Trustee Claffey expressed concern about involvement of the College President in the Educational Foundation and stated that the relationship of the College with the Foundation should be at “arm’s length.” Dr. Perfumo stated that colleges where she has worked, the college president has not so much run the Foundation but been an ex-officio member. She stated that her role would be clarified and another manager would be the contact with the Educational Foundation Board members. Dr. Perfumo stated that there are four groups on campus who solicit funds from the community. She stated that one of the first tasks will be to get the four groups to come together under one umbrella foundation called the Solano College Foundation. Trustee Phil McCaffrey who is also the Vice President of the Foundation reported that the Scholarship Foundation has stopped accepting new scholarships and is referring them to the Educational Foundation.

It was the consensus of the Board that the five suggested goals were reasonable goals on which the Superintendent-President should focus her attention on for the first year.

The Board reviewed each goal expressing their input on what they would like to see as outcomes and what things Board members want to be sure do not occur.

1. Oversee Bond projects and activities.

Trustee McKnight stated that some of his energy has been devoted to getting an extension of the College in Vallejo. The voters have approved the bond and agreement has been reached on the site. Trustee McKnight will be watching to see that progress continues in this area.

Trustee McCaffrey expressed interest in the bond rating, when bond issuance will occur and employment of the project manager. Dr. Perfumo is currently working with Dr. Wright and Ray Ogden on the RFP for the project manager. A selection committee process is being developed and ultimately a recommendation would come to the Board for review and approval of a project manager. She emphasized the importance of finding a project manager who can bring the projects in on time and on budget. Trustee McCaffrey stated that he will also be looking for a decision on the Project Labor Agreements (PLA) that were presented recently, as well as making sure that the projects are done on budget.

Trustee Claffey also expressed his strong interest that the construction projects be done on time and within budget. If there are unavoidable delays, he stated that the Board must know about it. Trustee Claffey stated that he would also like to see that newspaper articles are done on the progress of the construction projects and when the College expects to occupy the premises so that the community is aware.

Trustee Keith stated that she expects Dr. Perfumo to provide the Board with a timeline, and that the Board will make sure that the Superintendent-President keeps track of the project as much as possible.

Trustee Keith stated that Dr. Perfumo has met with Lou Franchimon and others to talk with them about the PLA’s. Dr. Perfumo informed the Board that she has sent the PLA information to the
District's legal counsel for review and recommendation. In addition, she has contacted three other districts with PLA’s.

Trustee Honeychurch agreed with what has already been expressed on the Bond issue. Fundamentally, he stated that he wants to be sure that the enormous amount of money that has been approved by the voters is not wasted. He stated that we have the public trust and must be very careful how the money is spent and be sure that we do what we told the public we would build. He cautioned against hiring a consultant for every little thing because of the enormous amount of money of the Bond. Trustee Honeychurch also stated that he did not want to be intimidated, blackmailed or coerced by a labor union into a labor agreement that costs money simply for political expediency. Trustee Honeychurch stated that he would not be a part of such a thing, or at least he would not vote for it. Trustee Honeychurch stated that the main thing is that we spend the money wisely, get the projects built on time and within budget. He also expressed a concern about the order of projects and asked would the work be done in Vallejo first or the campus first.

Dr. Perfumo stated that she asked Ray Ogden to walk the Educational Administrators through his order of events and projects as he has conceived them. Dr. Perfumo stated that at Ohlone, they too had a list and order of projects; however, when the Project Manager came on board, he pointed out that it was inefficient to do three of the projects in the initial order because of cost efficiencies and re-prioritized the projects which saved the District money. Dr. Perfumo stated that she would ask Ray Ogden to bring the initial list that he and Dr. Willard Wright prioritized with staff before we went out for the Bond Project Manager. When our Project Manager is hired, we will ask the Project Manager to come back to the Board with an analysis.

Trustee Honeychurch asked if the Project Manager would be in charge of the entire Bond expenditure for all of the projects. Dr. Perfumo stated that the Project Manager will work hand and glove with Ray Ogden as our facilities manager and Dr. Willard Wright as the Chief Business Officer to oversee all of the projects, come up with a master timeline and projects, the RFP process, and selection of the various architects for the projects. A different architect could be chosen for Vallejo, Vacaville and the Suisun campus. One of the critical things that must be done is to set up a parallel budget process because District and Bond funds cannot mix. The Project Manager also gives reports to the Bond Oversight Committee. RFP’s from Ohlone, West Valley and Foothill-DeAnza were given to Dr. Wright to assist in the development of Solano’s RFP.

Dr. Viar summarized that all Board members will hold Dr. Perfumo accountable to make sure that the Board has a role in deciding the order and understands that order, that the community is aware of that order and sees that it is done on time and within budget, or the Board is informed as to why it isn’t and that PLA’s are reviewed to determine their feasibility and whether they fit this community and will help meet obligations, and that the money is spent the way it was promised, and spent well. The Board will hold the Superintendent-President accountable for all of the details as to how this is done.