

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

UNADOPTED MINUTES
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APPENDIX B

Superintendent Laguerre introduced Mr. Chuck Spilner, an instructor at the Vallejo Center, who in turn introduced two of his students, Ifeoma Odiwe and James Mendiola, who are taking classes at the Vallejo Center and also shared some of their experiences at the Center with the Board.

“My name is Ifeoma Odiwe and my experience at Solano Community College has been an exciting, challenging and successful one. Sometimes when you think of a community college, you think of something similar to high school; somewhat embarrassing because you were not able to attend a state college because of financial or academic reasons. Solano Community College is the exact opposite. The instructors have kept me confident that I am learning at the pace and level of any other student who might have enrolled in a state college. I’ve also noticed my progression in grammar, mathematics, and speech. My goal is to become a Molecular Resource Scientist, in which I think Solano has provided me with the necessary steps to move to the next level in my quest in accomplishing my goal. I will never forget the experience I have had at Solano Community College and all of the support I have received.”

“My name is James Mendiola. I previously worked in the Telecommunications industry for about 13 years. Between two companies, I was laid off due to downsizing and budget cuts four times. My last position ended in March 2009. It was then that I decided it was time for a career change. I applied for admission to Solano Community College and I am currently taking prerequisite courses for a Radiology Program.

I have been living here in Vallejo for about five years. I have taken courses at all three campuses. This semester, I was lucky enough to find a class I needed here in Vallejo. It works perfectly around my kids’ schedule and allows me to get them to and from school and keeps me minutes away in case of emergencies. I am currently taking Chemistry 160. The campus provides for a very clean and organized lab, which makes finding what you need easy. Even during times that I don’t have class, I come here to study in the Math lab or sometimes in the lobby. This campus has a great “feel” to it, which makes studying easier and keeps me focused. You can always find a quiet place to study and it isn’t too crowded. I will definitely look for classes held at this campus next semester.”