

BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE
Board of Governors
February 16, 2012

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

Members Absent: Mr. Jerome Powell

Guests/Staff: Dr. Tom Blevins, Mr. John Cardwell, Mr. Jim Nelson, Dr. Lewis Jones, Ms. Shelia Johnson, Dr. Tracey Anderson, Ms. Karen Harvey, Ms. Christina Brogdon, Ms. Anita Barilla, Mr. Fred Hardee, Mr. Daniel Frost, Ms. Julie Kalk, Mr. Tom Harrison, Ms. Deirdre Guyton, Ms. Jane Richardson

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 7:00 p.m.

President's Report – Dr. Tom Blevins

- Student Housing Proposal – Dr. Blevins called the group's attention to the proposal included in the packet received prior to the meeting and discussed on-campus student housing possibilities at BSC. Discussion followed. A motion was made (ATaylor/SRhonemus) to authorize Dr. Blevins to move forward with feasibility studies and to see if on-campus housing would be economically viable for BSC. Motion carried.
- Added Property Update – Dr. Blevins reported that the lease agreement for the gas company property next to the campus has been received from Roanoke Gas Company. The request from the Board was that the college would secure an attorney to look at the environmental issues and see if the college would have any liability leasing the property. An attorney is currently looking into possible liability issues.
- Dr. Blevins informed the group that he and Ms. Johnson have met with Norfolk Southern representatives concerning a right-a-way to build a two lane road between Dickason Hall and the Student Center. This roadway would increase safety on campus and assist with traffic issues. A report will be made to the Board when information from Norfolk Southern is received.
- Higher Education Day at the Legislature. Eight BSC International students attended and were recognized by delegates and had pictures taken with the Governor and his wife.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made (NKantor/ATaylor) to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Mr. Kantor asked that more information be included in the Financial Report in the future. The Consent Agenda included:

- Meeting Minutes
 - o December 8, 2011
 - o Special January 12, 2012

- Special January 26, 2012
- Enrollment Update
- Financial Report
 - Budget Report
 - Federal Financial Aid Balances
 - Textbook Affordability Information
 - HEPC Consolidated Audit
- Academic Affairs
 - School of Arts and Sciences Reorganization Plan
- Cabinet Reports
 - Media Relations
 - Institutional Research and Effectiveness
 - Institutional Advancement and Planning

Discussion Agenda

Policy #33 Classified Salary Revisions – Ms. Brogdon discussed the draft policy and informed the group that the policy needs to be updated in order to be compliant with SB330. She asked the Board to approve the policy for a thirty-day comment period at which time the policy will be brought back to the Board for approval. A motion was made (NMirsky/ATaylor) to approve the policy for a thirty-day comment period. Motion carried.

Policy #36 Textbook Policy – A motion was made (NKantor/ATaylor) to approve the policy for a thirty-day comment period. Motion carried.

Policy #43 Research and Scholarship Misconduct – A motion was made (RPerkinson/LRatliff) to approve the policy for a thirty-day comment period. Motion carried.

Policy #53 Extramural Grants and Contracts Administration – A motion was made (NKantor/RBezjak) to approve the policy for a thirty-day comment period. Motion carried.

Conversion of Classified Position – Dr. Mirsky and Dr. Rhonemus questioned the need to convert the position to a non-classified position since the position is currently filled. Discussion followed. Chairman Palmer asked that the issue be tabled until the next meeting at which time the conversion of the classified position will be discussed in executive session.

Executive Session

A motion was made (RTopping/NKantor) to go into executive session at 8:14 p.m. A motion was made (LRatliff/RTopping) to return to regular session at 8:33 p.m.

Next Meeting Date – April 19, 2012

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Barilla