

BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE

Board of Governors

August 16, 2012

Members Present: Mr. Norris Kantor, Mr. Roger Topping, Ms. Anne Taylor Lantry, Mr. James Palmer, III, Mr. Richard Bezjak, Dr. Sarita Rhonemus, Mr. Dakota Dotson, Dr. Norman Mirsky, Mr. Larry Ratliff, Mr. Robert Perkinson (via conference call)

Guests/Staff Present: Dr. Tom Blevins, Mr. John Cardwell, Dr. Lewis Jones, Ms. Shelia Johnson, Dr. Tracey Anderson, Mr. Tom Cook, Ms. Christina Brogdon, Ms. Anita Barilla, Ms. Deirdre Guyton, and Dr. Marsha Krotseng, new BSC President (via conference call)

Welcome, Chair's Remarks, and Call to Order – Chairman James J. Palmer, III

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order in the Bluefield State College Othello Harris-Jefferson Student Center Private Dining Room at 6:45 p.m. and welcomed Dr. Marsha Krotseng, incoming BSC President, who joined the group by conference call. Mr. Palmer expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Tom Blevins for his service as Interim President and to the college in various capacities over the years. Dr. Blevins thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Interim President of Bluefield State.

Election of Officers for 2012 - 2013

Chairman Palmer pointed out to the group that even though WV Code stated that the Board Chair could serve a four year term, according to the current BOG By Laws, he has served his maximum term of two years as BOG Chair. The floor was opened for nominations.

- Chair - A motion was made (RTopping/NKantor) that Mr. Larry Ratliff be elected Board Chair. No other nominations were made and the nominations were closed. Motion carried. Mr. Larry Ratliff will serve as Board Chair for 2012-2013.
- Vice Chair – A motion was made (NKantor/RBezjak) that Mr. Roger Topping be elected as Vice Chair. No other nominations were made and the nominations were closed. Motion carried. Mr. Roger Topping will serve as Vice Chair for 2012-2013.

Due to his new position as BOG Chair, Mr. Ratliff announced to the group that he is resigning his position on the Finance Committee. A motion was made (LRatliff/JPalmer) that Mr. Roger Topping and Dr. Norman Mirsky be appointed to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

President's Report – Dr. Tom Blevins

Dr. Blevins distributed a handout of “Accomplishments Over the Past Year” and reviewed a few of the items with the group.

- Discussed the WVIAC and the issues currently surrounding the conference and Bluefield State's role in the changes.
- New BANNER hires – Dr. Blevins reviewed the various categories on campus needing the support of knowledgeable BANNER employees.
- Expanding campus with the leasing of the gas company property adjacent to the campus.
- Norfolk Southern property for the right of way for a two way roadway to avoid crossing Rt. 52.
- Mountain View and R & D income stream.
- Increased visits to potential donors with the Development Officer. The search for a new Development Officer is in progress. However, the final interviews and the recommendation will be reviewed by Dr. Krotseng since this person will serve on the President's Cabinet. The selection should be made in September.

- Signed Articulation Agreements with New River Community and Technical College, Southern WV Community and Technical College, and Virginia Western Community and Technical College in the areas of Teacher Education and Business Administration.
- Admissions counselor in Beckley and Lewisburg has been hired.
- Hired new Admissions Recruiter.
- Discussions with HEPC and Concord University to increase BSC's footprint in Beckley.
- Dr. Blevins discussed the important continuing issues of the College.

Mr. Kantor stated that two names have been submitted to the Governor's office to fill the two vacant positions on the BOG. He asked that Dr. Krotseng follow-up with the Governor's office to have these appointments finalized.

Mr. Palmer asked if there were any hiring or appointment changes planned before September 1 and stated that any significant changes should be held for the arrival of Dr. Krotseng. Ms. Johnson stated that a recruiter position has been offered and accepted but no Presidential Cabinet level positions are planned.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made (NMirsky/ATaylor) to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception that Policy 11 be removed for discussion. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- Policy 11 – Mr. Cardwell informed the group that Policy 11 has not gone through the proper approval procedure and the information appeared in the packet for informational purposes to explain the Waiver Report. Discussion followed.
- Ms. Johnson reviewed various portions of the financial information Board members received prior to the meeting. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Cardwell updated the current enrollment figures and reported on assistance to Mountain State University students transferring into Bluefield State's programs. Discussion followed.

Executive Session

A motion was made (ATaylor/RBezjak) to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

A motion was made (RBezjak/NKantor) to return to Regular Session at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Closing Remarks

Chairman Ratliff thanked Mr. Palmer for his outstanding performance as BOG Chair over the past two years and his leadership during the Presidential search. Dr. Krotseng expressed her honor in becoming BSC's 13th President and invited everyone to view the Welcome message posted on the BSC website.

Next meeting Date – October 18, 2012 in the BSC Private Dining Room.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Barilla