

## APPENDIX II

### Report by the President

The following is a summary statement of President Caputo's report to the Senate. He said:

#### Re: Fire Emergency

"Many of you are aware of the fact that last Friday evening we had the misfortune of having a fire in Thomas Hunter Hall. Amongst others, three individuals in particular were very important in keeping the damage to an absolute minimum. I would like to thank public safety officers David Turman and Edward Rosario, as well as the student, Chige Osuagwu, who helped keep the fire from spreading. He actually doused it just about the time that the fire companies arrived. The two public safety officers had to spend the night in the hospital because of smoke inhalation. Because of their quick work and the quick work of the fire department and our Facilities department we were able to keep the damage to a minimum. The fire marshal is investigating the cause of the fire. Congratulations and thanks to the three individuals who really helped out in this.

#### Re: CUNY Card

Vice President Tyburczy has been meeting with the CUNY Card Committee. The CUNY Card is back for consideration, and we have a very important economic decision to make. It will cost us approximately \$100,000 to replace the ID card processing system that we use. For about a year and a half we have been borrowing systems from other colleges as they went on line. We are no longer able to do that. The Vice President has been meeting with the group and will have a full report. He will be glad to answer any questions that you may have. So far the Committee has been able to resolve the majority of the concerns that people have about the CUNY Card.

#### Re: Master Plan

I noticed that there will be a discussion of the report from the Master Plan Committee today concerning the Master Plan. I am glad to see that you have a chance to discuss it. I just want to point out to everybody that we need to be very concerned and interested in the Master Plan. It is not something that is going to be imminently decided. The agreement that we have reached with the planners is that in early February there will be a series of public meetings for the entire community. Then there will be a requisite break of up to two weeks in which time everybody can think about what they are suggesting. Then we will come back together again for another public meeting so that everyone will have a chance to voice their interests and concerns. Even when the Master Plan is finally done, and we hope that it will go to the Board of Trustees in June, and if the Trustees agree, that involves obtaining State money. So, we are really talking eight to ten years out. We will have ample opportunity to talk about it, and we have made that very clear to everyone involved, and everyone has agreed to it on the part of CUNY and also on the part of the architects and planners who are working on this.

#### Re: Schmidt Commission

We believe that the Schmidt Commission is going to have public hearings on January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Hunter. I assume that they will be issuing some sort of a public release concerning this. We also have reason to believe that the Schmidt Commission is trying to finish its report by some time in the middle of January.

#### Concluding Statement

In conclusion, I want to mention that we will have a very busy Spring semester. We will have the Master Plan to deal with. We will also have whatever fallout occurs from the Schmidt Commission and their recommendations, as well as the Board of Trustees making some policies based on the Schmidt Commission report. And, most importantly, we are in the middle of the legislative session in which we are hopeful that the five-year budget plan will have some impact in terms of an increase in our budget allocation.

I would like to wish everyone a happy set of holidays. Hunter is strong because of the collective and hard work of everyone here. Your individual effort really helps us achieve our desired goals. So, best wishes for the holidays and for the New Year.