

Bristol Community College
Fall River, Massachusetts

Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2019

I. Call to Order

The three hundred and sixty-eighth regular meeting of the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 6, 2019, in the Community Room NH 25 at Bristol Community College's New Bedford Campus on 800 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts. Chair Joan Medeiros called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.

Trustees present: Joan Medeiros, Chair; Frank Baptista; Samir Bhattacharyya; Valentina Videva Dufresne; Sara Hincapie; Keith Hovan; Lynn Malasi; Anthony Sapienza; Sandra Saunders, Esq., Secretary; Diane Silvia; and Steven Torres, Esq., Vice Chair.

Trustees absent: None.

II. Chair's Remarks

Chair Medeiros welcomed all to the meeting.

III. Consideration of Consent Agenda Items

Chair Medeiros asked if any consent agenda items needed to be moved to the regular agenda. There were no items to move. She then read the Consent Agenda Items listed and asked for a motion to approve said items.

- Minutes of Board of Trustees Retreat of March 19, 2019
- Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting of April 1, 2019
- Financial Update Report – Vice President S. Kenyon
- Report of Personnel Actions
- Report of Workforce and Community Education Contracts

Upon a motion made by Trustee Torres to accept the Consent Agenda Items and seconded by Trustee Silvia, it was

VOTED to accept the Consent Agenda Items.

IV. President's Report

President Douglas introduced Vice President for Academic Affairs Suzanne Buglione who explained the first of three Talking Points for the Board of Trustees:

CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CAREER PATHWAYS (CECP) GRANT

The Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) has awarded Bristol Community College a renewable three-year CECP grant in the amount of \$139,560 to address some of the challenges facing the Early Childhood Education field. These challenges include a severe shortage of diverse, qualified staff to fill certified educator positions, as well as the lack of a career pathway leading to increased credentialing, education and compensation.

This summer, with four community partners, Bristol is offering an intensive course for childcare workers to help them overcome common obstacles to progressing in the Early Childhood Education Program, passing our English 101 course. The course will promote competency-based engagement in integrated reading, writing, oral communication and technology literacy using Open Educational Resources (OER). The grant supports childcare, transportation and Spanish and Portuguese translators.

Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management Ed Cabellon presented the second Talking Point:

PORTUGUESE FAMILY NIGHT AND PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE DAY

On April 18, 2019, Bristol held its first-ever Portuguese Family Night at the Fall River campus. In total, 68 people attended the event representing current students, faculty, staff, potential students, alumni and community partners. Of those in attendance, 28 set foot on campus for the first time. Ten were identified as new probable students to Bristol. The night featured music, a Portuguese meal, and a live broadcast by our own Frank Baptista, founder and host of Radio Voz do Emigrante. Bristol Community College students from the *Luso*Centro and Portuguese interpreters program's spoke to attendees about their educational journey in English and Portuguese.

On May 2, 2019, Portuguese Language Day was hosted by the *Luso*Centro at Bristol Community College. Approximately 650 local middle and high school students and teachers attended the event which featured the vibrant rhythms, colors and flavors of Brazil. Soccer, music, history and "capoeira" (a mix of martial arts and dance that originated among Brazilian slaves), were part of the program. The purpose of this event, which has been celebrated at the college since 1991, is to celebrate the Portuguese language and the cultures that are associated with its roots. The Portuguese language and its many cultural manifestations are engraved in our community and are strongly represented at Bristol by students, faculty and staff from Brazil, Angola, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, Cape Verde and São Tomé and Príncipe.

Vice President Buglione presented the third Talking Point:

BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH AND DIMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL CAP PROGRAM

On Friday, May 3, 2019, Bristol Community College, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (UMD) and Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU), launching the *College Access Pathway (CAP) in Engineering* that allows students to undertake college-level courses with Bristol during their junior and senior high school years. The courses that students take with Bristol, will seamlessly transfer to UMD and be applied toward the university's bachelor's degree requirements in engineering.

By completing the *College Access Pathway (CAP)*, following their traditional four-year high school education and graduation, students will earn their bachelor's degree in engineering in only three additional years. Students who complete the program with a bachelor's in engineering from UMD will see a cost savings of \$22,824. Using this model, Bristol will be able to develop additional CAP programs with a variety of high schools and four-year institutions.

(Trustee Samir Bhattacharyya arrived to the meeting at this time – 4:22 p.m.)

Vice President for Marketing and Communications Joyce Brennan spoke regarding the *29 Who Shine* event held on May 3, 2019, at the State House in Boston. Bristol Community College's *29 Who Shine* recipient for 2019 was Jennifer Santana. Jennifer was a survivor of domestic violence and helped Bristol launch the Women's Center. After graduating this June, Jennifer will transfer to Bridgewater State University to study social work.

Executive Director of Development Paula Popeo spoke about the CARE Team success. The Bristol Foundation funded \$10,000 for student emergency situations to help prevent them from falling through the cracks. The Foundation has had six referrals from the CARE Team. Lisa Wright, professor in the Medical Assistant program, helped a student with a housing dilemma find temporary housing until permanent housing could be found. The Foundation funded this endeavor. The student is to graduate at this year's commencement on June 1.

President Douglas distributed an update on her approved goals.

V. Report of the Facilities Committee

Trustee Anthony Sapienza, Chair of the Facilities Committee, reported about the Committee meeting held on April 1, 2019.

- Davol Street Lease Update – the Committee voted on parameters in Executive Session for management to negotiate the termination of the lease at Davol Street. We expect to be out of the Davol Street location by October 2019. This situation

is requiring the college to relocate the entire Fall River ABE and Workforce programs to the Elsbree Street Campus.

- Learning Commons, Title III - Bristol Community College was selected to receive a Title III grant of \$449,707 per year for five years. Between the grant funds and college match, we will be creating learning commons in Fall River, New Bedford and Attleboro. The learning commons was created in Taunton a couple of years ago. Fall River is happening this summer. New Bedford is scheduled as part of the fifth floor renovation project which will begin in May 2020. Attleboro will happen in two to three years dependent upon the results of a capital campaign. We are hoping to hear from the Robert Stoico Foundation in May about their commitment to this campaign. (A learning common is an educational spaces, similar to libraries and classrooms that share space for information technology, remote or online education, tutoring, collaboration, content creation, meetings and reading or study.)
- Deferred maintenance projects – all state funded. Two major projects will become visible on campus after graduation: the electrical infrastructure and our underground steam line replacement, both at our Fall River campus. Each project is budgeted for \$6 million to \$7 million. Window replacement in the Commonwealth Center and Theater buildings will cost \$600,000. Roofs for the Business and Math buildings will cost \$1.3 million.
- New Bedford projects:
 - The bookstore moved from the Star Store to Purchase Street.
 - The library will be moving over the summer to Purchase Street.
 - The roof is in extremely poor condition and is well past its useful life expectancy. It will be replaced this summer at an estimated cost of \$500,000.
- Taunton – new signage for the interior and exterior was recently completed.
- New Bedford Wind Energy Center - there are still many moving parts. The college is routinely meeting with several major companies involved in the offshore wind industry. We have set our goals on becoming the training provider for the industry in the Bristol County area. The college is working with the New Bedford Economic Development Office to identify locations to house the National Offshore Wind Institute. We are looking at short-term space to get our program up and running with long-term plans to be located at the Eversource site should it develop into the area's offshore wind focal point of activity.

VI. Report of the Student Trustee

Student Trustee Sara Hincapie gave the following report:

- Results of the Student Trustee’s Survey that addresses concerns such as space on campus, culture and community will be discussed at the June 11 Board Meeting.
- Student Trustee elections are being conducted May 6 – 8.
- Students may pick up their cap and gowns at the new bookstore in Fall River located in C Building. Students no longer have to provide a copy of their transcripts to pick up their regalia.
- Classes end on May 9 with final exams beginning shortly after.

VII. Professor Emeritus Awards

President Douglas said the nominations presented to the Board of Trustees for approval for the Professor Emeritus Award were:

- Yanjun Chen
- Cecil Leonard
- Marlene Pollock

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

VOTED to approve the nominations for the Professor Emeritus Award.

VIII. Request for Approval of New Program

The following new program was submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval:

- Physical Therapy Assistant Program (*Associate in Science*)

Vice President Buglione and Dean Lynne Brodeur said they were both very excited about this new program. There is such a need for this in the area. Dean Brodeur said that it has been in the works for a while; Trustee Sapienza has been very passionate about bringing the program to New Bedford. The program has progressed through the process at our college with curriculum approval and now requires approval from the Board of Trustees. V.P. Buglione said that once the Board approves the program it will then be presented to the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education for approval and go through a national accreditation, which is a one-year process.

Upon a Motion made by Trustee Baptista to approve the new Physical Therapy Assistant Program (*Associate in Science*) and seconded by Trustee Saunders, it was

VOTED to approve the new program.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

X. New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Medeiros declared the meeting adjourned. The time was 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Saunders, Esq.

Sandra Saunders, Esq., Secretary

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Date Approved

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