

## THE OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Big Bend Community College Board of Trustees held its regular Board meeting Thursday, May 26, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the ATEC Hardin Community room in Building 1800 on the Big Bend Community College campus.

### 1. Call to Order

Present: Jon Lane  
Anna Franz  
Mike Villarreal

Veteran George Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance. He reported that he served 15 years as a Russian linguist for Air Force diplomatic interpretation. He said the focus in BBCC classes balances theory and practicum. He plans to transfer to CWU in the fall.

### 2. Introductions

ASB President Blake Springer introduced 2016-17 ASB President Matt Alvarado.

### 3. Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Study Session and Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 7, 2016 (A); b) President's Update (I); c) Student Success Update (I); d) Accreditation (I); e) Assessment Update (I); f) Capital Project Report (I); g) Safety & Security; h) Human Resources Report (I); i) Classified Staff Report (I); j) Enrollment Report (I); k) Quarterly Budget Report.

Motion 16-30 Trustee Jon Lane moved to approve the consent agenda.  
Trustee Mike Villarreal seconded, and the motion carried.

There were no public comments.

### 4. Remarks

a. ASB President Blake Springer reported ASB and club activities. ASB held a Pandafest on Tuesday, April 12, with 275 in attendance, followed by a terrific motivational speaker, Ash Beckham, who was co-sponsored by ASB and the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) club.

There were 155 students/employees at ASB's quarterly movie night in Ephrata at the Lee Theater. The first ASB Casino night entertained 100 students.

ASB also hosted Fiestafest with 154 attending. They also provided motivational speaker Luis Ortega as part of the multi-cultural program.

ASB brought comedian Lucas Bohn to campus. Student Recognition Night was attended by 225 people, ~~attend~~ and 36 students and one part-time and two full-time faculty members received awards. Developmental English Instructor

Dawnne Ernette announced the winners of the Big Bend Community College Writing Contest at the Student Recognition Night.

ASB will end the quarter with a family Surf 'n Slide night June 6~~th~~ for all students and their immediate family members to attend for free. June 7 there will be free pool in the game room and in the evening, ASB will sponsor free pizza and soda for the Library Campout. The library will be staying open late that evening as well.

Two advisors and two students attended PTK's international conference "NerdNation" in Washington, DC April 6-9. Monday, May 9, PTK inducted 22 new members. The chapter held a car wash June 6, and they provided concessions for the ASB Third Thursday event May 19 and the April 23 Central Basin Community Concert Association.

PTK assisted in the BBCC Job & Career Fair, Educate! and Cellarbration! They are getting ready to conduct their quarterly Book Buy Back Bake Sale Wednesday and Thursday, June 8-9.

Members will be assisting in the Commencement ceremony, serving as grey gowns. Phi Theta Kappa will host the PTK Greater NW Regional Summer Conference July 16-17 on the BBCC campus.

- b. STAR Committee Co-Chair Robin Arriaga provided the Classified Staff update, reported on the campus community service project, and thanked Barbara Collins for working with the City of Moses Lake to coordinate the Vision 20/20 clean-up day. Employees accomplished lots of work and enjoyed getting to know other employees. Robin thanked Instructor Jennifer Brooks for organizing nursing students to help with the project.

President Leas held two local and global discussion sessions for Classified Staff April 14, which provided staff an opportunity to discuss issues with him. May 19 Workplace Etiquette and Professionalism training was offered.

Classified Staff donated a planter to the Cellarbration! auction. Barbi and Rob Johnson added flowers to the planter.

May 17 co-chair Robin Arriaga met with President Leas to discuss the recommendations for the Presidential Award for Meritorious Service.

The next Classified Staff community service project will be focused on honoring veterans by helping participants during a Veteran's parade.

- c. Faculty Association President Kathleen Duvall reported faculty news. Librarian Libby Sullivan shared that the Bonaudi Library will host its first "college reads" program starting next fall. Thanks to a generous donation, the library will provide

120 books on a first-come, first-served basis to students who want to participate in this college-wide book club. This year, the book will be *We Live in Water: Short Stories*, by Jess Walter. The author, who lives in Spokane, will be coming to visit the college in November to do a reading as well as a Q&A session with the college community. You can find out more about both the book and the reading program on the college library website (at <http://libguides.bigbend.edu/home>), under the One Book, One College link.

Criminal Justice and Psychology Instructor Dr. Ryann Leonard reported that May 19, the 10th and last annual Community Partnership Against Substance Abuse Event was held on campus. Over 150 local middle and high school students attended as well as college students. A mock crash educated attendees about the dangers of driving while impaired ~~with our youth~~.

English Instructor Matt Sullivan volunteered to be a judge for the Write-on-the-River Fiction contest again this year. Write-on-the-River is a community organization based in Wenatchee that focuses on bringing writers from the region together for events, readings, and education related to writing and publishing. For the contest, he read and ranked a lot of short stories, mostly written by people in our region, helped pick the winners, and wrote critiques with feedback and advice for the entrants. Also, a few weekends ago, Write-on-the-River hosted their annual conference at Wenatchee Valley College, and Matt was one of the guest presenters. He presented a double-session on Saturday morning called "Here Comes Trouble," about using conflict in stories, as well as two afternoon sessions on generating writing ideas. It was challenging and enriching.

Physics & Astronomy Instructor Dr. Jim Hamm participated in a STEM night at Endeavor Middle School May 19. He set up several physics demonstrations to show kids about electricity, magnetism, and optics. STEM Grant Director Sarah Adams also had a table set up with students from the Lindy Hoppers and the Engineering Club conducting demonstrations.

- d. VP Linda Schoonmaker reported she is working through the permit process for the drone netted facility. The remodel of the administration building (1400) will begin June 27. She is arranging a meeting to coordinate employee moves.
- e. VP Bob Mohrbacher reported enrollment is up at BBCC; many other college enrollments are down. BBCC is not in the situation to cut classes and/or programs like other colleges. The Assessment committee is working with programs on program and degree outcomes. The Northwest Commission on Colleges and University recently stated that BBCC was not articulating and assessing programs regularly, the committee is working on that plan. An ad hoc accreditation visit will occur next spring. BBCC was a Guided Pathways grant finalist but not selected to receive the grant. We will have another opportunity in two years.

Trustee Jon Lane congratulated Dr. Mohrbacher for being chosen as the next President of Centralia College.

- f. VP Kim Garza shared that the faculty negotiations meeting was held last week. Future meetings are scheduled, and they hope to finish by July 31. A special board meeting may be scheduled for the trustees to ratify the draft contract. The Celebration Luncheon is scheduled on June 3.
- g. Executive Director of the Foundation LeAnne Parton reported that Cellarbration! was a wonderful success. She thanked the trustees for their support. The preliminary gross is \$108,807, \$13 over last year's gross. The Intervention Scholarship raised \$12,850.

Executive Director Parton also reported that she has received a verbal donation commitment of \$100,000 for the Aviation Department to be used for the instructors. A call was received today for a nursing department memorial donation.

Trustee Jon Lane asked for a report on the intervention scholarship funds for the next meeting. Executive Director Parton reported that all intervention scholarship awards go through the Financial Aid Director Jeremy Iverson based on information from the student and the faculty/staff documentation of need. The \$10,000 Weinstein Funding is totally disbursed each year. There is also a \$600 nursing intervention fund available.

## **5. Exceptional Faculty Awards (EFA)**

English Instructors Matthew Sullivan and Steve Close presented their EFA reports to the board. Instructor Sullivan shared that he attended many workshops at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference that focused on multicultural issues in creative writing in higher education. He said the wall between genre fiction and academic writing has come down.

Instructor Steve Close teaches a science fiction class. He observed that BBCC is on track with appropriate offerings, which are more appealing than traditional literature classes. He also learned to think about writers less technically and more focused on their perspective and heart.

President Leas presented the EFA checks to Instructors Sullivan and Close.

Trustee Mike Villarreal commented that professional development is an important investment.

At 2:09 p.m., Board Chair Stephen McFadden announced a 15-minute Executive Session to discuss items provided for in RCW 42.30.110 (1): (i)to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions or litigation or potential litigation. The meeting reconvened at 2:25 p.m. with no action taken.

## **6. Rho Zeta Presentation**

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Advisor Barbara Whitney reported Instructors Brinn Harberts and Dawnne Ernette have joined her as advisors, and she is mentoring them. Rho Zeta President Zhane Serrano described the chapter's projects. Rho Zeta completed their Honors in Action (HIA) and College Project (CP) to earn 5-Star designation. Their HIA project focused on hosting a Myers Briggs Type Indicator session for participants based on the idea that when we know ourselves better, we understand others better. The CP involved students signing pledges to officially commit to completing their degrees.

Rho Zeta also hosted the 2015 summer and fall conferences and earned the following awards at the 2016 spring conference: Most congenial chapter, 5-Star, Yearbook Award, Dibraun Fine Arts Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> place HIA Theme, and Advisor Whitney earned the Horizon Award.

President Leas presented Advisor Whitney with a special award pin from International PTK. He also announced that Rho Zeta member Melinda Dourte is the current District 3 Regional VP.

## **7. AmeriCorps Presentation**

AmeriCorps Coordinator Christina Chesnakov shared about the College Access Corps (CAC), which is focused on increasing academic engagement and serving economically disadvantaged youth. She recruited and trained CAC coaches to visit partner schools (Warden, Soap Lake, and Endeavor Middle School) to implement college access activities. The program creates bridge between BCC and local schools to encourage students toward higher education.

CAC Coach and welding student Scott Walker, said he really enjoyed connecting with the students. CAC Coach Thomas Jermyn said his experience coaching has encouraged him to become a teacher; he likes sharing knowledge with others.

Coordinator Chesnakov said the coaches definitely benefitted the students with whom they worked. Scott and Thomas both received the Presidents' Award from WA Campus Compact, President Leas presented.

## **8. Employee Recognition**

Three employees were recommended to the board for Emeritus Status: Instructor John Carpenter, Associate VP Candy Lacher, and Director of Public Information Doug Sly.

### Motion 16-31

Trustee Jon Lane moved to award Instructor John Carpenter Emeritus status. Trustee Mike Villarreal seconded, and the motion carried.

Motion 16-32 Trustee Mike Villarreal moved to award Associate VP Candy Lacher Emeritus status. Trustee Jon Lane seconded, and the motion carried.

Motion 16-33 Trustee Jon Lane moved to award Director of Public Information Doug Sly Emeritus status. Trustee Mike Villarreal seconded, and the motion carried.

Five classified staff nominees were recommended to Dr. Leas for Presidential Awards for Meritorious Service. President Leas said Kim Helvy worked in the BBCC payroll area for 25 years. She also participated in volunteer activities such as the BBCC Relay for Life Team. Donna Brown worked in the math lab and was employed by BBCC for 18 years. She provided math and science assistance to students and was “the glue that held the department together.” Aviation program coordinator Irene Osumi worked for BBCC 25 years. She was very encouraging to students and volunteered for the BBCC Relay for Life Team. Hope Strnad was an integral part of the business office, described as a “legend,” for 31 years. She also worked with the Classified Staff Committee and the BBCC Relay for Life Team. Lastly, Garry Helvy was the campus carpenter for 31 years. Every building contains a piece of Garry’s master craftsmanship. He often assisted students behind the scenes and was also part of the BBCC Relay for Life Team. The Presidential Award for Meritorious Service is an important recognition of the important service classified staff perform. Trustee Jon Lane commented on the great value of this honor.

## **9. Nursing Program Presentation**

Katherine Christian, Director of the Nursing Program, presented information on balancing rigor and retention in the nursing program. There have been many changes in the nursing profession since Director Christian became a nurse in the 1970s. Soft skills, technical skills, and knowledge requirements are all required upon graduation. The nursing program includes 24 students per year, 80+ applications are received, there is a 50-point admission matrix, and an 80% grade is required to pass.

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) scores are used along with work experience in the admissions matrix leading to more successful students.

Passing the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) is required for licensure. To meet accreditation standards, the nursing program must also maintain student first-time exam pass rate at or above the national mean, which was 85% in 2015. The classes are offered in sequence and if students do not pass a class, they must wait two years to re-enter the sequence. Director Christian counsels students, and the Intro to Healthcare Studies is a nursing survival skills class.

The 2005 nursing student cohort experienced the departure of two directors and the NCLEX pass rate dropped to 62.5% with an 88% retention rate. The retention rate and pass rate often swing opposite, one is down and the other is up. In 2013, the nursing program incorporated flipped classrooms using recorded lectures. Changing the model

was difficult for students. The 2014 cohort has a higher satisfaction rate than the 2013 group. BBCC's program out performs the state attrition and pass rate.

Trustee Jon Lane thanked Director Christian for the informative presentation and said he was impressed with the nursing graduates he recently encountered at Samaritan Healthcare. Trustee Mike Villarreal commented that the evolution of the program with the flipped model is creating better nurses and educators.

#### **10. League for Innovation**

SIM Tech Coordinator Andrea Elliot shared information about her and Early Childhood Education Development Specialist Jenny Nighswonger's attendance and Excellence Awards at the 2016 Innovations Conference in Chicago, IL. Biology Instructor Kathleen Duvall also attended and earned an Excellence Award. Instructor Duvall's award was based on her combined class of botany and drawing. Specialist Nighswonger's award was for redesigning curriculum to meet state competencies for accessibility and transfer pathways. Coordinator Elliot's award was for coaching healthcare faculty to think innovatively to implement a high-fidelity medical simulation lab. The conference highlighted the Integrity Challenge, which included ideas for processing ideas about honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage with students. Coordinator Elliot has implemented this model in her classroom. They also shared ideas for new faculty teaching academies, which will be incorporated into a Canvas class.

#### **11. Assessment of Board Activity**

Trustee Jon Lane reported that he is campaigning to become the ACT Conference president, and he is focusing on celebrating success, partnering with K-12 partners, and creating safe and welcoming campus environments. He attended the recent WACTC meeting in his role as ACT President-elect. Trustee Lane also shared that he helped develop an active shooter video. He will provide the video to Melinda for sharing.

Trustee Lane stated there is an inadequacy in funding for Higher Education compared to K-12. Community colleges train over 360,000 students a year. As an engine for social and economic equity, we should not be funded last. Trustee Lane also stated that he attended Cellarbration! and the JATP farewell picnic.

Trustee Mike Villarreal reported that he attended the industry lunch meeting in Othello, which is linking Simplot, McCain, and other leaders to community resources and workforce opportunities. He attended Cellarbration! and was impressed with BBCC alumni Timothy Woodiwiss.

Trustee Anna Franz attended the ACT conference and Cellarbration!

#### **12. Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled on June 10. VP Linda Schoonmaker will present the draft 2016-17 operating budget.

**13. Miscellaneous**

President Leas reported that he met with Moses Lake School District (MLSD) Superintendent Michelle Price. They discussed linking CBTech's Criminal Justice program to BBCC. They also discussed the Early Childhood Education program and ideas to address the teacher shortage. We will work to schedule a joint meeting with the MLSD School Board and the BBCC Board of Trustees.

Dr. Leas announced the BBCC Band concert will be held June 7.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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Anna Franz, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

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Terrence Leas, Secretary