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Dear Colleagues,

As we enter into the middle of our Spring semester, and head down the homestretch to the 2008 legislative session, I wanted to provide a quick update for your reading enjoyment!

First off, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual President's Art Show had its opening reception last Thursday evening at our Library Square Center. Over 200 artists, students, community members, faculty, and staff enjoyed over 100 entries. The caliber of art is superb and the display and gallery setting created on the lower level of Library Square are magnificent. Many thanks to the Art Committee members: ***Gordon Storrs, Dennis Klaus, Anita Albright, Maria Bardini, David Carney, June Cassidy, Kathy Hurd, Bryan Griggs, Rod Romboy, Mojdeh Sakaki, Jennifer Saunders, Lois Weisemann, Lynn Marie Judd, and Bryan Bunker!*** Please try to visit this show now through March 8 - you will be thrilled that you did. It is yet another way that we demonstrate being the community's college and show the breadth and depth of what Salt Lake Community College is today.

Although we still have 7.5 days of the legislative session left (but who is counting?), I want to give you a status report as of this moment:

1. The compensation package for faculty and staff is now at 3% increase for 2009 - down from the original 5%, but still an increase and one to be thankful for.
2. The merger bill for bringing Salt Lake Applied Technology College into SLCC has passed out of education committee with a unanimous vote and needs to pass next through the house - your personal emails to your personal legislators in support of this will be very helpful. Please check the legislative link off of our webpage for email addresses etc of the legislators.
3. Institutional priorities are still in the budget, though some decrease is expected before the strike of midnight next Wednesday.
4. All else is in play ☺

Finally, at last week's Board of Trustee meeting, the trustees reviewed the input received from many of you who provided your opinions regarding the changing of the name of our Redwood Campus to Taylorsville Campus. As you remember, Mayor Wall and his City Council had requested this last Fall and the trustees asked for the college to provide feedback on this. Each of your respective deans and directors provided a summary of your thoughts and the feedback fell equally to those supporting the name change with those requesting the current name remain. Gathering this, the Board then voted on modifying the name of our Redwood Campus to be: Salt Lake Community College, Taylorsville Redwood. The city of Taylorsville will be funding the 4 large outdoor signs surrounding this campus in the upcoming Spring. Internal communication materials will be modified as materials are replaced, though in many instances our letterheads, etc. merely say Salt Lake Community College and will stay this way. Thanks to all of you who provided your opinions in this. I do believe we came to a solution that will support all.

We still have basketball and now softball for your athletic enjoyment - check out the schedule and stop by for a game.

Sincerely,  
*President Bioteau*