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BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 26, 2014

1) DONVEIN

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Berkshire Community Coflege was held on Tuesday, August

26, 2014 in the General Bartlett Room, Susan B. Anthony Building. Chair Rodowicz called the

meeting to order at 4:29 pm.

Chair Rodowicz, Vice Chair iYndio, Trustees Bradway, Caccaviello, Ingegni,

Laurens, Supranowicz, Wynn and student trustee Chipalo

President Kennedy; Vice Presidents Bullock, Feinerman, Law, and

Muiholland; Assistant to the President, Kim Brookman, Other Guests:

Christina Barrett, Gabby Brooks (student), Reena Bucknell, Lynette

Cornwell, Kalvin Dziedziak (student), Anna Fos.s, Samantha Herman

(student),Jeffrey Hiltpold, Charles Kaminski, Jonathan LevineWest,

Michael Zsofka (STEM Academy student)
Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve

the minutes of the June.17 2014 meeting.
Reena Bucknell, Criminal Justice Professor spoke about BCC’s Downtown Ambassador

Program and introduced three of the ambas.sadors, Kaivin• Dziedziak, Sr.mantha Herman, and

Stephen Streeter, in th.is pilot program, am be.ssadors provide helpful information to tourist.s

and resident.s alike. f.ssisting with information on down.town parking, dining, shopoing., and

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Christina B.arrett spoke about BC’s on Campus S.tudent Ambassador Program and

introduced three of the on campus ambassadors, Gabby B•• rooks, Edson Chipalo, and Laura

Szczepaniak. The on C•••.a..npus Student Ambassador Program recruits qualified students to

represent Berkshire Community College in a number of initiatives, serving as role models and

mentors. This group of trained student representatives provides the cam.pus with an

additional resource of student leaders to assist new and current students, represent 1 he

college in outreach efforts, assist in campus wide events, provide support to the Admissions

and Student Life Offices a.nd promote the image of 9CC, including appearing in college

promotional material.s and working with faculty, staff and students to prom.ote the college’s

programs and services.

b. New Website

Christina Barrett, Director of Marketing & Student Recruitment introduced BCC’s new logo and

gave a brief runrthrough of the new website which now includes an online application form.

c. NEASC Report

Chuck Prescoit, Professor of English, and Margaret Stephenson, Interim Director of

Institutional Effectiveness reviewed BCC’s 5th year NEASC report. This report an•• alyzes,

appraises, and reflects upon progress made since the last comprehensive SelfStudy

submitted in 2009.

Areas of amp sis covered in the report ware:
1. Completing the implementation of the core compatencias and using the results of this

and other assessments to enhance institutional effectiveness.

2. Improving the use of data reflecting the success of developmental education in

preparing students for succ€ss in credit bearing instruction.

3. Assuring the continuation of student services currently provided through grant-

supported initiatives and federal stimulus funds.
4. Implamarting systematic and integrated evaluation activities across the collage and

using the results for improvement.

Professor Prescott raad the raflactiva assay, antitlad “Traveling Hopefully,” to the Board. “The

motto of Berkshire Community Collaga is a quotation drawn from Robert Louis Stavanson: “To

travel hopefully is a. battar thing than to arriva” The point of assassmant is to help us pinpoint

the moments that occur while traveling: along that path, to understand how and w[y those

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d. Hawthorne/Melville Update

Scott Richards’s gave an update on the Hawthorne/Melville renovation project, particularly

the timeline for the project. The certified study was completed in August. Schematic design

is scheduled for September, construction management for November, and design

development for January with all faculty being temporarily relocated to Melville. The timellne

Is very aggressIve.

e. Road Scholar Presentation

Unda Morelli, Director of Non-Credit Instruction introduced Lynette Cornwell, Elderhostel

Coordinator. Ms. Cornwell presented on BCC’s Road Scholar Program. The program was

founded in 1975 by Marty Knowlton and David Bianco and beginning on a few college

campuses In New Hampshire. BCC adopted the program in 1994, calling it Elderhostel. The

program has grown enormously over the past twenty years.

f. STEM Starter Academy

September Third Thursday. All proceeds from this

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7) OTHER BUSINESS

a. Old -None.

b. New -None.

c. Upcoming Events -President Kennedy reviewed the upcoming events.

8) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held on October 7,

2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim rookman

DATt September 28,2014

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Darlene Rodowlcz, Chair
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