

APPROVED 12-12-07 BLUEGRASS BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Minutes – September 6, 2007

Date: 09/06/07 **Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Recorder: Sylvia Williams

Location: Leestown Campus

Present: Randy Powell, Chair; Bob McNulty, Florence Huffman, Bob Rowland, David Samford, Becky Critchfield, Reginald Thomas, Randy Gonzalez, Jerry Howell, Charlene Walker, Ren Bates, Dave Hellmich, Mark Manuel, Tri Roberts, Vern Kennedy, Linda Epling, Dr. Larry Durrence; also Marilyn Childre, and Michael Jacobs, Omni architect.

Absent:

Agenda/Issues	Discussion	Action
<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Georgetown project</p> <p>President’s Update (Dr. Durrence)</p> <p>Approval of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randy Powell called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. • Dr. Durrence welcomed all present, and introduced the Omni architect and invited him to give an update on the Georgetown campus building initiative. • Michael Jacobs of Omni Architects gave a brief but in-depth review of the proposed design for the new advanced technology center at Georgetown. He explained how the building and the approximate 10 acre setting can be optimized and planned in a sustainable way, giving visibility for arriving students and visitors. The campus will have two buildings, with approximately 250 parking spaces. The building itself can be used as a conference center, with a first and second floor, instructional area, Learning Resource Center, faculty and administrative offices, an atrium/reception area, robot training area, computer labs, machine structure area, welding shop, mechanical storage, dock and loading area. He praised the Scott County/Georgetown Advisory Committee for their input and help in planning this project. The construction budget is well over \$16 million, and this does not include furnishings, equipment or architectural fees. It will be January 2008 before the Kentucky governor signs the bill after the Legislature meets and approves the project, with an estimated completion date of November 2010. It is estimated the project will take 20 months for actual construction work. It is either #1 or #2 on the KCTCS priority list at this time. • Dr. Durrence reported that although overall enrollment has decreased from last year’s figures, we are optimistic that BCTC will see increases this year. He gave some facts, including the unduplicated headcount (273 more students than last year). BCTC will continue adding students until Fall II, and hope our headcount will rise. He cited some areas of concern, including: African American student enrollment is down, indicating that perhaps state universities are actively recruiting and offering better financial aid packages to these students. Dr. Durrence reported that the Hispanic population is growing significantly in our area, and Fayette County’s Hispanic population grew 60+ % since 2000. We are attempting to boost Fall II enrollment by contacting all students who applied but did not enroll. In addition, attempts are being made to improve retention strategies, especially among minority students. It was reported that BCTC has 80 international students this year, with the largest group from Nepal, and the second highest group being from Korea. • Bob McNulty proposed a motion to accept previous minutes from June 7, 2007; this was seconded by Bob Rowland, and approved by the board. 	

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Strategic Plan Update (Randy Gonzalez)

Future Board Meeting Dates

Presidential Search Process (Randy Powell)

Adjournment

- Randy Gonzalez distributed a progress report which concludes the first year of the BCTC Strategic Plan. Randy explained the progress report, citing various Areas of Focus, and indicating how progress has been made for each goal. This update report shows clearly how BCTC has progressed in the past year. This is an informational piece following last July's report. He discussed one of the main areas of concern (enrollment) but explained that many strategies have been identified which should help boost future enrollment.
- The next Bluegrass Board of Directors scheduled meeting date is December 13, 2007, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, off Harrodsburg Road, Lexington (6 pm). Other future dates will be March 2008, June 2008, September 2008, and December 2008. Specific dates will be identified at the next meeting of the board.
- Randy Powell reported that 32 applications have been received, and the statewide screening committee reviewed all applications and cut it down to a total of 12. This statewide screening committee included Dr. Michael McCall, Dr. Keith Bird, and consultant Jeff Hockaday, as well as Randy Powell, BCTC Board chair. The Local Search Advisory Group (LSAG) met two weeks ago, reviewed all 12 finalists and trimmed it down to 4 finalists. Names have not yet been released. A press release will be sent out on September 10, and names will be made public. The LSAG has scheduled all 4 finalists, who will be visiting BCTC campuses over the next 3 weeks. The present (tentative) interview schedule is as follows:

Candidate #1 (9/12-9/14) Board dinner – 9/12
Candidate#2 (9/17-9/18) Board dinner – 9/18
Candidate#3 (9/24-9/26) Board dinner – 9/20

Randy Powell will send a list of interview questions to all board members, for use during the formal interview time at the dinners. Randy plans to hold a conference call with all LSAG members and the board of directors sometime late on Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

It is anticipated that after the last candidate has completed interviews, the board will need to meet again, perhaps on September 26, 2007.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.