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TO: Members, Board of Trustees  
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SUBJ: President's Report

Distinguished Service Award

I am pleased and extremely proud to announce that Trustee Eleanor Spiegel has been selected to receive the Association of Governing Boards' annual Distinguished Service Award in Trusteeship. This award is presented each year to two outstanding individuals or boards who have demonstrated extraordinary qualities of leadership and dedication in serving their institutions and American higher education. One winner is selected from the private sector and one from the public sector. The Distinguished Service Award in Trusteeship, consisting of a handsome piece of custom-crafted Steuben crystal with inscription, a framed certificate, and a \$5,000 gift to the recipient's institution, is made possible by a generous grant to AGB from the Standard Oil Company (Ohio). Its purpose is to strengthen the uniquely American institution of lay trusteeship by conferring recognition on the finest practitioners of the trustee tradition. The 1985 awards will be presented at the National Conference on Trusteeship, to be held in Miami Beach, April 21-23, 1985.

Congratulations to Ellie, the first woman to be selected, the first New Jersian, and the first from a nontraditional institution!

Change Master Award

On November 28, 1984 at the CAEL Tenth Anniversary meeting in New Orleans, the College was presented a Change Master Award plaque which honors "Those people and organizations adept in the art of anticipating the need for, and leading productive change." We're pleased that Edison State College continues to be recognized as a leader in this important organization.

### Autonomy Update

The package of legislative bills that implement the Board of Higher Education's action to provide greater autonomy for the State Colleges were before the Senate Education Committee on November 29, 1984. The three bills acted upon and approved were:

Senate 1442 which enhances the autonomy of State Colleges with respect to certain financial matters;

Senate 1443 which establishes procedures by which the State Colleges may make certain purchases or contracts; and,

Senate 2398 which establishes the State College Governing Boards Association.

All three bills were sponsored by Senator Matthew Feldman, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee. All three bills passed with unanimous bipartisan support of 5-0.

The bills will now be referred to the Assembly Higher Education and Regulated Professions Committee chaired by Assemblyman Joseph Doria. It is anticipated that the Assembly Higher Education and Regulated Professions Committee will act on the package in early December, 1984, and that the full Senate and Assembly will act on the bills in early 1985.

### Progress on the Associate in Science Degree Programs

The Department of Higher Education has arranged site visits at Edison State College in December for the consultant reviews of our proposed Associate in Science Programs. There has been one change to the original Program Approval Document since it was submitted to the Department of Higher Education in June, 1984. The Department requested Edison to change the name of the one degree program from Associate in Science in Human Services to read Associate in Science in Public and Social Services. In making this change, we eliminated the Allied Health options from the original proposal. If the Allied Health options remained in the program, it would have been necessary for the Professions Education Advisory Council to review the proposal. This would have delayed the approval of the program by 9 to 12 months. The selection of the title Public and Social Services will meet the needs of the vast majority of our students.

At the time of the site visit, each consultant will meet with Dr. Linda Mather, Department of Higher Education, appropriate Edison State College staff, and several external faculty consultants who have worked with the College on the development of the three degree programs. Following the site visit, each consultant will make a report to the Department of Higher Education after which the College will have an opportunity to respond to the reports and to make adjustments to the Program Approval Document (PAD).

Following the submission of the corrected PAD, the Academic Affairs Committee of the Department of Higher Education will review the programs for recommendation to the Department for approval. The Department will request approval of the Board of Higher Education six weeks after their recommendation. Based on the timing of the consultants report, and Edison's response, the request for approval to the Board of Higher Education may be February 15 or March 15, 1985. Implementation of the three Associate programs could then be made at the beginning of FY '86, July 1, 1985.

The site consultant for the Associate in Science in Public and Social Services is Dr. Robert P. Milton, Director, Social Work Program, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York. The site visit will be on December 13, 1984.

The site consultant for the Associate in Science in Natural Sciences is Dr. Judith Rosen Farrar, Life Sciences Division, Empire State College, New York, and Instructor, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Rochester, School of Medicine and Dentistry, New York. The site visit will be on December 17, 1984.

The site consultant for the Associate in Science in Applied Science and Technology is Dr. Fernand Brunschwig, Science and Technology Division, Empire State College, Old Westbury, New York. The site visit is scheduled for December 19, 1984.

#### Bachelor of Science in Nursing

On the recommendation of Carrie Lindberg of the Regent's Program, the Advisory Committee for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is being revised so that the majority of the members hold faculty rank in other baccalaureate programs. The Director of BSN is currently working to implement the Peer Study groups and is in the process of identifying persons to serve as leaders.

#### New Specializations

The following two new Bachelor of Art's Specializations were approved by the Academic Council at their September meeting: Archaeology and Dance. Six new specializations for the Bachelor of Arts Program were developed and will be finalized for Academic Council approval at their November meeting.

#### Certificate Program

The Certificate Program brochure has been developed, and informational materials have been prepared to be sent to students who inquire about the Certificate Program.

#### Project Learn

The Camden County Library site is now fully operational. Two other sites are ready for operation when "Discover for Adults" is available.

### Center for Management Education and Services

The Center for Management Education and Services has negotiated a major PONS I Contract with International Correspondence Schools (ICS), a division of the National Education Corporation. The PONS I evaluation - completed the week of November 26 - included some 60 courses.

The first Center membership has been negotiated. DeVry Technical Institute, a division of Bell & Howell, has contracted with the College for one year's onsite advisement and counseling services. Approximately 20 DeVry staff will enroll under this program.

Under an expansion of Center services, a contract has been negotiated to provide on-site career planning services. The Office of Career Planning and Placement designed an upward mobility program entitled "Steps to Opportunity" for the New Jersey Division of Taxation. By January, these and other PONS I evaluations will generate receivables equal to two-thirds of the budgeted Center income.

### Military Affairs

The Army National Guard has recently implemented a requirement that civilian education requirements become part of the commissioned officer's total career professional development program. The policy mandates certain dates by which Army National Guard officers must achieve either an Associate or Bachelor's degree. For instance, all commissioned officers initially appointed after 30 September 1983 must have a baccalaureate degree before promotion to major. The policy also states that all Army National Guard officers must have completed at least two (2) years of college or its equivalent (60 semester hours) by 1 October 1989.

Edison State College has been invited to provide educational services to the Guard in order to assist officers in achieving the degree requirements. Dr. Ice, Dr. Hansen, and Jules Kahn recently briefed the program managers from all 50 states about the opportunities available through Edison State College. The initial response from the briefing has been very positive and I am optimistic about the enrollment potential resulting from our involvement with the Army National Guard.

### Unfair Labor Practice Suit

On November 2, 1984 the College was notified by the Public Employees Relations Commission's Hearing Examiner that the unfair labor practice suit concerning the College not offering Mr. Rosenfeld a multi-year contract has been dismissed in its entirety.