

BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVED
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, April 27, 2010, 5:41 p.m.
Fine Arts Theater, Liberty Campus

Board Members Present: Dr. Donald A. Gabriel, Ms. Charmaine Pope, Ms. Katrina Riddick, Dr. Gary Rodwell, Dr. Mary Owens Southall, Mr. Garland O. Williamson, and Dr. Edmonia T. Yates

Board Members Absent: Ms. Kirsten Sandberg Caffrey and Dr. Maceo M. Williams (due to death in the family)

CLOSED SESSION

The Board voted unanimously, under the Open Meeting Act, State Government Article, Section 10-508, to convene in Closed Session at 8:01 p.m., on April 27, 2010, in the President's Conference Room to discuss the Harbor Campus redevelopment, pending purchase of property for future needs of the College, separations of employment, and to obtain legal advice.

I. **PRELIMINARY PRESENTATIONS** (Awards, recognitions, honors, etc.)

Chair Williamson expressed condolences on behalf of the Board and the College to Trustee Maceo Williams for the loss of his sister, Ms. Ruby Williams Townes. He asked for a moment of silence in her honor.

Dr. Alicia Harvey-Smith, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Dr. Therese Bushner, Vice President of Academic Affairs, recognized Mr. Christopher Pelfrey, 2010 Coca-Cola National Finalist Scholarship recipient and Coca-Cola First Team Academic All-American winner; Ms. Lystra Kiser, finalist for the Second Team All Maryland Academic Community College Team; and Mr. Kermardo Henry, 2010 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship recipient, for their exceptional scholastic achievements.

Dr. Therese Bushner recognized Dr. Karen Shallenberger, Professor of Psychology, for coordinating the first Dr. Henrietta Hestick Annual Community Parenting Fair. Dr. Shallenberger thanked the faculty and staff that helped make the event a success.

Dr. Bushner recognized Professor Marianna Gleger, Mr. Ricky Pierce, Chair Bob Iweha, Dean Michelle Harris-Bondima and all math faculty that participated in Math Awareness Week.

President Williams announced that the College will receive the *Energy Star Award for Education* at the upcoming Green Energy Business Opportunity Conference, sponsored by the President's Roundtable. She gave special recognition to Mr. Lucious Anderson, Vice President of Business and Continuing Education, for providing strong weatherization and energy programs at the College.

President Williams reminded the Board about BCCC's Annual Fashion Show. She noted that representatives from the hit show *Project Runway* asked Ms. Sally Di Marco, Fashion

Design Program Coordinator, to identify and encourage BCCC fashion design students to try out for the show.

President Williams introduced Ms. Sara Slaff, Interim Assistant Attorney General.

Chair Williamson asked if any of the good news announcements were publicized in the local media. Ms. Julia Pitman, Dean of Enrollment Management, indicated that the College was recently made aware of the scholarship award. Once the national announcement is made, the press department from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation will contact the College's marketing staff. Chair Williamson recommended using local morning shows to also highlight student achievements. Trustee Riddick suggested highlighting students at the Baltimore City or Baltimore County Council meetings. It was also mentioned that the BCCC Quest program will be highlighted at the next City Council meeting.

II. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None

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

The Board voted unanimously to approve the April 27, 2010, consent agenda with the exception of the Armed Police Officer Policy. The Consent Agenda included:

- April 27, 2010, Agenda
- March 23, 2010, Minutes
- Strategic Planning Policy (scheduled for deletion)
- Dress Code Policy
- Software Use for Faculty & Staff Policy
- Social Networking Policy
- Grievance Policy

IV. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Owens Southall motioned to remove the Armed Police Officer Policy from the consent agenda for discussion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Rodwell. During the discussion, Trustee Riddick motioned to amend the original motion to include all College policies and the Audit Committee minutes. The motion was not carried. The original motion to remove the Armed Police Officer Policy from the consent agenda was sustained.

Trustee Rodwell stated that he is in favor of the College's due diligence to ensure campus safety; however, the circumstances do not warrant a change in policy. The data suggests that the campus is secure and he does not want to send the message that there is a need for armed officers on campus. He commended the Public Safety Department for their excellent service, noting their effectiveness without resulting to violence or carrying guns. He opposed armed police officers on campus.

Trustee Pope stated that as a full-time student she is concerned with the location of the College, citing violence in the surrounding neighborhoods. She is also concerned that the campus is open to anyone. She supported armed officers on campus.

Trustee Riddick referenced the College's weakness with inventory, noting that guns could potentially compound the problem and ultimately end up on the streets of Baltimore City. She recommended more coordination with the Baltimore City Police Department and additional cameras on campus. She opposed armed police officers on campus.

Trustee Yates said she believed that BCCC's officers will act responsibly whether or not they have guns, and she attributed the low crime statistics to the officers' professional nature when interacting with students. She stated that since the officers on campus are trained and certified, they should have the necessary paraphernalia to ensure safety. She supported armed police officers on campus.

Trustee Gabriel stated that it is unfortunate that society calls for police officers in education. He noted that the last few BCCC Crime Statistic Reports were excellent, and commended the Public Safety Department for doing an outstanding job. He opposed armed police officers on campus.

Trustee Owens Southall asked Chief Alvin Winkler, Director of Public Safety, to address the Board. Chief Winkler stated that initially he was not in favor of guns on campus, but he noticed a change in the campus environment. There are small pockets of students that pose a threat to campus safety, and there is suspected gang activity on campus as well. He stated that his officers face incidents where students refer to them as not "real cops" because they do not carry weapons. The officers understand that if they respond to the comments, they not only put themselves in danger, but others as well. Chief Winkler went on to say that all public safety officers on campus are former Baltimore City or Baltimore County Police Officers, so carrying a gun is not a novelty to them. He characterized BCCC Public Safety Officers as exceptional and stated that he supports armed police officers on campus.

Chair Williamson stated that he respects the department's request, but is conflicted based on the Crime Statistic Reports, which show that BCCC is the safest campus in the City. He is also concerned that the image of armed police officers on campus will send a negative message to students. Chief Winkler stated that in spite of the violence in the surrounding neighborhoods, he too is amazed by the low crime statistics on campus. Chair Williamson asked if there is a compromise between the officers having guns or nothing at all. Chief Winkler indicated that tasers are the compromise, but he does not recommend having tasers on campus. He stated that tasers give police officers a false sense of security, and they are more likely to use tasers. Chair Williamson asked if public safety officers have access to the guns that are currently on campus. Chief Winkler indicated that the guns are locked in a safe and only he and the deputy chief have the combination.

Trustee Owens Southall stated she works at a college in this area with armed officers on campus. Their campus, like BCCC, is not in the safest neighborhood, but they do not have a high rate of violent crime on campus. She went on to say that she does not believe the low crime reports are attributed to the fact that officers have guns, but the residents in the surrounding communities have high regard for the College and other businesses in the area. She added that she is not comfortable with BCCC officers having guns to negate negative comments from students. She too, has been challenged by students, regardless of her credentials, but what she found important was the way she handled the situation with the student. She abstained.

Chair Williamson concluded the discussion by stating that this is a very serious issue for the Board and the College. He recommended that President Williams and Chief Winkler discuss the questions addressed by the Board to reach a resolution. He opposed armed police officers on campus.

Action: Trustee Yates motioned to vote in favor of the BCCC Armed Police Officers Policy. The motion was second by Trustee Pope. The motion was not carried and the Armed Officer Policy was not approved. The results of the individual vote are as follows: Two ayes: Trustees Yates and Pope; four nays: Trustees Gabriel, Williamson, Riddick and Rodwell; and one abstention: Trustee Owens Southall.

V. AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Board voted to approve the February 23, 2010, Audit Committee meeting minutes. Trustee Riddick abstained from the vote.

VI. COLLEGE REPORTS

A. Student Governance Board* (Mr. Daimen Poole, President)

Please see the May 25, 2010, Board of Trustees Open Session Board Book for the full report.

B. Senate Executive Committee* (Dr. Carolyn Dabirsiaghi, President)

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Chair Williamson asked what issues the faculty had with the Dress Code Policy. Dr. Dabirsiaghi stated that certain faculty feel that they should have the option to wear jeans and tennis shoes based on their class assignments, and the procedures do not provide that option. President Williams noted that the issue does not pertain to the policy, but the procedures. She added that the executive director of human resources developed a team consisting of representation from the faculty, staff and union, to review the procedures.

C. AFSCME Local at BCCC* (Ms. Charlene Gray, President)

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VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT* (President Carolane Williams)

Please see the April 27, 2010, Board of Trustees Open Session Board Book for the full President's Report.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Gabriel suggested adding the Public Safety Department quarterly report as part of the President's report.

Trustee Rodwell stated that he believes BCCC's Public Safety Officers are doing an outstanding job in keeping the campus safe. His vote to oppose the Armed Police Officer Policy was very difficult, but does not reflect his support of the officers and the exceptional work they do.

IX. COLLEGE PRESENTATION*

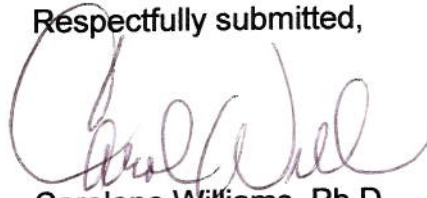
Students from the Math, Dental Hygiene and Bioscience Departments were afforded the opportunity to showcase their subject-matter expertise by participating in interactive exhibits with the Board of Trustees.

Please see the April 27, 2010, Open Session Board Book for the full report.

X. **NEXT MEETING**
May 25, 2010, Liberty Campus

The Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Carolane Williams", written in a cursive style.

Carolane Williams, Ph.D.
President

ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Carolane Williams, President

BCCC Staff Present:

Mr. Ted Along, Mr. Terry Bolden, Ms. Lorraine Brown, Ms. Lydia Chiosi, Mr. Jim Chitwood, Mr. Jim Coleman, Dr. Carolyn Dabirsiaghi, Ms. Deneen Dangerfield, Ms. Beatriz del Castillo, Mr. Edward Ennels, Ms. Joan Finucci, Dr. John Flynn, Ms. Darlene Goodwin, Ms. Charlene Gray, Ms. Karen Guilford, Dr. Katana Hall, Mr. Thomas Hampton, Ms. Shawn Harrison, Dr. Alicia Harvey-Smith, Dr. Bob Iweha, Mr. Stephen Jones, Mr. Frank Lance, Ms. Nikita Lemon, Mr. Charles Lonick, Mr. Vincent Moore, Ms. Kathy Odell-Carlson, Mr. Patrick Onley, Mr. Stewart Parker, Dr. Shanta Rao, Ms. Stephanie Reidy, Ms. Jean Richie, Ms. Daviedra Sauldsberry, Dr. Karen Shallenberger, Mr. Herbert Sledge, Mr. Ron Smith, Ms. Daphne Snowden, Mr. Mike Stephens, Mr. Aaron Swanson, Dr. Michele Towson, Mr. Ja'Hon Vance, Mr. Louis Valentine, Mr. Tony Warner, Mr. Vincent Whitmore, Ms. Brenda Wiley, and Mr. Alvin Winkler.

Others Present:

Mr. Kemerdo Henry, BCCC Student
Mr. Christopher Pelfrey, BCCC Student
Mr. Daimen Poole, BCCC Student
Ms. Lystra Kiser, BCCC Student
Ms. Sara Slaff, Assistant Attorney General