I taught in the English Department at SBCC for twenty years (1995-2015). I understood that for many of my students, Freshman Composition would be their last English class. So every semester, I committed to a syllabus reading list that included writings noted for their profundity and eloquence. Authors whose enduring ideas elevated the human spirit. I then learned of a program developed at a Chicago community college, the Great Books Curriculum. Upon returning from the conference, I proposed the GBC for SBCC, and upon its approval, subsequently served as its Coordinator until my retirement. During those years, GBC expanded its outreach to include students from Middle College and Santa Barbara High School. In 2014, the College faculty placed my name in nomination for the Hayward Award for Excellence in Education. Santa Barbara City College is now grappling with both the Pandemic’s financial impact as well as lowered enrollment. The greatest challenge facing the Board of Trustees is the dire economic situation, while committing to the highest quality education within each of our many programs and for which the school is distinguished. I would be honored to be given your vote.