

BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 6, 2020

1. CONVENING

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Berkshire Community College was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 100 State Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201.

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AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITY UNDER GAAS

We have a responsibility to conduct our audit in accordance with auditing standards

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David Dilulis briefly shared the Financials focusing on the following:

- page 16 - Assets, Capital Assets, Cash
- page 16 - Liabilities and Net Position (\$44.6 million)
- page 17 - Revenues and Expenses (\$400,000 profit)
- page 18 - Changes in Net Position (\$1.2 million to unrestricted)

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Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Berkshire Community College Board of Trustees

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accepted the FY20 Financial Audit Report, which was performed by O'Connor & Drew as of June 30, 2020.

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- a. Employee Introductions (see attached list)

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We recognize that there is a fundamental connection between individual reflection and

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examining and challenging our biases with the goals of: creating a feeling of belonging, connectedness, and safety for all; investing in the personal growth of students and all who

[REDACTED]

Melody Fisher gave examples of how she incorporated this theme into two of her classes.

Introductory Psychology (PSY-107)

Social Psychology (PSY-207)

- The task: Use your new knowledge to analyze and understand this election!
- Post examples of persuasive ads
- Develop a project to encourage voting
- Debate the role of conformity in sharing political opinions
- Identify propaganda
- The quiz where you examine images of real social media content and decide whether it's from a legitimate account or an internet troll.

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d. Open Educational Resources @ BCC – Karen Hines, Andrea Robare

Associate Professor of Business, Karen Hines began the presentation with a quote from the United Nations.

“...higher education shall be equally accessible to all”

Hines shared the following data:

- Survey at 10 community colleges (4312 students responding): 1 in 5 students were hungry, 13% were homeless.
- 23% of low-income sophomores worked a job between the hours of 10pm-8am.
- A generation ago, public colleges/universities got an average of 75% of budget from state. Today, it's about 50%.
- 50-80% of sticker price comes from non-tuition costs.
- The average net price for a year at community college equals 40% of a low-income family's annual income.

Approximate public university expenses from 1995-2015: 16-25% of a middle class family's annual

Students are told to budget between \$1040 - \$1440 for books and supplies each year. How

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- Purchase an older edition of the textbook
- Delay purchasing the textbook
- Never purchase the textbook
- Share the textbook with other students
- Download textbooks from the internet

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning and research materials in any

Reference Librarian, Andrea Robare talked about some ways that BCC is helping.

Andrea showed the following link to the group and explained some of the student and instructor resources. She also showed some of the programs offered, progress being made, and goals for the future.

- [redacted] Advisory Council and MA Department of Higher Education presented two workshops to faculty in May. The workshops were incentivized with a small stipend.
- Faculty learned the basics of Open Educational Resources and wrote a review of a textbook in the [redacted] (OTN).
- 18 BCC professors attended either workshop.
- Worked with professors on searching databases on our BCC
- Library purchased a suite of 23
- Created a Moodle workshop for faculty working on OER
- OER Committee created

Goals:

- OER workshops

60th Anniversary

11/10/2014 11:50 AM - 12:00 PM - 11/10/2014 11:50 AM - 12:00 PM - 11/10/2014 11:50 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday, Oct. 22nd at 6:00 pm

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8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Melissa Loidice presented the October personnel items.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously, by roll call vote, to approve the personnel actions for October.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Old – None.

Virtual Statewide Trustee Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 27th Noon - 2pm
[REDACTED]

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 1, 2020.

DATE: December 1, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Brookman

Approved:



(ATTACHMENT II)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES