

Bristol Community College
Fall River, Massachusetts

Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2016

A. Convening

The three hundred and thirty-ninth regular meeting of the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees was held on Monday, March 7, 2016, in Room D 209 of the Hudnall Administration Building, on the Fall River Campus at 777 Elsbree Street. Chair Joseph Marshall called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Trustees present: Joseph Marshall, Chair; Dr. Patricia Andrade; Jahziel Chase; Keith Hovan; Cynthia Rose; Esq.; Dr. Ronald Schwartz; Diane Silvia, Vice Chair; Steven Torres, Esq.; Max Volterra, Esq., Secretary.

Trustees absent: Anthony Sapienza and Sandra Saunders.

B. Information from the Chair

Chair Joseph Marshall welcomed all to the meeting.

C. Minutes of January 25, 2016, Meeting

Upon a Motion made by Trustee Rose to accept the Minutes of the January 25, 2016, meeting, as submitted, and seconded by Trustee Schwartz, it was

VOTED unanimously to accept the Minutes of the January 25, 2016, meeting as submitted.

D. President's Report

President Sbrega welcomed our new Trustee Keith Hovan to the Board of Trustees. This was Trustee Hovan's first meeting.

The Employee of the Month for February was Ryan Menard in Information Technology Services; the March Employee of the Month is Heather Harrison, Director of Step Up to College.

President Sbrega attended the Offshore Wind Leadership Conference that was held at the InterContinental Hotel in Boston on February 29 and March 1. Vice President Paul Vigeant was on the panel of speakers as was Matthew Morrissey, Managing Director of Offshore Wind in Massachusetts, and they spoke of the potential that existed in New Bedford. Senator Edward Markey gave the keynote address.

BCC Men's Basketball ended the season with the Bayhawks finishing as runner-up in both the Massachusetts Community College Athletic Conference Tournament and the Region XXI Tournament.

BCC's *Luso*Centro recently received a generous book donation from the Regional Department for the Communities of the Azorean Government; the "Azorean library" consists of 8 volumes containing 212 books, 8 DVD's, 42 CD's and 6 magazines, which will greatly enrich the *Lusophone* library at BCC. President Sbrega and the Portuguese Consul Dr. Pedro Carneiro attended the presentation ceremony on February 11. Some books in the library were noted to be authored by retired professor Jose Costa.

On February 11, Fire Chief Stephen Rivard and Captain Matthew Johnson, from the BCC's Fire Science Program and Campus Preparedness, presented at New Bedford's AHA's "Fire & Ice" - teaching how to keep your home safe from fire.

Sadly, on March 1, a twenty-year-old BCC student, Raymond Oliver, passed away due to injuries he sustained in an automobile accident.

Strategic Planning Listening Sessions are continuing. February 17 was the session for New Bedford and Taunton's was held on February 25.

Erik Durant, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Fine Arts Program at BCC, has been working for the past year on a statue to be cast in bronze dedicated to Tom Lopes - a local community leader and the first Cape Verdean elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. The statue will be placed in the new Tom Lopes Memorial Park in New Bedford. Erik's studio is located at 88 Hatch Street in New Bedford.

On Saturday, March 5, the Region 3 Science Fair was held at BCC. The awards will be presented at a ceremony this Thursday night, March 10, in the BCC Theater.

BCC's Theatre Rep presented the production of *Eurydice* by Sarah Ruhl on March 4 and 5. The dress rehearsal was held on Thursday, March 3.

Gateway to College is growing; we currently have 54 students enrolled.

Just a reminder that the Alumni Paragon Awards are being held on Thursday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m. in G building. There are three award winners: Joseph Marshall '78, James Mathes '83, and Peter Silva '73 as well as ten Outstanding Service Awardees.

President Sbrega gave an update on the Fernando Garcia Scholarship Fund. The scholarship was funded from a \$10,000 donation from FLAD (the Luso-American Foundation) and matching donations from other College sources. Two scholarships per year in the amount of \$2,000 each are to be awarded for five years. This year's recipients are Andrea Arruda of Westport and Wendy Pacheco of North Dartmouth. As of March 1, 2016, students can apply online via our online scholarship database. Applications close as of June 30, and in mid-August, the Development Office will notify students of the scholarship awards.

On March 3, President Sbrega attended a Holocaust Center lecture with Holocaust Survivor - Louise Lawrence-Israels.

(Trustee Patricia Andrade joined at this time.)

For the final announcement, President Sbrega said that after sixteen years at Bristol Community College he has decided to retire in August 2017. It took a long time for him to come to this decision, and this is a bittersweet occasion. He will continue in the office until August 2017. Chair Joseph Marshall will arrange for a presidential search to be conducted. A representative of the Board of Higher Education as well as Board of Trustees members are to be involved. President Sbrega will announce this to the College Community following today's Board of Trustees meeting. He said that it has been a great pleasure to have worked with all of you during this time and that the last sixteen years have been the greatest experience of his life.

After Trustee Volterra jokingly said that he objected to the announcement, all the members of the Board of Trustees congratulated President Sbrega and wished him well.

Other Items of Interest:

On February 11, President Sbrega was asked to speak at the Taunton Rotary Club Luncheon at the Stoneforge Restaurant.

Professor Kathleen Plante was selected to present at the International Association for Human Caring in Boston this June to discuss "Virtual Caring in Education."

On February 17, Robert Rak, Professor and Coordinator of the Environmental Technology Program, presented a lecture on the Fall River Campus regarding the situation in the Appalachians with Mountain Top Removal. This is a process by which the tops of mountains are just blown away to get at seams of coal. Nearly 500 mountaintops have been destroyed by this process in Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia.

On February 18, the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce's Good Morning SouthCoast Breakfast Meeting was held at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford. The keynote speaker was Secretary of Education James Peyser.

Also on February 18, the Fall River Chamber of Commerce held its 105th Annual Meeting at the Venus de Milo. The keynote address was made by WGBH Radio host and newspaper columnist, Margery Eagan.

On Sunday, February 21, the 12th annual FAFSA Day was held at Bristol Community College in the Commonwealth College Center. BCC colleagues, financial aid experts, and volunteers assisted college-bound students from the greater Fall River area in completing the all-important application for federal student financial aid (the FAFSA form).

On February 25, President Sbrega and members of BCC's administration attended the Fall River Chamber of Commerce's State of Business with Mayor Jasiel Correia as the keynote speaker at McGovern's Restaurant.

On February 26-27, President Sbrega participated in a Visioning Session for Somerset Berkley High School's Strategic Plan.

E. Report of the Awards Committee

Secretary Max Volterra, the Chair of the Awards Committee, delivered his report to the Board. The Awards Committee met on Monday, January 25, 2016. The Committee reviewed the submitted nominations for the three awards to be presented at the BCC Commencement on June 4, 2016. The Awards Committee unanimously recommended the following:

Distinguished Citizen Award

Paula Raposa

Upon a Motion made by Trustee Schwartz and seconded by Trustee Torres, it was VOTED unanimously to accept the recommendation.

Kathleen Schedler-Clark

Upon a Motion made by Trustee Schwartz and seconded by Trustee Silvia, it was VOTED unanimously to accept the recommendation.

Honorary Degree Award

Dr. Ernest Moniz – U.S. Secretary of Energy

Upon a Motion made by Trustee Schwartz and seconded by Trustee Rose, it was VOTED unanimously to accept the recommendation.

John J. Sbrega, Ph.D., Exemplary Service Award

James Clarkin, Esq.

Upon a Motion made by Trustee Torres and seconded by Trustee Schwartz, it was

VOTED unanimously to accept the recommendation.

John Almeida, CPA

Upon a Motion made by Trustee Torres and seconded by Trustee Schwartz, it was

VOTED unanimously to accept the recommendation.

President Sbrega said that he will contact each nominee to notify them of the award.

F. Report of the Alumni Trustee

Alumni Trustee Diane Silvia gave her report to the Board.

Trustee Silvia said that the Alumni Association has been very busy, especially with the upcoming Paragon Awards event. As you know, the Bristol Paragon Awards ceremony will be held on March 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commonwealth College Center building on the Fall River Campus. There are three award recipients and ten Outstanding Service awards. As of today, we have 215 attending.

Kate Brezina will be on the Kathy Castro's Arts and Entertainment Radio Show on March 18 to promote the Paragon Awards event. She will be inviting two awardees to join her.

Kate Brezina has been invited to serve on the CASE D1 Planning Committee for the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, Division 1 - New England Region. She will plan a Professional Development event titled: *Motivating Your Constituents to Become Valued Volunteers*. The Committee has also selected Peter Silva to be one of the three panelists for this event as an alumnus and Paragon awardee. This event will take place on April 26, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., at the University of Rhode Island.

Trustee Rose made a motion to accept the report of the Alumni Trustee. This was seconded by Trustee Volterra, and it was

VOTED unanimously to accept the report of the Alumni Trustee.

G. Report of the Foundation Relations Committee

Trustee Diane Silvia, Chair of the Foundation Relations Committee, gave her report of the BCC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. (Trustee Silvia said that she was unable to personally attend this meeting, however Vice President Elizabeth McCarthy, who did attend the meeting, informed Trustee Silvia of the proceedings.)

Capital Campaign Update – Our goal is \$10 million. We have reached a plateau and are close to \$5 million. There are a few strategies that Tom Murray and Pat Murray discussed and potential asks are in the works such as Balfour and Sensata.

Income – Restricted funds contributions were \$27,388; the unrestricted contributions figure was \$49,834. Perm Restricted-Perpetual Trust contributions totaled \$237,966.

Expense - Operating Gains were \$283,394.63.

Balance Sheet - Gift Pledges balance increased \$559,868 and is now at \$1,927,768. Under Investments – BayCoast Commonwealth Fund investment account went down approximately \$168,000. Total assets increased by \$1,106,642, from \$17,954,879 to \$19,061,521.

Chair Marshall asked when the Capital Campaign was ending. Vice President McCarthy said there is no end date yet; they are reassessing strategies. President Sbrega said that the Capital Campaign goal was set when we were getting the \$20 million Bond in New Bedford and \$4.5 million in Attleboro, which is not happening. We are not giving up on more space. The long-term future is bright in Taunton, and the outlook should improve in Attleboro and New Bedford with a push for new space.

Trustee Volterra made a motion to accept the report of the Foundation Relations Committee. This was seconded by Trustee Rose, and it was

VOTED unanimously to accept the report of the Foundation Relations Committee.

H. Report of the Student Trustee

Student Trustee Jahziel Chase gave his report to the Board.

On February 10, the Student Senate hosted a Valentine's week fundraiser to raise funds so the Senate may all participate in this year's National Conference of Student Leaders in Denver, Colorado. They sold chocolate roses for \$1.00 each.

BCC's Winter Carnival was held on Wednesday, February 17, in G Building at the BCC Fall River Campus. They had a DJ with karaoke, outdoor and indoor games, a hot cocoa bar, and free ice skating.

On March 2 in H Building, the H.E.R.O Club (Helping Educate Regarding Orientation - formerly the Gay Straight Alliance) held a panel discussion, "*Under the Umbrella.*" The event was completely run by our students and the discussion focused on the variety of identities that are often overshadowed by the "Umbrella" terms of the LGBTQ+ community. Audience members had a chance to ask questions at the end of the panel presentation.

On March 3, the Multicultural Student Center and the Black Student Union presented its 2016 Black History Month Hall of Fame. They featured four impactful men and women to head this celebration: Langston Hughes (writer/poet), Wilma Rudolph (athlete), Malcom X (social activist), and Michael Jackson (musician). Former World Wrestling Entertainment Superstar now Hall of Famer Tony Atlas joined the event.

Today, March 7, was PHENOM Advocacy Day in Boston. Three to four hundred students attended the event advocating for more funding for higher education. They talked to area Senators and State Representatives who gave an overview of the budget. The community colleges with the largest contingents were Bristol Community College and Springfield Technical Community College.

Last week the Student Senate met at the New Bedford Campus. President Sbrega attend the meeting as did New Bedford City Councilor Steve Martins. Mr. Martins discussed the parking situation for students in New Bedford involving the Elm Street and Zeiterion Parking Garages. (A handout with the monthly and hourly rates was distributed.) One issue is that staff have free parking and students do not. For many students, the fees associated with parking in the garages prove financially difficult. There are also concerns of distance and safety. The Student Senate is developing a survey for students that addresses these issues. President Sbrega said that students who are in class until 9:30 p.m. or so can request an escort from the New Bedford Police Department to their parked vehicle. Students can also request reimbursement for parking receipts submitted.

Trustee Volterra made a motion to accept the report of the Student Trustee. This was seconded by Trustee Silvia, and it was

VOTED unanimously to accept the report of the Student Trustee.

I. Report of Personnel Actions

Upon a Motion made by Trustee Rose and seconded by Trustee Silvia, it was

VOTED unanimously to accept the Report of the Personnel Actions.

J. Workforce and Community Education Contracts

Upon a Motion made by Trustee Rose and seconded by Trustee Volterra, it was

VOTED unanimously to accept the Contracts.

K. Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

L. New Business

Chair Marshall said that the BCC Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, May 9, at the Fall River Country Club.

The BCC Golden Opportunity Gala, the finale for the 50th Anniversary, will be held on Saturday, June 11.

As you know, Vice President for College Communications Sally Cameron will be retiring in July 2016. Her job description has been distributed and if you have any edits, please let Kathleen Wordell know. Trustee Volterra commented that the Fall River Herald News ran a great article on VP Cameron recently. Trustee Torres asked about putting a salary range in the job description. Vice President for Human Resources Tafa Awolaju said HR has an internal range but it is not posted in the ad.

Trustee Chase said that he attended the SAC (Student Advisory Council) meeting last Wednesday, and it was asked of those attending what their campuses are doing. The representative from Framingham State mentioned that they do coffee hours with the Trustees, which are informal gatherings to discuss the role of the Trustees and any other issues that may present. Trustee Chase will obtain more information regarding this.

Trustee Andrade said that she recently went to Cape Verde with a group from the Whaling Museum, which overlapped on some of the issues from when she went with the group from BCC. One item was how to develop collaboration with BCC, the Whaling Museum, and Cape Verde. Vice President Greg Sethares said that Associate Vice President Ana Gaillat is currently working on this with the Fulbright Scholarship - having a Fulbright Scholar from Cape Verde. Vice President Paul Vigeant said that he and Ana Gaillat are in the midst of a conversation with FLAD and the student exchange program. Dr. Jose Costa is also involved. He will follow up on this at a later date.

M. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Marshall declared the meeting adjourned. The time was 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Max Volterra, Esq., Secretary

4/4/16
Date Approved

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