCCAP and FCCC has continued to grow. A huge issue on both our plates is Student Mobility. We all want this resolved. Tina and he are working on some research to help move the Student Mobility piece forward and is confident that with Interim Provost Lavallee that we will get this done. We will continue to work with you and others as we address the budget.

Q. Ray Peterson. (Jefferson). Given the misunderstanding between the sectors, what can we do to get NYCCAP behind getting the FCCC President on the SUNY BOT?
A. Not going to happen. He doesn’t support it. Neither do the Presidents. His view is that faculty and presidents are employees and don’t belong on the Board of Trustees.

Mary Adams (NYCCT). Thank you to President Good and Past Presidents Reiser and Johnson for their help during the past year(s). NYCCT is working on reviewing their goals and drafting a new 2-year plan. A newsletter was created and there are plans for it to be published 4 times a year. The Trustee Institute was held earlier in the Fall. It was well
attended. Chancellor Zimpher offered the keynote address and President Good and VC Golladay also addressed the Trustees. Several campus presidents participated in a panel. Overall, the Trustee Institute was a success. Mary reported that she is also a member of the SUNY Strategic Planning Steering Committee.

Josh Burke (Student Assembly). Josh offered a brief rundown on student interests and concerns. Principal concern will be the current fiscal crisis and budget cuts. He stressed the need to maintain current funding levels. Beginning this month at the upcoming Student Assembly meeting, a petition campaign will be launched to get a million signatories (students and parents). He encouraged us to address and make the tough decisions.

Q. Ray Peterson (Jefferson). Where do the students stand on Student Mobility?
A. Long standing issue and supportive of painless transfer.
Q. Margaret Murphy (Monroe). What are the top 3 issues?
A. Budget, Mobility, and perhaps Student Activity fee spending for CC students.
Q. Doug Garner (Broome). What about credit for leadership?
A. Self-serving interest. Other more pressing issues.

Ken O'Brien. (UFS). Thank you to Tina. Here to offer a hand as colleagues in a common endeavor in a common institution. Historically SUNY was designed as a transfer institution. Brockport has lived that history. Is familiar with the potholes on the smooth road to seamless transfer. The goal is and should always be to focus on student success. With Dr. Lavallee, we can achieve our goal.

On his agenda for the UFS:
1. Working with the new administration, especially on the strategic planning process. Participation will be important, even if you're not one of the traveling 200.
2. Budget crisis. This is cyclical. Many ups and down throughout SUNY's history.
3. The commonality. Love of discipline. Love of learning. Dedication to students and public higher education. Our similarities outweigh the differences we might have.

Q. Ray Peterson (Jefferson). Heartened by the UFS resolution on streamlining assessment. Given your remarks, are you confident that the UFS feels that the CC Gen Ed courses are successful and should be transferred?
A. It may be the time to revisit Gen Ed on the whole.

Phil Pecorino (CUNY UFS). Here are the big issues we're dealing with:
1. Enrollment Management Problem without structures of support for these students. Strain between budget increase because of the enrollment and lack of structural support. Budget problem.
2. Faculty Hirings - total is less than 1970s level. FT/PT faculty is 50/50. 80% of the new hires at Lecturer or Instructor levels without possibility of tenure.
3. Performance-based Management raises set for Presidential salaries. Suggests that participation in shared governance become a part of the criteria for review.
4. Student Mobility and Transfer - dual joint programs have been there, but now there are dual joint transcript programs. CCs have to suck up their
concerns that 4 yrs. will instruct the CCs on what to offer, but the 4 yrs. have to suck up any concerns about quality of CC instruction.

5. MSCHE standard 14 on assessment is being addressed.

6. New CC in the works. Phil is on the steering committee. Despite what is being said, it will not be an open admissions CC. Among his concerns: Lots of positive attention (Gates $, etc.) but is controversial. Pressures to succeed might get in the way of CC mission. Still, hopes are high for it to work.

Lee Riddell (ICCD). Tina by way of introduction shared with us a conversation with Bob Brown (Interim Director of ICCD) about how faculty become involved with leadership but without necessarily becoming administrators. ICCD is interested in offering workshops for this. Lee pointed out that three handouts were left on the table for everyone. She then addressed what was on the handouts. She announced that the Strategic Teaching Conference now has a Spring Conference to be held in the Mid-Hudson Valley. She then shared a PPT presentation highlighting the survey on faculty and leadership. PPT to be shared with Tina to be placed on the website. Finally, she noted that ICCD has refocused its efforts exclusively on SUNY.

SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

Trustee Michael Russell - Shared with us his experience trying to transfer in the 1970s. Then launched into his remarks. Budget crisis is a real concern. Need to work together. Why are we asked to plan, but the Government does not? The Higher Ed mantra should be “no more cuts.” Spoke about his role on the Academic Medical Committee of the SUNY BOT. He applauded the efforts of Ulster and SUNY IT to address the nursing program vacuum created when New Paltz dropped its nursing program. Read a quote from David Schaeffer in Albany Times after President Obama’s visit to HVCC ... “Let CCs shine”.

Ideas: SUNY Trustee appointees are political, yes. But it is disconcerting that Trustees are not contacted more frequently by faculty. Get to know the BOT members who are on the Committees.

Q. Ray Peterson (Jefferson) - Wouldn’t it be advantageous for the FCCC President to be on the BOT?
A. Doesn’t know if he should have a position. Too many people in the mix already. Problem if people are too focused on one area.

Q. Tina Good. Community Colleges in the new organizational structure? Any insights?
A. Doesn’t see that the CC will be in any different position.

Interim Provost David Lavallee (SUNY). Shared with us the PowerPoint slides for Strategic Planning Process and the Chancellor’s initiative with P-16.

- Strategic Planning. Themes emerged from the State-wide Tour. Infrastructure issues which were part of the message at each stop will be left out of the strategic planning process, but will still be a part of the solutions that SUNY is working on.
- The leaky P-16 Pipeline. Spoke to the graduation rate concerns all along the pipeline in NYS. New Deputy Director Duncan-Poitier appointed by
Chancellor Zimper to oversee the P-16 issues. Shared with us slides that pointed out the critical benchmarks along the roadmap to success and what faculty might be able to do along the way.

Q. Anita Schmidt (Ulster). Can you share the ppt?
A. Interim Provost David Lavallee (SUNY). Will make it available for distribution.
Q. Ray Peterson (Jefferson). What kind of guarantees will there be that capacity will be there for students who transfer?
A. Interim Provost David Lavallee (SUNY). We need better planning for capacity. “System-ness” will be necessary to achieve this. Have to forecast where the needs are going to be.
Q. Tina Good. Pipeline concerns and the regents exam were touched upon last night in the Vice Chancellor's remarks. Is there conversation happening on this?
A. Interim Provost David Lavallee (SUNY). It’s a great idea. Need to begin a dialogue on this because there are differences.
Q. Johanna Halsey (Dutchess). Isn’t it scandalous that the Math Regents exam scoring allows students to pass at such low levels?
A. Interim Provost David Lavallee (SUNY). Yes. We need to have a conversation on this.
A. Mary Adams (NYCCT). Special attention needs to be paid at earlier points along the roadmap for success.

Student Mobility was also touched upon in his report. He shared with us his belief that the Student Mobility document will go before the Board in November as it is. To be coupled later in the year with General Education. It still comes down to implementation. Asked rhetorically, “What about the courses that 4yr students are required to take with their first 60 credits?” We will collect this information and post it online for review. If a course is challenged as to whether it is the same (an appeal to stop transfer), a discipline panel will be convened to determine whether it is similar. Idea is similar to multiple sections on a campus - there should be overlap, but they're not necessarily identical. Used A & P course as an example. SUNY is also building a new website to help advise students. That's the objective, while there is good will. Will work with faculty governance on the implementation.

Q. Bob Axelrod (RCC). Will there be a quick turn-around on appeals?
A. Interim Provost David Lavallee (SUNY). Yes. There are timelines in place. Less than a month in the worst case. Highlighted the process in the document paying close attention to the lack of “precedent setting”.
Q. Max Shaeffer (Orange). Shouldn't a distinction be made between subjective and objective courses. Arts vs Sciences?
A. Interim Provost David Lavallee (SUNY). Understandable. Those are the issues that the discipline panels will address when a course is appealed to stop transfer. Have to look at the course learning objectives. Similar to the conversations that are currently happening the Accounting area. Moving toward the collective “faculty” decision making process with the help of faculty governance.
Q. Ken O’Brien (UFS). Important to note that a single faculty member is no longer the arbiter of transfer. Faculty will not want appeals to leave their campus. Still will be faculty driven process.
A. Interim Provost David Lavallee (SUNY). As follow-up. TETT was a problem with the “exceptions” now that has been turned on its head.
Q. Bob Axelrod (Rockland) Would the discipline panels make recommendations back to the CC if a course is no longer accepted for transfer?
A. Interim Provost David Lavallee (SUNY). Yes. Now an informed choice can be made by the originating campus as to what to do with that information - change the course or rename it.

PANEL ON SHARED GOVERNANCE AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM. Mary Adams, Sean Fanelli, Kimberley Reiser, Steven Richam (Nassau):

PowerPoint was presented by Dr. Fanelli. His focus was on the AAUP statement and the issue of “intrusions from stakeholders” and the “delegation” of decision making. He shared with us three examples of how Nassau dealt with intrusions:
1. A play, “Sister Mary Ingnatius Explains it All,” was planned.
2. PED 251 Human Sexuality Course.
3. Showing of the Colors (Vexillogy).

The message he wanted to leave with us is the need to communicate, communicate, communicate.

Steve Richman responded first. Stressed the need for formal bylaws and a collegial understanding of shared values. Especially when it comes to Academic Freedom.

Kimberley Reiser responded next sharing with us quotes about Dr. Fanelli’s courageous efforts in upholding Academic Freedom.

Mary Adams responded with some definitions of governance and the role given to trustees legally. Sharing information is key. Quoted “Stanley Fish” article.

Steve Richman responded to the quote, noting that faculty do have power in particular areas. It should be recognized as real.

Kimberley Reiser addressed shared governance as a process. Highlighting the recent Nassau presidential search where the process was being circumvented.

Sean Fanelli suggested it’s important to address the need to clearly delineate the role of faculty unions and academic senates.

Kimberley Reiser raised the point that at times there are issues that might need to be addressed by both bodies. At those times communication is the key.

Sean Fanelli agreed that frequent communication is the key. It’s not helpful if issues are raised for the first time on the floor of the Senate.

Q. Doug Garner (Broome). How does your Senate address the daily grind and how did the culture get established?
A. Kimberley Reiser. Dr. Fanelli was the key. His leadership and expectation for communication helped to foster the community.

Q. Rob Faivre (ACC). Does your faculty contract include language about the Senate? MSCHF challenged this language at ACC where the charges to committees are defined in the union contract.
A. Kimberley Reiser. Yes. This is the case at Nassau. But not as restrictive as what is indicated at ACC.

Q. Ann Catalano (Niagara). How do you resolve the fact that a President can say yes or no to recommendations from the Senate.

A. Steve Richman. While it’s not happened at Nassau, we have the right to appeal to the Board of Trustees.

Q. Tina Good (FCCC). How do you establish good governance practice?

A. Sean Fanelli. Start early with a new president. But remember to focus on the win-win.

Q. Ray Peterson (Jefferson). What is the make up of your Senate?

A. Steve Richman. 70% faculty, 20% students, 10% administration.

Q. Ray Peterson (Jefferson). When do the issues rise to the level of the BOT for approval?

A. Sean Fanelli. Depends on the issue. Smoking ban as an example.

Q. Mel Bienfield (Westchester). Where is the line for drawn for issues that should be addressed by the Academic Senate?

A. Steve Richman shared the definition of the scope of the Senate.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:10PM

BUSINESS MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 1:20PM

President Good instructed the group on the organization and contents of the binder. She reminded the group to keep the binder for the Spring meeting at Erie CC as well.

The minutes of the Spring 2008 Plenary were approved. Margaret Murphy motion. Seconded by Iris Cook. ***Barbara Selvek name needs to be corrected.***

There was no Old Business to discuss.

Under New Business President Good summarized her written President's Report submitted in the advance packet. She highlighted the resolutions from the Spring Plenary and discussed how the FCCC Resolution on Assessment helped shaped the discussion of the Provost’s Advisory Group on Assessment this summer. President Good then outlined the recommendations that came from the Advisory Group and offered her insights on how the recommendations were formed. While GEAR was widely criticized in the discussions, she suggested that we will want to keep the structure of GEAR in mind as a model for future
system-wide initiatives. Program assessment guidelines, it was pointed out, do not really relate to community colleges. And it may be something that we want to look at as a body. There was discussion about the need to address this and general agreement that this should be addressed.

Q. Michael Delaney (Erie). Is there was anything coming forward to help campuses meet MSCHENot what is MSCHE? -Ann Catalano 10/23/09 9:50 AM Standard 14?
A. Tina Good. Not at the moment. Recommendations may be coming forward in the future.

President Good next summarized her recent visits to some of our campuses. She noted that MSCHE has been paying close attention to Standard 4 and 14 (Governance and Assessment). She stressed the need to have the committees working and that we cannot simply have the Executive Committee doing all the work. We need to have greater discussions on the issues. We are working to facilitate better communication among the delegates. Advocacy is also an issue we're hoping to address this year. She stressed the need to “stay on message.” To that end we are developing talking points. She pointed out that the message is really key to this point especially now at this moment in the history of community colleges. That we are at a moment in time. The moment where change will happen and we need to be engaged in the process. Using the example of the Academic Bill Of Rights, she commented that we can do better at tapping into the resources of the community colleges to improve shared governance.

University-Wide Committee Reports:

Joint Committee on Transfer and Articulation. President Good pointed to the report in the packet and indicated that she didn’t have anything more to add to what Interim Provost Lavalle reported in his remarks earlier.

Q. Kimberley Reiser (Nassau). Is there a new deliberative role for the discipline panels and is there a need to follow-up on this?
A. It seems like there was but that it didn't seem to contradict the recommendations of the Joint Committee. But, was an added responsibility. Tina Good will follow up.

Business Transfer Guide Report. Kathie Rogers (Suffolk). There were 12 participants in 2 phone conferences over the summer. After establishing who the group was and their purpose they came up with “topics of agreement” and not outcomes for Financial Accounting. It has been a collegial discussion as they’ve moved forward with identifying the topics. She expressed her concern that at times during the conversations the word “mandate” was used and has been assured by Associate Provost Krashaur that the group was not headed in that direction.

Q. Tammy Smith (TC3). Isn’t there concern that we’ll be revisiting courses that are already approved for transfer?
A. Tina Good. Yes. NYCCAP and the FCCC Exec. Committee are in conversation about this. It is a concern.
GEAR. Milton Johnson (FLCC). Asked the group to refer to the written report in the packet. Added that Doug Hurlbert (Corning) had been appointed to replace MaryJane Feldman for a term of three years. GEAR will continue to operate as usual this year.

UFS Awards Committee. Iris Cook (Westchester). Asked the group to refer to her written report. Added that the community colleges are now included in the Distinguished Professor Rank. Distinguished Service and Teaching applications are accepted year round with awards being awarded two times during the year.

Q. Kimberley Reiser (Nassau). Why the Distinguished Award recipients (2007-2008 & 2008-2009) were not contacted when the plans were changed for the Awards Dinner? What is happening with this acknowledgement?
A. This has been a problem because of the change in Chancellors. The discussion has been about the possibility of regional award dinners.

UFS Governance Committee. Tom Barthel (Herkimer) Tina referred the group to the report in the binder.

UFS Student Life. Charley Boyd (Geneseo). Referred the group to the report in the binder.

FACT. Tammy Smith (TC3). Reminded the group of the CIT 2010 at SUNY Plattsburgh event coming up. Noted the P-16 pipeline discussion. Also addressed the concerns with budget.

Information Officer’s Report. Ann Catalano (Niagara). Had two issues she addressed: First was the ListServ. She asked the group to remember and observe listserv best practices regarding “Replies to all” and starting “new conversations” using an old subject line. Additionally, she reminded the group not to use the listserv for union discussions. Finally, if you’re wanting to survey the delegates, please send Ann an email and she will create a survey for you using SurveyMonkey which can then be used. A summary analysis can then be sent to you at the close of the survey and posted to the website for others to view. Regarding the FCCC Website, the hope is that the website will become a destination for you and your colleagues to find information about community college topics and issues. She asked the group to submit to her ideas for relevant links that would be helpful to have in one place. Additionally, a new form is being created to help ease the communication of membership changes.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community College Relations. Iris Cook (Westchester). Referred the group to the report in the binder. Pointed out the campuses who are not participating in the Chancellor’s Awards and asked everyone to get the message back to the campuses about participation. A newsletter will be developed with the goal of having the first issue published Spring 2010. Finally, the Distinguished Service Award, please consider nominating someone deserving of this recommendation.
Governance. Steve Richman (Nassau) and Michael Delaney (Erie). Referred the group to the report in the binder. Appealed to the group to have the Governance Structure survey completed. Currently only 15 of 30 have been returned.

Academic Affairs. Kimberley Reiser (Nassau) and Art Lundahl (Suffolk). Referred the group to the report in the binder. Indicated that a resolution will be coming to the floor tomorrow. Asked for guidance on the Vice Chancellor’s draft recommendation on Remediation and Testing.

Student Life. Charley Boyd (Genesse) and Lee Susice (North County). Referred the group to the report in the binder.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM

BUSINESS MEETING - SATURDAY, October 17, 2009

Call to order at 10:45AM.

There was no OLD BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS:

Standing Committee Reports and Resolutions:

Student Life. Charley Boyd (Genesse) and Lee Susice (North Country) - Had a productive meeting this morning with Associate Provost Carey Hatch. Their initiatives include a survey of librarians on information literacy and open access. Open Access in this case references the availability of published materials online that are open and obtainable to faculty for use in their classes. SUNY Connect and MERLOT are some of the sources that are currently being used. Other initiatives include: Best practices for academic continuity in the wake of a catastrophe (H1N1); and Working with NYSTA to engage them in conversation regarding student mobility. Also, Carey Hatch will be providing the Committee with some information regarding the ARL’s push for open access and we should him to speak at a future plenary.

Steven Richman (Nassau) made a motion to change the order of the day. Seconded by Iris Cook (Westchester). Motion approved.

Steven Richman (Nassau) motion to disallow the need for word smithing on the floor and to allow the Executive Committee to make necessary changes so long as it doesn’t change the intent of the resolution. Seconded by Richard Balestrino (FIT). Discussion ensued. Clarification was offered about the intent of the motion. It should be limited to grammatical, spelling and punctuation errors.
Max Schaefer (Orange) Are we talking about a change in the process? Also concern about resolutions being discussed on the floor at the plenary without opportunity for campus discussion prior to voting. The motion was carried 18 yea - 6 nay - 1 abstention.

Governance. Steve Richman (Nassau) and Michael Delaney (Erie). They spent time discussing their initiatives including: changes to the State Ed. Law that defines the purpose of the Council so that it parallels the UFS language. To approach this the Committee plans to inform the Vice Chancellor and the CC Presidents of our effort and then contact individual legislators. President Good would be asked to speak with the Chancellor as well. President Good indicated that she would work with NYCCAP liaison Dustin Swanger on this as well. Past President Bob Axelrod (Rockland) noted that Chancellor King had, in the past, approved the changes to this language in a letter and that the FCCC had voted to approve the language as well. Another initiative is to set up training with Michael Trunzo and Stacy Hengsterman regarding advocacy and to come up with some talking points that coordinate with the CC Presidents and SUNY. Finally, the Committee discussed the idea of a national CC faculty organization. To start, the goal would be to contact parallel state-wide organizations to explore this possibility.

Academic Affairs. Art Lundahl (Suffolk). Presented FCCC Resolution AA-1-2009/10 on the Report of the Provost’s Advisory Group on the Assessment Initiative. Art Lundahl reviewed the charge given to the Committee. Ray Peterson (Jefferson), the main author of the resolution, had looked at the report and noted that seamless transfer was not included in the language of the report. He indicated that seamless transfer has always been a piece of the conversation regarding the SUNY General Education and Assessment Initiatives and should be included in our resolution. Steven Richman (Nassau) moved the resolution onto the floor. Iris Cook (Westchester) seconded. Discussion ensued. Ann Catalano (Niagara) asked for clarification regarding the difference between our Spring 09 resolution and this resolution. It was explained that the Provost’s Advisory Group, it is believed, was created in part as result of a our Spring 09 resolution. And that this resolution responds to the recommendations from the Advisory Group. Bob Jubenville (Mohawk Valley) asked for a reading of the resolution. Bob Axelrod (Rockland) raised questions about the link between assessment and transfer in the resolution. The connection stated earlier was reiterated. To better make the connection and to address the delegate from Rockland’s concern Steven Richman (Nassau) offered a friendly amendment “Whereas, General Education, Seamless Transfer and Assessment are interrelated.”. The friendly amendment was accepted by the Committee. The question was called. The motion was carried unanimously.

The committee next reviewed its other initiatives including: the ongoing efforts on Student Mobility. The Committee will continue to keep appraised of developments. The Committee has also been reviewing the Vice Chancellor’s remediation and placement test initiative that we heard about Thursday night. The Committee has reservations and is conducting a survey on placement practices at the campuses. Preliminary survey results are still being reviewed. A quick review of the results indicated that each campus offers placement exams. Nearly 50% ask for a writing sample. 50% also offer remedial courses outside of the Reading, Writing and Math areas. Many have these courses in their departments, taught by departmental faculty. Most require students to take remedial classes if they test into them and
at least 5 indicated that it was not required of students. The other two objectives (initiatives) have not been addressed but will be addressed at a future committee conference call. Steve Richman (Nassau) asked that the committee's resolution be forwarded to the listserv as soon as possible. President Good will do so by tomorrow. Johanna Halsey (Dutchess) asked if President Good could remind the body, particularly new delegates, what should happen next with the resolution just passed. President Good asked the body to discuss, via the listserv in the coming week, the two reports referenced in the resolution.

Community College Relations. Iris Cook (Westchester). The Committee is bringing back the FCCC Newsletter to be renamed the FCCC Voice. It will be published twice a year (April and November) after each Plenary. Content would include, among other things, columns written by FCCC and UFS Presidents, the Vice Chancellor and other noteworthy items from the campuses. Additionally it was mentioned that the Colleague, might also be considered for revival in the future. The Committee also discussed the spring recognition of the Distinguished Service Award. Requested that names be forwarded to Iris for consideration by January 31, 2010. The following statement was asked to be placed in the official minutes. “We dearly miss Tom Barthel and hope to see him fit and well at the Spring Plenary.”
Max Schaefer (Orange) asked that the Committee reconsider the need to print the FCCC Voice. It was explained that only a few newsletters would be printed, mostly as a leave behind. The primary format would be electronic.

Budget Report. Johanna Halsey (Dutchess). Vice President and Treasurer Johanna Halsey (Dutchess) discussed the cuts to our budget for this year which was offset, one time, by the reimbursement of travel for the Chancellor's Luncheon. She presented the budget projection for the year.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

The Spring plenary meeting at Erie was highlighted. Future Meetings sites were asked to be considered. Corning, Cayuga, Fulton-Montgomery, Onondaga, Sullivan and Broome indicated an interest in hosting a future plenary.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

To mark the end of the plenary, Fall plenary host Art Lundahl (Suffolk) passed the “Plenary Pencil” to our Spring plenary host Michael Delaney (Erie).

Addressing the earlier conversation regarding the need for taking our resolutions back to our campuses for discussion, Steven Richman (Nassau) stressed that we are a representative body, representing our faculty in good faith and we are empowered to vote on behalf of the electing body. Max Schaefer (Broome) asked that we consider how we might best involve our campuses in the discussion of some of the more controversial resolutions. Could we hold off on sending our most controversial resolutions to the Chancellor until after we've had a chance to gauge our campus reaction? President Good indicated that her preference would be
that we get resolutions out to the delegates prior to the Plenary so that they can get feedback from their campuses.

Margaret Murphy (Monroe) asked that we publish all committee reports to the website so that delegates can be better informed. Strategies for sharing information back to our campuses were discussed. President Good suggested that we have this discussion on the listserv.

Doug Garner. (Broome). Suggested that we look at the FSA’s and that be examined at our next plenary. Tina Good recommended that a committee be given the idea to consider.

Iris Cook (Westchester) submitted three informal resolutions. The first to Suffolk County Community College and plenary host Art Lundahl for their wonderful accommodations. The second to President Tina Good for her efforts at her first plenary. The third to Cheri’ Burnham for her hard work and good spirit. To be placed in the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45PM

Approved 3/26/2010