



BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVED OPEN SESSION MINUTES
January 24, 2017
4 p.m.
Liberty Campus
Mini Conference Center

Board Members Present: Dr. S. Todd Yeary, Dr. Rosemary Gillett-Karam, Ms. Maria Harris-Tildon, Mr. Jay Hutchins, Dr. Donald Gabriel (via conference call), and Ms. Olayeni Popoola.

Board Members Absent: Ms. Pamela Paulk, Dr. Mary Owens Southall.

I. **BOARD ACTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA** (All Actions requiring a vote.)

- A. Adoption of the January 24, 2017 Agenda
- B. Approval of the November 24, 2016 Minutes – Correction of dates
***Correction:** Correct dates on *Unapproved Minutes from October 25, 2016 to November 22, 2016 and on the Closed Session minutes from March 22, 2016 to January 24, 2017.*
- C. College Contracts
- D. Student Government Association (SGA)
- E. AFSCME Local # 1870 at BCCC (Ms. Charlene Gray, President)
***Correction:** Numbers 2, Essential Personnel, and 3, Performance Evaluations have been corrected. Number 4, BCCC Holiday Calendar is being revised to include the missing holiday.
- F. Faculty Senate (Mr. Edward Ennels)

Action: The Board unanimously voted and approved Board Actions/Consent Agenda with above listed revisions.

II. **New Business**

Sabbatical Leave

Dr. Bob Iweha, on behalf of Dr. Tonja Ringgold, presented the request for Sabbatical Leave for Dr. Solomon Iyobosa Omo–Osagie, II.

Dr. Omo-Osagie requests approval for Sabbatical Leave to conduct research for a new book, "*While in the Wilderness: Essays on Empowerment, Perseverance, and Hope*".

Dr. Omo-Osagie's objective is to travel to California, Utah, and Arizona, using the wilderness as a metaphor, and the above listed areas as symbolic, to areas where the appearance seems to be that nothing good can come from when in fact good things do come from these areas. Dr. Omo-Osagie wants to study his theory that good things can and do come out of areas that appear to be in discord.

The Board inquired as to if consideration was given to local areas such as Sandtown Winchester to conduct the desired research and how will this study will be used in his teaching. Dr. Omo-Osagie's responded that he would use the research as a motivational approach to BCCC students to fuse encouragement to students that good things can and do arrive out of in discord environments.

This will be Dr. Omo-Osagie's second sabbatical request with the first being ten year ago which was granted for his research for completion of his PhD dissertation at Morgan State University in history and publication of commercial poetry discussion.

Action: The Board unanimously voted and approved the request for Sabbatical leave for Dr. Solomon Omo- Osagie.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT *

Dr. May stated that the report would stand for itself with the following comments;

Development of the President's Report is compiled of monthly reports from President's Staff that denote the activities, challenges, and achievements of the divisions and his engagements for the month.

Hosted BGE CEO Mr. Calvin Butler as the keynote speaker for the YearUp Graduation.

Support of BCCC faculty and staff attendance at the Women's and Men's Basketball games.

Announcement of the 70th Anniversary of BCCC at the GBC Legislative Session.

The Board inquired as to what outreach to BJC, CCBC, BCCC Alumni has been made for the 70th Anniversary. Dr. Ebrahimi responded that surveys have been sent out in regards to connecting with past BCCC Alumni, invitations will be sent via Eventbrite. Dr. Ebrahimi also gave a verbal agenda of the 70th Anniversary kick off on February 3, 2017. The Board encouraged Dr. Ebrahimi to utilize the

Board for assistance in capturing Alumni and others for attendance at the kickoff event on February 3, 2017 from 1-3 p.m. Dr. Ebrahimi responded that the invitee list is over 4,000 names that include partnership entities as well as alumni.

The Board inquired as to the timeline for announcing the partnership with Achieving the Dream. Dr. Ebrahimi responded that Dr. Ringgold is awaiting the “greenlight” from Achieving the Dream to announce that BCCC is a partnering institution, which will more than likely be done after the BCCC attendance of the Achieving the Dream Conference from February 21-24, 2017.

The Board inquired as to if the 70th Anniversary would afford the opportunity to raise money for the Foundation and if a symposium scheduled. Dr. Ebrahimi responded that a symposium has not been scheduled as of yet; however, proposed dates are for April or May, 2017. As for the opportunity to raise money for the Foundation, Dr. Ebrahimi responded that she will be working with Interim Vice President Dawn Kirstaetter and Director of Development Vanessa Bell on donations from partnerships and alumnus.

The Board suggested that the symposium be considered for the beginning of the next academic year. Dr. May responded that the Board’s suggestion would be considered.

Dr. Yeary announced that Dr. May would be honored by the Afro American Newspaper on February 23, 2017.

UPDATES

- A. Enrollment – Dr. Weber reported that today’s numbers reflect an even percentage for enrollment. Dr. Weber and other Student Affairs staff participated in registration during the week and weekend and plan to continue efforts to increase enrollment.

Dr. Yeary stated that the even percentage is a huge improvement and inquired as to what the trend of enrollment for community colleges. Dr. Weber stated that it was too early to state; however, when the economy is high enrollment increases and when the economy is low enrollment declines. Dr. Weber states that she is encouraged that enrollment would increase for the Spring semester.

The Board inquired as to if the daycare for students was at capacity. Dr. Weber was not able to respond but stated that she would follow up and report back to the Board.

Dr. May reported that he had the opportunity to read to the children in the daycare center last week and estimated that there were about 12 children present but to his understanding that there is usually about 20 children in attendance.

B. Active Search List

Board Chair Yeary stated that the Active Search List information is provided

in the Board Book.

Closing Remarks:

Dr. Yeary stated that a statement regarding an ongoing consideration that is currently happening between Baltimore City Public Schools System (BCPSS) and BCCC regarding Renaissance High Scholl is incomplete although parts of this discussion was mentioned in the Baltimore Sun Papers and on WMAR TV. The action is postponed until further conversations are completed.

IV. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

IX. NEXT MEETING

February 28, 2017, Liberty Heights Campus, Mini Conference Center

ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Gordon F. May, President

BCCC Staff Present:

Ola Akinkuowd, Tope Aje, Leslie Allen, Nicole Becketts, Elena Berrocal, Vera Brooks, Leslie Brown, Maria Cazabon, Daniel Coleman, Nassim Ebrahimi, Patricia Edwards, Edward Ennels, Lauren Gilwee, Charlene Gray, Valerie Grays, Nana Gyesie, Eileen Hawkins, Kemberly Henderson, Will Hug, , Joseph M. Hutchins, Bob Iweha, Samuel Lzume, David Xudong Jin, Brian O'Connell, Scott Olden, Solomon Iyobosa Omo-Osagie, Anil Malaki, Gregory Mason, , John T. McCoy, III., Karen Mobley, Tina Mosley, Shaunta Rao, Dr. Tonja Ringgold, Sylvia Rochester, James Revis, Khadijat Sanusi, Daviedra Sauldsberry, Benita Scott, Sheila Scott, William Shipley, Sabina Silkworth, Daphne Snowden, Chardai Stokes, Gerren Toliver, Chima Ugah, Crystal Washington, Tom Wamalwa, Dr. Marguerite Weber, Dennis Weeks, Jeff White, Vincent Whitmore, Brenda Wiley, Andre Williams, Michelle Williams, Leonard Willis, Juanita Wingo, Diana Zilberman,

Others Present:

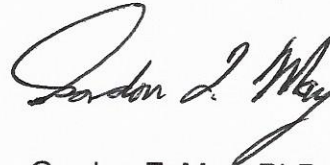
Devone Delly, SGA President
Akilah Radford, SGA
M. Scott, BCCC Student

CLOSED SESSION

The Board voted unanimously, under the Open Meeting Act, State Government Article, and Section 10-508, to convene in Closed Session on February 28, 2017, in the President's Conference Room to discuss real estate, personnel and to obtain legal advice.

***Full report on file in the President's Office**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gordon F. May". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G' and a long, sweeping underline.

Gordon F. May, PhD
President/CEO