I would like to speak in support of Dr. Kelly to also address the issue of summer school. Cutting summer completely affects student pathways and students’ ability to complete graduation and transfer requirements. I would propose to keep those classes – or at least a skeleton program that would at least be a set of classes that would cover IGETC requirements and key pathway classes such as the Nursing introductory class or science classes such as the chemistry classes Dr. Kelly referred to. While we will be under construction, we still have IVC and we have the southern end of this campus, which would not have construction noise in the evening. We realize that there is give and take so that if we keep certain classes, we’d likely need to take it out of the spring allocations. However, I believe that the Chairs and faculty are willing to work on this.

My second comment has to do with accreditation. Today at convocation, I outlined our progress in meeting the accreditation recommendations and in meeting the 2012 SLO deadline. One piece of evidence concerns the matrices, which I have brought to you before. Today I will pass around one of three binders filled with completed matrices. Today, we also recognized the tremendous efforts given by pretty much everyone at convocation to meet the various recommendations and to write the plans required by WASC. WE'VE completed OUR work! We implore you, the Board, to meet YOUR recommendation. It is the ONLY one not yet written. We are exhausted and want desperately to get our lives back and to be able to go back to what we are here to do – teach and serve students.

--Sara McKinnon, Academic Senate President