Scholars Program  Congratulations to our top five Scholars Program students, introduced by Dr. Michael Flaherty: Luke Gawne, Maria Louis, Amanda Del Aguila, Aarthi Machavarapu, and Conor Jansen. These students all have GPAs between 3.9 and 4.0, completed 15-17 credit hours per semester, and did 24 hours of community service their first year, most continuing to serve in their second year. All of the students have earned scholarships and are transferring to various universities.

New Curriculum  President Moore recognized the faculty, academic administrators, and staff who bring new curriculum forward to help our students meet their goals. Curriculum changes this month include enhancement of Surgical Tech, a new Hospitality Facilities Maintenance program, and a revision of the Associate of Science degree to help expedite students in their studies. The second group of Biotech students will start this fall, as will a new Cybersecurity program.

Good luck to TCSA President Baylee Cabrera upon her last Board meeting and graduation on Saturday, May 21!
Congratulations to our Softball Team on a great year with thirty wins and finishing third in the region! First year Head Coach Christina Christopher and Assistant Coach Sonia Garcia were named Coach of the Year for their accomplishments. Student Rachael Morrison (second from right) was named First Team All-Conference and Second Team All-Region. Players not present at the Board meeting included Molly Crow, First Team All-Conference and First Team All-Region, and Marie Chew and Samantha Helton who both have GPA’s of 3.6 and could be named NJCAA Academic All Americans.

Action Exhibits and Purchasing Schedules Approved All of the exhibits presented to the Board were approved, including Library and Media purchases, and Curriculum changes. See the Board of Trustees website for information on all of the items that went to the Board of Trustees in May.

Chairman’s Report
Chairman Stephens reported on the continuing state budget impasse. Meetings have been held with employee groups to discuss ways of saving money including capturing capital project funds to avoid staff cuts and delaying pay raises. Remaining bond projects are planned as follows:

- Science Labs will proceed, no reduction, no delay
- East Campus Completion will proceed, no reduction, no delay
- Rain Harvest System is complete
- Cafeteria Renovation will proceed with a budget reduction
- B Building Renovation will move forward completely (no budget reduction)
- A Building Adult Ed is delayed
- R Building Renovation is delayed with a budget reduction; details are being determined.
- Student Spaces will move forward with a budget reduction
- Early Childhood Education Center will proceed with a budget reduction
- A Building Entrance is eliminated
- A Building Exterior is eliminated

The budget shortfall of over $9 million is expected to be balanced with $6.3 million in bond funding moving to operating, $1.5 million suspension of non-essential spending, and $1.2 million in delayed salary increases.