

Chair Marshall said it was a great experience to participate in and the Presidential Search Committee did an outstanding job of selecting the finalist candidates. He commends the Presidential Search Committee for all their hard work during the process.

Chair Marshall said he must excuse himself from the meeting at this time and Vice Chair Diane Silvia would chair the remainder of the Board of Trustees meeting.

Chair Marshall then introduced Vice President for Human Resources and Affirmative Action Tafa Awolaju who gave a presentation to the Board on “Preparing for an Effective Interview.” (See attached.)

G. President’s Report

The Employee of the Month for October was Maurice Cyr; the Employees of the Month for November are Andrew Nasser and Kevin Spirlet from the Communications Department.

On November 4, Governor Charlie Baker reaffirmed and restructured the Advisory Council on Veterans Services consisting of 12 members including the Secretary of the Department of Veterans’ Services Francisco Urena.

BCC has been invited to present a proposal to the Massachusetts Life Services Center.

BCC’s Workforce and Academic Affairs Departments are creating a grant proposal to National Science Foundation (NSF) for \$15 million to \$20 million for development of Advance Technology Education Center for Offshore Wind. BCC is earning attention as the community college expert in training.

Another grant of \$20,000 has been awarded to BCC from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center to complete research into Workforce requirements for lease rights in “Mass Wind Energy Area.”

The Office of Grant Development reported that September grants have totaled \$52,000 and year-to-date grants have totaled \$746,000.

Top School Honors in 2017 Guide for Service to Veterans:

Military Advanced Education and Transition
Repeat years for BCC

November 7 is Transfer Day on the Fall River Campus which brings to campus area college and university representatives. An impressive list was included in the Trustee folders.

Professor Sandy Lygren of the Deaf Studies and Student ASL Deaf Studies Club coordinated a program for Domestic and Sexual Awareness Month.

On October 19, a memorial service was held on the BCC Fall River Campus for Professor Eric Bourgeois.

President Sbrega attended a Fall River Rotary Meeting with Stacey Charlton on October 20 at White's of Westport.

Also on October 20, President Sbrega attended a political forum on the BCC Fall River Campus regarding the U.S. Presidential Election conducted by FRCMedia.

A Veterans Expo will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on the BCC Fall River Campus. The event, coordinated by BCC, The Veterans Agency of Bristol County, and the Providence VA, provides Veterans and Service Members with access to Veterans Affairs Resources as well as numerous Veterans Non-profit organizations, BCC Admissions and Support Services, and information on other two- and four-year colleges.

On November 21, BCC's OneBook Committee will host a presentation by Astronaut Al Sacco, Jr., Ph.D. at 9:30 a.m. in the Fall River Campus Theater. The book selection this semester was *The Martian* by Andy Weir.

The BCC Annual Legislators' Breakfast will be held on Friday, December 2, at 9:00 a.m. in the Faculty Staff Lounge of the Commonwealth College Center on the Fall River Campus.

A Veterans Center Representative Breakfast will be held at all BCC locations during the period of December 5

The Committee unanimously approved the transfer of an additional \$1 million from maturing CDs to our Fidelity Balanced Fund. They discussed the financial implications of the New Bedford lease and the expected closing of November 1. They also discussed the implications of the FY16 MCCC raises and the anticipated payment schedule.

Upon a Motion made by Trustee Torres and seconded by Trustee Sapienza, it was

VOTED to accept the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

(Trustee Keith Hovan excused himself from the meeting at this time.)

I. Report of the Alumni Trustee

Alumni Trustee Diane Silvia gave her report to the Board.

The Paragon Awards deadline to submit nominations was October 31; reviews of candidates are underway. The event will take place on March 23, 2017.

The Alumni Association is looking for nominees for the Distinguished African American Alumnus Award for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast in January. Please submit nominations to Kate Brezina.

The Engagement Committee meets four times a year. This is a group of Alumni Association Members that meets to discuss ways in which to get non-steering committee members more involved. It is co-chaired by Cindy Flanagan and Phil Oliveira.

The next Alumni Association Meeting is on December 14.

Upon a Motion made by Trustee Volterra and seconded by Trustee Rose, it was

VOTED to accept the Report of the Alumni Trustee.

J. Report of the Foundation Relations Committee

Trustee Diane Silvia, Chair of the Foundation Relations Committee, gave her report to the Board.

The next BCC Foundation Meeting will be held on December 14.

Trustee Sapienza asked how much money has been raised to date. President Sbrega said that approximately \$8 million has been raised, however he would get the exact figure from Vice President Elizabeth McCarthy and forward it to the Board.

K. Report of the Student Trustee

Student Trustee Samueal Lema gave his report to the Board.

Teaching for Change Initiative – Founded by the STEM Starter Academy Grant, this initiative provides a STEM Go Green Program and Robotics workshops. It works with Fall River Rotary Club and YMCA to set up tutoring in local schools. They have asked

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O. Old Business

Trustee Torres made a motion that the Board of Trustees reviews the “Continued Action Items” from the Board Retreat at the next Board of Trustees meeting. This was seconded by Trustee Volterra and it was

VOTED that the Board will review the “Continued Action Items” from the Board Retreat at the next meeting.

P. New Business

Trustee Sapienza requested a motion that the President convene a Task Force for program offerings. It should be a working group comprised of members of the Board of Trustees, Deans and other Administrators for consideration of new space.

Upon a Motion made by Trustee Rose and seconded by Trustee Volterra, it was

VOTED to accept the motion.

Trustee Rose requested more information on the Grab and Go Pantry. Ms. Wordell said she would forward an email with the information and submittal form from the BCC Foundation regarding donations.

Q. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Silvia declared the meeting adjourned. The time was 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Max Volterra, Esq., Secretary

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Date Approved

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