Baltimore City Community College
Board of Trustees
Approved
Open Session Minutes
Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 5:46 p.m.
Fine Arts Theater, Liberty Campus

Board Members Present: Dr. Donald A. Gabriel, Ms. Katrina Riddick, Dr. Gary Rodwell, Dr. Mary Owens Southall, Dr. Maceo M. Williams, Mr. Garland O. Williamson and Dr. Edmonia T. Yates.

Board Members Absent: Ms. Kirsten Sandberg Caffrey and Ms. Charmaine Pope

Closed Session
The Board voted unanimously, under the Open Meeting Act, State Government Article, Section 10-508, to convene in Closed Session at 7:50 p.m. on January 26, 2010, in the President’s Conference Room to discuss the Harbor Campus redevelopment, separations of employment, pending purchase of property for future needs of the College, and to obtain legal advice.

I. Preliminary Presentations (Awards, recognitions, honors, etc.)
President Williams recognized Professors Nicole Fall and Carlton Leverette for coordinating the College’s Holiday Greeting Card contest. She also congratulated the two student winners: Ms. LaTonya Savage Hudnell, author of the poem, and Ms. Lina Kalantyrskaya, designer of the artwork on the front cover of the card.

Dr. Alicia Harvey-Smith, Vice President of Student Affairs, introduced Ms. Tara Owens as the new Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Mr. Stan Brown, Dean of Academic Support and Learning Resources, recognized Dr. Diana Zilberman, Director of Distance Learning, for authoring an article which was posted in a national publication.

II. Public Presentations
None

III. Board Actions/Consent Agenda (All Actions requiring a vote.)
The Board voted unanimously to approve the January 26, 2010, Consent Agenda, which included:

- January 26, 2010, Agenda
- December 15, 2009, Minutes
- Online Learning Management System/Blackboard Contract

IV. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda
None

V. College Reports
  A. Student Governance Board* (Mr. Daimen Poole, President)
     Please see the January 26, 2010, Board of Trustees Open Session Board Agenda for the full report.
Mr. Poole reported that in response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti, the Student Governance Board is organizing a Haitian Relief effort. A kick-off meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2010. Trustee Gabriel commended SGB on their efforts and asked for an update on the College Crier. Mr. Poole indicated that an update will be provided at the next Board meeting.

B. Senate Executive Committee* (Dr. Carolyn Dabirsiaghi, President)
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Trustee Rodwell asked if the faculty received a substantial resolution to their concerns about the furlough plan and, if so, what the next steps are in the process. Dr. Dabirsiaghi stated that President Williams forwarded a written response explaining how the College derived the furlough plan. The plan also addressed the perceived discrepancies in the number of furlough days BCCC has in comparison with other schools. Dr. Dabirsiaghi further added that the meeting was productive as it provided necessary dialogue. Chair Williamson commented that more budget cuts and furloughs will come and the College has no decision in the matter. President Williams agreed that the discussion with the faculty was fruitful in terms of explaining the impact of retention and the differences in a community college's budget versus a university's budget. Chair Williamson asked Dr. Dabirsiaghi if she could use her ability to meet with the President to bridge the transparency gap, given the fact that the College is anticipating more budget cuts. Dr. Dabirsiaghi agreed that she would take advantage of the opportunity to meet with the President. President Williams concurred with the idea of information sharing, but emphasized that the focus should be on retention efforts since the College lost $6.4 million in revenue due to a decline in student enrollment. She pointed out that if the College would not have experienced such a loss in revenue, furloughs would not have been necessary. Chair Williamson encouraged continued conversations between the faculty, Union and President. Trustee Williams added that he hopes everyone realizes that decisions are not made in a vacuum and it takes effort from everyone to make it work.

C. AFSCME Local at BCCC* (Ms. Charlene Gray, President)
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VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT* (President Caroleane Williams)
President Williams reported the following:

Maryland Community College Office
The initiative to establish a community college office in the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) was rescinded.

Bellweather Award
President Williams stated that she, along with Dr. Michelle Harris Bondima, Dr. Kathleen Kennedy Norris and Ms. Vanessa Carroll gave a presentation on the Life Sciences Institute at BioPark at the Bellweather Awards in Florida. BCCC lost to a community college that garnered $36 million in funding from its partners. Chair Williamson commended the College on the nomination to this prestigious award, noting that the Life Sciences Institute is a tremendous success for students, the community and the State of Maryland.
Enrollment Update
Student enrollment is up by 6% for spring 2010.

Public Safety
President Williams and the Board congratulated Chief Winkler and the Public Safety Department for making BCCC the safest campus in Baltimore City.

Miscellaneous
President Williams shared an article from the Washington Examiner, which erroneously stated that she is one of two presidents in Maryland that received an 11% pay increase. Chair Williamson stated that the article is factually incorrect and he will draft a response to the publication requesting a retraction.

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VII. COLLEGE PRESENTATION*
The Faculty & Staff Showcase afforded the College the opportunity to display the various talents of BCCC faculty and staff. The event consisted of live performances and interactive informative exhibits with the Board. Due to the success of the event, President Williams plans to hold a similar event on a larger scale in the summer.

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VIII. BOARD COMMENTS
Trustee Rodwell stated that the Governor’s budget and the State’s fiscal picture were discussed during the Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC) Conference. The budget revealed level funding in a time where the State is experiencing growth which equates to a cut in funding. He encouraged everyone to call their State legislators to express the importance of BCCC and community colleges in general and urge them to hold the College’s level funding at a minimum. He added that everyone should look at ways to mitigate the deficit.

Trustee Williams urged everyone to continue to work together to weather the fiscal storm.

Trustee Yates concurred with Trustee Rodwell and suggested that the College use the political process and look at new strategies to get things done. She also noted the progress of the College. Lastly, she thanked President Williams for making it possible for her to attend the MACC Conference.

IX. NEXT MEETING
February 23, 2010, Liberty Campus

The Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolane Williams, Ph.D.
President

*Full report on file in the President’s Office
ATTENDANCE:
Dr. Carolane Williams, President

BCCC Staff Present:
Mr. Terry Bolden, Ms. Kathy Odell-Carlson, Mr. Jim Chitwood, Mr. Daniel Coleman, Ms. Charlene Gray, Ms. Lyllis Green, Ms. Karen Guilford, Mr. Joe Hutchins, Ms. Kim James, Mr. William Krim, Ms. Deborah Peoples, Ms. Julia Pitman, Dr. Shanto Rao, Mr. Jerry Reichenberg, Ms. Daviedra Sauldsberry, Dr. Michele Towson, Ms. Eileen Waitsman, Mr. McKevit Walker, Ms. Brenda Wiley, Mr. Levone Ward, and Ms. Tanya Desheilds Yates.

Others Present:
Ms. Maureen Walsh David, Assistant Attorney General