

BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
October 23, 2014

Members Present: Mr. Norris Kantor, Mr. Roger Topping, Ms. Anne Lantry (via conf. call), Mr. Richard Bezjak, Mr. Daniel Frost, Dr. Norman Mirsky, Mr. Larry Ratliff, Mr. Robert Perkinson, Mr. Garry Moore, Ms. Lois Manns (via conf. call)

Members Absent: Mr. Dakota Dotson, Mr. Harold Wells

President's Staff/Guests: Dr. Marsha Krotseng, Dr. Jo-Ann Robinson, Mr. Jim Nelson, Dr. Zak Hossain, Ms. Shelia Johnson, Dr. Tracey Anderson, Mr. Tom Cook, Ms. Anita Barilla, Mr. Jerry Perdue, Ms. Hannah Stapleton, Dr. Colin Cavell, Ms. Deirdre Guyton, Dr. Ellen Chaffee (via conf. call)

Welcome and Call to Order – Chairman Roger Topping

Chairman Topping called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. in the Othello Harris-Jefferson Student Center Private Dining Room and welcomed Ms. Hannah Stapleton and Dr. Colin Cavell as presenters of the Soliya project.

Mr. Topping recognized those reappointed by the Governor for a new four year term on the Board of Governors: Reverend Garry Moore, Ms. Lois Manns, Mr. Robert Perkinson, Jr., and Mr. Norris Kantor.

President's Report – Dr. Marsha Krotseng

Dr. Krotseng called attention to the handout of goal-related actions distributed before the meeting and briefly discussed the information.

Board Member Responsibilities – Dr. Ellen Chaffee, AGB

Mr. Topping introduced Dr. Ellen Chaffee, Association of Governing Boards (AGB), who spoke to the Board on what it takes to be an effective Board member and responsibilities to the institution they serve. Dr. Chaffee suggested the Board develop a statement of Board Trustee responsibility. She discussed some of the points listed on the handout distributed prior to the meeting on pages 3 and 4 of the agenda book. Discussion followed.

Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2014 Meeting

A motion was made (GMoore/RBezjak) to approve the August 21, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Academic and Student Affairs

Academic Affairs Update - Dr. Zak Hossain

Dr. Hossain introduced Dr. Colin Cavell, BSC professor and coordinator of the Soliya Project, and BSC student participant, Ms. Hannah Stapleton. Ms. Stapleton informed the Board that BSC has 36 students participating in the Soliya Project, which connects students around the world to discuss various topics via webcam. Meetings are two hours a week for eight weeks at which time the students do either a video or a reflection paper to tell of their experiences. Discussion followed.

Enrollment Update – Dr. Jo-Ann Robinson

- Dr. Robinson distributed a handout of enrollment numbers and discussed the information. Current enrollment is 1,563 student headcount with 1,353 FTE. Discussion followed on actions underway to increase student recruitment and retention.
- Dr. Robinson informed the Board that a Memorandum of Understanding for HBCU Study in China has been signed and now students will be identified to participate. Discussion followed.

Financial and Administrative Affairs – Ms. Shelia Johnson

- Ms. Johnson referred to the material received by the Board prior to the meeting and reviewed some of the information. She stated that the financial auditors will be finished soon and will be presenting their findings at the December Board meeting.
- Facilities Master Plan is progressing and two open meetings have been scheduled for the campus, community, and the Board to view the various scenarios. Discussion followed.
- Statewide OASIS system began July 1, 2014 with payroll originally to have been added by January 1, 2015. That date has been pushed forward to April 2015. Discussion followed.

Policies and Policy Topics

Review and Approval of Bluefield State Strategic Plan and HEPC Compact – Dr. Tracey Anderson – A summary of the plan was distributed and discussed. A motion was made (LRatliff/NKantor) to approve the plan and give Dr. Anderson and Dr. Krotseng the authority to make any minor non-substantive changes needed before submitting to HEPC on November 1, 2014. Motion carried.

Policy 58 – WV Freedom of Information Act Requests (no comments received, final approval) – Dr. Tracey Anderson

A motion was made (NKantor/RPerkinson) to approve Policy 58. Motion carried.

Confirmation of Board Action – Chairman Topping

A motion was made (NMirsky/LRatliff) to approve the Resolution of Confirmation of Board Action. Motion carried with Mr. Frost abstaining.

Consent Agenda: Reports

A motion was made (NMirsky/NKantor) to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports:

- Student Affairs Report
- Institutional and Media Relations Report
- Institutional Advancement and Planning Report
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Report
- Human Resources Report

Motion carried.

Possible Executive Session Under the Authority of WV Code §6-9A4(b)(2)(A) for Review of Presidential Evaluation

A motion was made (LRatliff/GMoore) to go into Executive Session with permission for Dr. Krotseng to remain with the Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made (DFrost/GMoore) to return to regular session. Motion carried.

Approval of Presidential Goals, 2014-2015

A motion was made (DFrost/NKantor) to approve the Presidential Goals as presented. Motion carried.

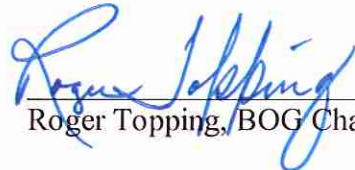
Next Meeting Dates

- November 6, 2014 – Title IX Training at 5:30 p.m. in the BSC Conley Hall Boyd Conference Room. Two hours Board training credit will be received for attendance.
- Next regular meeting – December 11, 2014

Mr. Frost announced the BSC Veterans Day Program will be held on November 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the BSC Veterans Memorial with Mr. Dane Rideout as keynote speaker.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Barilla


Roger Topping, BOG Chair