

BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE  
Board of Governors  
June 21, 2012

**Members Present:** Mr. Norris Kantor, Ms. Anne L. Taylor, Mr. James Palmer, III, Mr. Richard Bezzak, Dr. Sarita Rhonemus, Mr. Jerome Powell, Dr. Norman Mirsky, Mr. Robert Perkinson

**Members Absent:** Mr. Roger Topping, Mr. Larry Ratliff

**Guests/Staff:** Dr. Tom Blevins, Ms. Anita Barilla, Mr. John Cardwell, Mr. Jim Nelson, Dr. Lewis Jones, Ms. Shelia Johnson, Ms. Christina Brogdon, Mr. Terry Brown, Mr. Tom Cook, Ms. Deirdre Guyton, Mr. Tom Harrison, Ms. Melissa Haye, Ms. Lois Manns, Mr. Russell Manns and members of the Alumni Association.

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

Chairman James Palmer called the meeting to order in the Bluefield State College Othello Harris-Jefferson Student Center Private Dining Room at 6:45 p.m.

**Election of Board Officers for 2012 - 2013**

- Chair – A motion was made (NKantor/RBezzak) for Mr. James Palmer to continue to serve as Chair of the BSC Board. No other nominations were made and the nominations were closed. Motion carried. Mr. James Palmer, III will remain BOG Chair.
- Vice Chair – A motion was made (RPerkinson/NKantor) for Mr. Larry Ratliff to continue as Vice Chair. No other nominations were made and the nominations were closed. Motion carried. Mr. Larry Ratliff will continue to serve as Vice Chair.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made (NMirsky/SRhonemus) to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda included the following:

- President's Report – Dr. Blevins brought the group up-to-date on discussions concerning the gas company property and the Norfolk Southern roadway adjacent to the train tracks. Dr. Blevins also reviewed articulation agreements and memoranda of understanding recently signed with area community Colleges.
- Enrollment Update – Mr. Cardwell reviewed enrollment numbers and announced dates for new student orientation for both Bluefield and Beckley campuses.
- Financial Update – Ms. Johnson reviewed the information received prior to the meeting and informed the group that auditors will be on campus next week. Discussion followed.
- Academic Affairs Update – Dr. Jones reviewed the material on the move of B.S. Health Services Management degree program to the School of Business. He and Ms. Melissa Haye reviewed the B.S. Radiologic Sciences Concentration in Nuclear Medicine partnership with Regis College. Discussion followed. Ms. Haye also discussed plans for the development of an ultrasound program in partnership with Regis College.
- Cabinet Reports

- Institutional Media Relations Update
- Human Resources Update

### **Discussion Agenda**

- Conversion of Classified Position – Ms. Brogdon and Ms. Johnson reviewed the reasoning behind changing the Director of Maintenance from a classified position to a non-classified position. Discussion followed. Dr. Rhonemus, representative for the classified employees, read the following statement from the Classified Senate:

**Classified Staff Council Position Statement Regarding the Request to Change the Position of BSC Physical Plant Director from a Classified Position to a Non-Classified Position**

*Let it be noted the Classified Staff Council remains opposed to the change request for the following reasons:*

- *The 80:20 ratio as cited in SB 330 of classified to non-classified would reach or exceed maximum level.*
  - *If calculations are correct and the change is made, the ratio would become 81:19.*
- *Another classified position would be lost along with provisions cited in WV State Code 18B, HEPC Series 39, and HEPC Series 8.*
- *Pending any future layoffs, classified staff would take the most devastating hit.*
- *There are likely candidates who could/would assume this position at a pay grade 20.*
- *There is mounting concern about the shortfall in the budget, especially the most recent cut in Title III funds and how that will affect employee positions.*

A motion was made (ATaylor/RPerkinson) to convert the Director of Maintenance position from a classified position to a non-classified position. The motion carried with two “nay” votes.

- Proposed 2012-2013 Meeting Dates:
  - August 16, 2012
  - October 18, 2012
  - December 13, 2012 (second Thursday in December)
  - February 21, 2013
  - April 18, 2013
  - June 20, 2013

A motion was made (NMirsky/NKantor) to accept the proposed meeting dates for 2012-2013. Motion carried.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made (NKantor/SRhonemus) to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

A motion was made (NKantor/NMirsky) to return to regular session at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

### **Other**

Chairman Palmer introduced Mr. Russell Manns the President of the Mercer County Chapter of the BSC Alumni Association, and Ms. Lois Manns who is awaiting word from the Governor's office on her appointment to the Bluefield State College Board of Governors.

**Next Meeting Date – August 16, 2012**  
**BSC Private Dining Room**

With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Barilla