

## BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE

Board of Governors

October 18, 2012

**Members Present:** Mr. Norris Kantor, Mr. Roger Topping, Mr. Richard Bezjak, Dr. Sarita Rhonemus, Mr. Dakota Dotson, Dr. Norman Mirsky, Mr. Larry Ratliff, Mr. Robert Perkinson, Mr. Garry Moore, Ms. Lois Manns

**Members Absent:** Ms. Anne Taylor Lantry, Mr. James Palmer

**Guests/Staff:** Dr. Marsha Krotseng, Mr. Jim Nelson, Dr. Lewis Jones, Ms. Shelia Johnson, Dr. Tracey Anderson, Mr. Terry Brown, Mr. Tom Cook, Ms. Anita Barilla, Ms. Betty Carroll, Ms. Elizabeth Pruett, Mr. Roy Pruett, Ms. Deirdre Guyton, Ms. Angie Lambert, Mr. Russell Manns

### **Welcome, Chair's Remarks, and Call to Order – Chairman Larry Ratliff**

Chairman Ratliff called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. at David's at the Club and welcomed Dr. Marsha Krotseng, new BSC President, to her first in-person Board of Governors meeting.

Introduction and Oath of Office – Ms. Lois Manns, Rev. Garry Moore, and Mr. Dakota Dotson

Mr. Ratliff introduced the two new Board members, Ms. Lois Manns and Rev. Garry Moore, and asked Ms. Anita Barilla, Notary Public, to administer the Oath of Office. Ms. Barilla also administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Dakota Dotson, student representative who began his term July 1, 2012. Mr. Ratliff welcomed them to the BSC Board of Governors and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

Board of Governors Training – November 15, 2012

Mr. Ratliff announced to the group that Board of Governors training will be held at Bluefield State College on November 15, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Conley Hall Conference Room and invited all to attend. The training will be done by HEPC Chancellor Paul Hill and Mr. Bruce Walker. He informed new members that they need three hours of training credit within the first six months of their appointment.

Community Reception for Dr. Marsha Krotseng

Mr. Ratliff announced the Community Reception to welcome Dr. Krotseng to BSC will be held November 8, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Othello Harris-Jefferson Student Center Hebert Gallery.

Mr. Ratliff informed the group that he sat in on his first HEPC BOG Chairs Council conference call and the big topic of discussion was the proposed 7.5% budget cut for 2014.

Mr. Ratliff informed the group that the Board will be going into Executive Session later in the meeting and reminded them that anything discussed must stay confidential.

### **President's Report – Dr. Marsha Krotseng**

Dr. Krotseng introduced Ms. Betty Carroll, new Director of Development and Ms. Elizabeth Pruett, BSC Foundation Treasurer, who will be discussing the Neighborhood Investment Program later in the meeting.

Setting the State For Success: What is Important to the Future Success of Bluefield State College?

Dr. Krotseng presented a Power Point presentation by the Lumina Foundation on Setting the Stage for Success and informed the group that the young woman in the presentation is similar to students at BSC. She stated that BSC believes in higher education and wants to reach out to students and help them reach their dreams and make the most of their potential.

Goals for the President and Cabinet, 2012-2013

Dr. Krotseng called the group's attention to the Goals received prior to the meeting and highlighted a few of the goals that came out from conversations with the Cabinet and BOG members. Mr. Kantor discussed the importance of the BSC's fourteen nationally accredited

programs and the need to seek articulation agreements with all community colleges in the area. Discussion followed.

Dr. Krotseng informed the group that the goals appear to be general but Cabinet members have received these goals and will be expanding on each by establishing goals from their area. She stated that the need for more articulation agreements can be added before the document is finalized. A motion was made (NKantor/RBezjak) to approve the Goals, 2012-2013 with the addition of articulation agreements with the community colleges in as many areas as possible. Motion carried.

#### Update of Activities

President Krotseng reviewed several activities including meeting with the Mercer County Alumni Association, the National Alumni Association, the BSC R & D Corporation, attending several activities of BSC Homecoming, SGA meeting, a Reception for International Students, and meeting with many community organizations and Rotary Clubs in the area. She reported that she has been working with Mr. Greg Shrewsbury and Bluefield Economic Development for a proposed joint task force between the City of Bluefield and the College. Dr. Krotseng reported that she has visited the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center and will be meeting with hospitals in the Beckley area to discuss the nursing programs. She announced that earlier today the WV Board of Nursing approved expansion of the BSC Nursing program to admit ten additional students at the Beckley Center.

Dr. Krotseng participated in the HEPC President's Conference Call where the 7.5% reduction was discussed, as well as the Outcomes Based Funding. She reviewed some of the particulars of the plan and stated that more information will be available at a later date.

Dr. Krotseng highlighted several Athletic accomplishments and informed the Board that the graduation rate for Athletics is 35%.

#### **Approval of the Consent Agenda – Chairman Ratliff**

Mr. Ratliff commended BSC's efforts to provide a "Credit Management Seminar" to high school and college students to teach good financial management early.

Chairman Ratliff announced to the group that Ms. Anne Taylor Lantry has been reaffirmed to the BOG for another three year term by the Governor.

A motion was made (RTopping/NMirsky) to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

#### **Discussion Agenda**

##### HEPC Institutional Compact Update for 2012

A copy of the Institutional Compact was distributed prior to the meeting for review. Dr. Tracey Anderson discussed the document and asked that the Compact be approved, allowing minor editorial corrections to the document, but no substantive changes without the additional review of the Board. A motion was made (NMirsky/NKantor) to approve the HEPC Institutional Compact. Motion carried.

##### Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP) – Ms. Elizabeth Pruett

Ms. Elizabeth Pruett reviewed the history of the Neighborhood Investment Program and how the program benefits Bluefield State College students. She stated that this program provides scholarships to those students who fall under the 130% federal poverty level. BSC has been awarded \$62,380 in credits, which has the potential to raise \$124,500 if all credits are sold. However, credits not sold by March will be taken from the institution and given to an institution that has sold its credits. If BSC sells all the credits then there is a potential that additional credits would be awarded to the institution. Ms. Pruett explained how the tax credits work for each contribution. Discussion followed.

##### Nursing School Update – Ms. Angie Lambert and Dr. Lewis Jones

Dr. Lewis Jones informed the group that a very aggressive campaign to develop articulation agreements with community colleges has already been put in place. He stated that each school dean will be expected, as part of one of their school goals for the year, to aggressively pursue articulation agreements with the community colleges in the state of WV.

Each school will develop agreements based upon their strengths and programs within their schools.

Ms. Angie Lambert announced that the Nursing Program on the Bluefield campus currently has an 88.6% passage rate with two students still to take the exam. The Beckley campus had only one failure this year and that student will be retaking the exam. The passage rate this year in Beckley is 96.8%. Ms. Lambert stated that a request has been made, and approved, to the State Board of Nursing to increase the number of students in Beckley by ten students. She informed the group that at the next State Board meeting in February, she and Ms. Sandy Wynn will be requesting an additional ten students in the LPN to RN track for a total of 20 additional students if approved. Ms. Lambert informed the group that New River Community and Technical College was also approved by the Board of Nursing to continue with its Intent to Plan for an LPN to RN and an Associate Degree Program in Nursing. Letters of concern have been sent and were noted in the meeting but the approval was given for NRCTC to continue. Ms. Lambert expressed her concern for clinical sites for the additional nursing students in the Raleigh County area. She informed the group that Dr. Krotseng and she will be visiting Raleigh General and Beckley ARH to discuss the Nursing Program. Discussion followed.

Ms. Lambert reported that one student failed the Radiology exam which made the passage rate 90.9%, but that student successfully passed the exam on the second attempt. Ms. Lambert discussed the Sonography Program and the various needs before the start-up of this program. Discussion followed.

#### **Executive Session**

A motion was made (NKantor/RTopping) to go into executive session at 8:15 p.m.

A motion was made (NKantor/GMoore) to return to regular session at 8:50 p.m.

#### **Next meeting Date – December 13, 2012 in the BSC Private Dining Room**

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Barilla