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COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITION

Atlas Helaire, Director of Programs and Student Support Services, introduced Professor Thomas Norman, Ph.D. to the Board. Dr. Norman teaches in the management department at California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH). Dr. Norman specializes in research on globalization, outsourcing, human resources, management education, and arbitration. For the past three years, Dr. Norman and CSUDH Human Resource/Business majors have volunteered countless hours conducting mock interviews with SoCal ROC students. As part of the career preparation, all SoCal ROC students participate in practicing their interviewing skills held on the SoCal ROC campus. Dr. Norman has been providing valuable feedback and tips to the SoCal ROC students during the interviews. Mr. Helaire noted to the Board that it is part of SoCal ROC's curriculum to ensure that all students have the essential tools for career preparation including resume writing and interviewing skills. Board Vice President Heidi Ashcraft presented Dr. Norman with a *Board Certificate of Excellence*. Dr. Norman thanked the Board and the staff for the recognition and also said, "It has been a pleasure working with SoCal ROC and the students. I enjoy the partnership that we have created."



Heidi Ashcraft and Thomas Norman, Ph.D.

STAFF REPORTS

Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Laurie St. Gean, presented the Board with an update on SoCal ROC's budget projections for revenue and expenditures for the 2012/13 "All Funds Budget". Dr. St. Gean reviewed the recommendations for budget reductions from the Budget Committee that were presented to the Board in March, 2012. Dr. St. Gean reiterated that bringing a balanced budget to the Board in June, is still the goal and that further reductions as identified by the Budget Committee may need to go into effect if tax receipt dollars from the State are not received.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- The Board approved the following new course outlines: *Sales and Customer Service* and *Dental Assisting Infection Control*.
- The Board approved the 2012-2013 SoCal ROC Calendar.

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS

Superintendent Hoffman commented on the very successful "The Stars Are Out", scholarship event. Twenty-eight SoCal ROC students received over \$32,000 in scholarships.

Dr. Hoffman also spoke about the 2012/13 budget planning and stated that if the budget situation does not improve regarding State revenues, SoCal ROC will be planning for a worst-case scenario budget that will include reductions in certain personnel categories.

In the mean time, Dr. Hoffman stated that SoCal ROC continues to move forward in planning for next year. The Superintendent reviewed how classes and pathways are selected for offering at the Center: 1) student interest; 2) industry demands; 3) classes that are part of a sequential pathway and 4) classes that meet UC/CSU entrance requirements. A new Project Lead the Way class, *Principles of Biomedical Sciences*, will be added to the Health Sciences sector next year.

Dr. Hoffman also extended an invitation to Board Members for the SoCal ROC Fashion Show, *An Evening at Tiffany's* on May 30, 2012. Student art work from the various classes in the Arts/Media sector will also be on display.

