

What does what the Union has just conveyed tell us?

It tells us that it is this Union, this faculty that is devoted to the well being of this College. It is we who stand as its guardian. It is we who are concerned with its fiscal well-being and its ability to fulfill this college's mission to our students. Yet, Once again, this Board turns a blind eye to those who serve it best. Instead, this Board has hired John Gross from Ingerman Smith, expending huge sums of money to attack this faculty.

I wish I could tell you the exact amount charged for those fees and disbursements for all the attention lavished on us by Mr. Gross, but unfortunately his in-house surrogates have stone-walled our efforts to see these bills. So, now we are all in NY Supreme Court where, you guessed it, Mr. Gross continues to rack up the bills to defend the college from complying with the law. And, of course, there is the little matter of his acting as this Board's chief negotiator for the past 18 months with the Union on negotiations pre-designed for failure. How much money, I wonder, has this college squandered on that? If you won't tell us, well, I guess I can FOIL it.

Faren Siminoff's statement – BOT meeting 9/25

It seems ironic to me that this Board expends so much money to rid itself of a faculty that has made this community college the number 1 community college in the State and in the top tier nationally. Most people celebrate success and cherish that which is responsible for it. Most of the members of this Board, for reasons I honestly cannot fathom, have chosen instead to declare war on us.

I need to spend my remaining time addressing a different issue