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## August 19, 2010

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### BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE Board of Governors August 19, 2010

Members Present: Mr. Roger Topping, Ms. Lisa Neel, Ms. Angie Lambert, Mr. Robert Perkinson, Jr., Ms. Anne Taylor, Mr. Larry Morhous, Mr. Richard Bezjek, and Mr. Craig Cardwell

Members Absent: Mr. James Palmer, III, Mr. Larry Ratliff, and Ms. Gloria Stephens,

Guests/Staff Present: Dr. Albert Walker, Mr. John Cardwell, Mr. Jim Nelson, Dr. Tom Blevins, Dr. Don Smith, Ms. Shelia Johnson, Ms. Karen Harvey, Ms. Christina Brogdon, Dr. Tracey Anderson, Mr. Terry Brown, Dr. David Haus, and Ms. Deirdre Guyton

#### Call to Order

Mr. Larry Morhous, acting chair for the meeting in the absence of the chair and vice chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the Harris-Jefferson Student Center on the BSC campus, following a concert by the BSC Community Singers.

Chair's Remarks: Mr. Morhous noted that Mr. Palmer had just received notification of an emergency and, as a result, would be unable to preside over tonight's meeting. He asked Dr. Walker to review proposed dates during which HEPC Chancellor Brian Noland and HEPC legal counsel Bruce Walker could travel to Bluefield to conduct the training, which is mandated for Board members. Board members asked that the October 14, 2010 date be requested for the training, with the September 16, 2010 date as an alternate option. Dr. Walker said he would submit the requested dates to the Chancellor's office.

Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion was made (LNeel/ATaylor) to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

President's Report: Dr. Walker reviewed the Core Institutional Goals that were included in Board members' meeting packets, discussing the success in expanding enrollment, classes, and services at the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center (HEC) in Beckley. He also encouraged Board members to submit to him their ideas related to Core Institutional Goals. Mr. Topping asked about the College's previously stated goal of becoming a university. Dr. Walker affirmed that this is still a very high priority. Ms. Taylor suggested that committees be developed to implement several of these goals and she volunteered to assist with the goal of increasing student retention.

Enrollment Update: Mr. Cardwell reported that Fall 2010 Semester enrollment is higher than enrollment one year ago/same date in all categories. He reported that enrollment of BSC students at the HEC has already doubled the previous year's totals. Mr. Morhous commended the work of the Enrollment Management staff. Mr. Cardwell also noted that Sarita Rhonemus, BSC Educational Opportunity Center Director, recently received a doctorate degree, and he said Ms. Deirdre Guyton, BSC Alumni Affairs Director, is rapidly completing studies for a doctorate degree, as well.

Financial Report: Ms. Johnson reviewed the Facilities Priorities List. Mr. Morhous added that the Board's Financial Committee had met just before the start of the evening's Board meeting, and he said the College's financial situation is excellent. Ms. Johnson requested approval of the Facilities Priorities List as submitted. It was noted that this list was approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Discussion Agenda: Mr. Morhous presented the Financial Committee report. He reported that state institutions were operating on the mandate of a one-year freeze on pay increases. However, he said individual public colleges and universities were given the option of implementing a salary enhancement for the period of October 2010-June 2011. Any such enhancements will no longer remain in effect after June 30, 2011. He asked Dr. Walker to place into effect the determined amount of salary enhancement after conferring with the Board's Finance Committee.

Ms. Lambert invited the Board Financial Committee to attend future Campus Budget Committee meetings. Mr. Perkinson asked if sufficient funds are available to implement the suggested enhancement (approximately \$1400 per fulltime employee). Mr. Morhous said, based on a variety of factors including an increase in Fall Semester enrollment, funds should be there without dipping into the College's reserves. Mr. Bezjak asked for the total cost for implementing the increase. Ms. Johnson projected the cost to be \$300,000-\$450,000, including benefits. A motion was made (ATaylor/LNeel) to approve the salary enhancement. Motion carried.

Executive Session: None needed.

Additional Board Action and Comment: None

Next Meeting Date—October 14, 2010, Private Dining Room, Harris-Jefferson Student Center.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Nelson, for Anita Barilla

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