Chapter I

Major Research and Public Service Activities

- Dr. Thomas H. Brown, President of Union County College serves on the following: Board of Directors of the Union County Alliance; Board of Directors and Board of Trustees of the Elizabeth Development Corporation; Treasurer, Board of Trustees of the NJ Historic Trust; Board Member of the Union County Workforce Investment Board; and a member the New Jersey Council of County College Presidents.

- Dr. Wallace Smith, Vice President for Academic Affairs serves on the following: Vice President and Treasurer for the Academic Officers Association; National Association of Academic Affairs Administrators; National Association of Institutional Administrators; National Guild of Psychotherapy and Hypnotherapy; and National Association of Psychotherapists.

- Dr. Barbara Gaba, Provost of the Elizabeth Campus and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs serves on the following: Board Member Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce; City of Elizabeth Task Force on Economic Development; Member Rotary Club of Elizabeth; Board Member Chair Academy International Practitioners Board; Advisory Board Member, Dean and Provost National Newsletter; Board Member NJ ACE Network (State affiliate of the American Council on Education); Board Member of the National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA) of the American Association of Community Colleges.

- Dr. Jose Adames, Provost of the Plainfield Campus and Associate Vice President serves on the following: Member, Plainfield Chamber of Commerce; Chair, Council for the Education of Language Minority Students, NJ Commission on Higher Education; Honorary Member, YWCA of Eastern Union County, New Beginnings campaign; Chair, Advisory Board, Child Advocacy Resource Association; Member, Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield; Treasurer, Raices Cultural Organization.

- Dr. Paul Jurmo, Dean Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education, serves on the following: The Adult Literacy and Education Committee and the Youth Investment Council of the Union County Workforce Investment Board; the Union County Re-Entry Task Force; and several adult literacy-related committees of the New Jersey State Employment and Training Commission. He is also a Board Member and Past President of the New Jersey Association for Lifelong Learning and Secretary of the Senior Continuing Education Officers Group of the New Jersey Council of Community Colleges.

- Ms. Shirley Hollie-Davis, Assistant Dean, Center for Economic and Workforce Development serves on NJALL and is an active member of Union County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Literacy Committee.

- Ms. Eileen Mallor, Director, Industry-Business Institute serves as an officer of NOTE (Network Occupational Training and Education); Chair of Union County College Business and Industry Council; member of the Development Team, NJ Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development; and member of the Union County Economic Development Professionals Group (Chaired by UCEDC).
Dr. Phillip Papas, Assistant Professor of the Economics/Government/History/Philosophy Department, was awarded a research fellowship by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. He will conduct research for his project “Odd Man Out: General Charles Lee and the Struggle for American Independence.” Dr. Papas was one of twenty Gilder Lehrman Fellows for the second half of 2008.

Professors Deborah Pires and Susan Khodabakhshi of the Institute for Intensive English Department presented a workshop entitled “Lively Grammar Lessons in the News” at the NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference, May 2008 in Somerset, NJ. The theme of the conference was “New Horizons for English Language Learners in Classrooms and Communities.”

Professor Robert Yoskowitz, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department received the place of “Honorable Mention” for his logo design submission, October 2008. The design competition was sponsored by the Elizabeth Avenue Board of Directors of the City of Elizabeth. The logo design competition was to help make Elizabeth Avenue a better place to “shop, dine, and discover”.

Ms. Elsa Bruguier, Associate Librarian, Plainfield Campus Library, published an article in the October 2008 issue of Complementary Health Practice Review, an international, peer-reviewed journal entitled, “Allied Health and Nursing Academic Programs at New Jersey County Colleges: Holistic Health and Complementary and Alternative Medicine Content”. The article encapsulated the original research she undertook while a master's candidate at Georgian Court University.

Professor Bill Lipkin of the Economics/Government/History/Philosophy Department was featured on PBS’ News Hour with Jim Lehrer, November 2008. The feature was part of a two part series on the effects of educational funding cutbacks in New Jersey.

Professor Robert Yoskowitz, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, recently published an essay entitled, “Essential W. Carl Burger” in a publication for the Kean University CAS Art Gallery November 2008. Burger was Professor Emeritus at Kean University and taught in the Fine Arts Department from 1961-1993. Professor Yoskowitz’s essay explains Professor Burger’s role in the world of art, particularly in expressionism, and how he developed and produced his landscape pieces.

Professor John McDermott of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, poem “There is a Beauty” was published in the Carriage House Poetry Series 10th Anniversary Anthology, December 2008. He also read at the Publication Party held at the Kuran Arts Center in Fanwood.

Professor John McDermott of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department was the featured reader and led a workshop at the Barron Arts Center’s “Poetry Wednesday” event January 2009.

Professor Jennifer McCarthy of the Paramedic Program and Paramedic Program Medical Director Dr. David Adinaro presented ‘Difficult Airway’ Training Session for the Emergency Physician Residents from St. Joseph’s Medical Center, Patterson, NJ, January 2009. The session focused on the management of adult and pediatric patients with difficult airways.

Professor John McDermott of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department read at the opening of the show “Double Exposure” where two of his poems, “Hope” and “Your Face” were part of an exhibit along with photographs at Sussex County College January 2009.
- Professor Albert Bramante, of the Psychology/Sociology Department presented a poster on experiential learning in developmental psychology courses and facilitated a session on engaging community college students in professional research at the 31st Annual National Institute of the Teaching of Psychology in January 2009 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

- Professor John McDermott of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department read his poem, “The River Runs Near My House” at the Stories of the Land-Poetry Reading and Reception, held by D&R Greenway Trust at the Johnson Education Center in Princeton, NJ February 2009.

- Dr. Jose Adames, Provost Plainfield Campus and Associate VP Academic Affairs received the William U. Harris Award of Excellence from the Middle States Regional Forum in Baltimore, MD, February 2009. The William U. Harris Award is given annually to individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership skills in the field of education.

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- Professor Michael Z. Murphy of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages/Communications Department was named a Fellow in the Teacher Fellows Program of the Artist/Teacher Institute for 2009. Professor Murphy documented and reflected upon how participation at the Artist/Teacher Institute has impacted teaching and students utilizing the arts-in-education curriculum of aTi.

- Adjunct Professor Bill Lipkin, of the Economics/Government/History/Philosophy Department was featured speaker at the American Federation of Teachers in Higher Education conference in Miami, FL March 2009. His presentation on the consolidation of all adjuncts in the state of New Jersey into one large ‘umbrella local’ for the purpose of political action and recognition in the State of New Jersey.

- Professor George Hildrew, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, exhibited several of his works called “Transparent Things” at the opening of the Phyllis Stigliano Gallery in Park Slope-Brooklyn, NY March 2009.

- Professor Michael Z. Murphy, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages/Communications Department presented at the International Listening Association Convention March 2009. His program, entitled “Terrific Specific”, a tool that allows teachers of all subjects to give a one-session crash course in concise writing to their students.

- Dr. Stephen Schoeman, Adjunct Professor of the Economics/Government/History Department, gave a lecture on the American Presidency at the Westfield Library and the South Orange Library April 2009.

- Professor John McDermott of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, poems “I Walked Today” and “Qu Yuan Lost his Wish for Heaven” was in The Paulinskill Poetry Project’s anthology ‘Voices from Here’; his poem “Time to Clean the Cat Box” was published in Issue 8 of Edison Lit Review and his poem “Stupid in Love with You” published in the “US 1 Worksheets Issue 54” in Spring 2009.
• Dr. Stephen Schoeman, Adjunct Professor of the Economics/Government/History/Philosophy Department gave a five-part lecture series on national and international affairs to the Brandeis University Study Group at the Milburn Library, Milburn, NJ April 2009.

• Professor Susannah Chewning, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, was appointed a reviewer for the Year’s Work in English Studies chapter on Chaucer. It is a three year appointment.

• Professor Katy Cedano, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, gave a presentation at the NJEDge.net 10th Annual Faculty Best Practices Showcase at The College of Saint Elizabeth in March 2009. Professor Cedano’s proposal “Technology in the World Language Classroom” demonstrated how the use of technology can enhance the process of learning a foreign language in an effective and interesting way. She also discussed how technology supports some of the current teaching practices and how to develop new ones.

• Dr. Jose Adames, Provost of the Plainfield Campus and Associate VP for Academic Affairs, received the 2009 International Exemplary Leader Award at the 8th Annual International Leadership Conference of the Chair Academy in Nashville, TN March 2009. The recipients are nominated by their colleagues in recognition of their exemplary leadership, their demonstrated best leadership practices, commitment to their institutions, their departments, their teams, and the students they serve.

• Dr. Cynthia Singer, Senior Professor in the Business Department was keynote speaker at a conference hosted by the American Council on Education, Office of Women in Higher Education at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ April 2009. Dr. Singer lectured on "Mentoring: Teaching One to Fish".

• Assistant Dean Teresite Proctor, of the Trinitas School of Nursing, Elizabeth Campus gave a presentation on simulation technology March 2009 at the NJEDge.net Faculty Best Practices Showcase. Her presentation, "Simulation Technology: A Bridge to Reality" covered the importance of the use of simulation and the technology that supports it and how it bridges the gap between education and clinical practice in the real world.

• Professor Toby Marx of the Psychology/Sociology Department and Professor Maureen Greenbaum of the Business Department presented a workshop entitled, "Provide Students the Choice to Create Relevance and Communicate in a 21st Century Mode" at the New Jersey Council of County Colleges’ 2009 Best Practices Conference held at Hudson County Community College in Jersey City, NJ, in April 2009. The workshop discussed expanding choices in which students can "submit assignments", to show mastery of the subject beyond traditional essays/reports to websites, videos, podcasts, presentations, performances and more.

• Professor Albert Bramante, of the Psychology/Sociology Department presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Pittsburgh, PA in March 2009. The topics of the talks were: "The Future of the Introductory Psychology Course", "Teaching Demonstrations", and "Enhancing Subjective Well-Being in the Classroom".
• Professor Elizabeth Joyce, Coordinator of the Paralegal Studies Program, was speaker at the Northeast Regional Conference of the American Association for Paralegal Education in Washington D.C. in April 2009. Professor Joyce’s speech was on "Outcomes Assessment". She presented a "Student Outcomes Assessment" plan that she developed and implemented at Union County College for the Paralegal Studies Program.

• Ms. Gail Hein, Director of the Academic Learning Centers, presented a workshop entitled "Performing Effective Peer Evaluations: A Five Step Process" at the Regional Conference of the College Reading and Learning Association held at Bucks County Community College in Newtown, PA in March 2009.

• Ms. Carolyn Thomas of the Academic Learning Center, Ms. Kathy Svare of Student Services and Professor Pat Ishill of the Institute for Intensive English presented a workshop at the Regional Conference of the College Reading and Learning Association held at Bucks County Community College in Newtown, PA in March 2009. The presentation entitled “Creating Successful ESL/Allied Health Learning Communities for Advanced ESL Students" which outlined the activities of the student funded grant project at the Elizabeth Campus of Union County College.

• Dr. Thomas H. Brown, UCC President, Dr. Ralph Ford, UCC Vice President for Student Services, and Dr. Jose Adames, Provost of the Plainfield Campus, gave the presentation, "Creating a Transformational Change for Student Success" at the Annual Conference of the American Association of Community Colleges held in Phoenix, AZ, in April 2009. The presentation described major student success initiatives that combine to make an impact on student success at Union County College.

• Dr. Patricia Castaldi, Director of the Practical Nursing Program, presented her doctoral project at the New Jersey Nurses Association/New Jersey League for Nursing, annual convention in Atlantic City, NJ in March 2009. Dr. Castaldi’s project involved development of an evidence-based student retention model for the Practical Nursing program.

• Professor Susan McLoughlin, of the Mathematics Department and President-Elect of MATYCNJ, designed the program for the Spring 2009 MATYCNJ conference which was held at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ. The program included a panel on the Lampitt Bill and its effects on the mathematics curriculum of all two-year colleges in New Jersey.

• Professor Eileen Kaufman, Chair of the Psychology/Sociology Department gave a presentation at the 92nd St. Y, New York City, NY in April 2009. The presentation topic was, "From Biblical Times to Current Times-Birth Order and Personality; An Adlerian Perspective".

• Dr. Barbara Gaba, Provost of the Elizabeth Campus and Associate VP Academic Affairs, gave a presentation at the NJ Council of County Colleges Best Practices Conference held at Hudson County Community College, Jersey City, NJ in April 2009. Her presentation was entitled "Leadership Development: Growing the Next Generations of Leaders for NJ's Community Colleges".

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• Dr. David Adinaro, Medical Director of the Paramedic Program, facilitated a one day seminar on the “Fundamentals of Evidence Based Emergency Medicine” in April 2009. The session’s objective was to enhance the basic understanding of reviewing medical journal articles and understanding the principles while applying the information to clinical practice.

• Ms. Marianne Schubert, BSN, RN, Simulation & Skill Lab Coordinator for the Practical Nursing Program Plainfield Campus was nominated to the Board of the International Nursing Association for Clinical Nursing Simulation and Learning (INACSL) in May 2009. Ms. Schubert will represent practical nursing programs worldwide. INACSL’s mission is to promote and provide the development and advancement of clinical simulation and learning resource centers.

• Professor Eileen Forestal, of the ASL and Deaf Studies Program and the ASL-English Interpreting Program, and Professor Cynthia L. Williams of the ASL-English Program and Coordinator of the Educational Interpreter Program, together published an article entitled “Teaching and Learning Using the Demand Control Schema”. It was published in “Applications of Demand Control Schema in Interpreter Education” through the Deaf Wellness Center, Department of Psychiatry, at the University of Rochester, School of Medicine in Rochester, NY.

• Dr. Susannah Chewning of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department wrote a book, "The Milieu and Context of the Wooing Group" which will be published in July 2009. The book is a collection of essays about a group of texts called 'The Wooing Group', which were written in the first half of the thirteenth century in England. They are poems, meditations, and prayers written for female anchorites.

• Ms. Valeri Larko, UCC's Tomasulo Gallery Curator, had her solo exhibition, "Urban Edges" on display at the Hunterdon Art Museum from April 2009 through June 2009. There were twelve paintings in the exhibition.