

Bluegrass Community and Technical College  
**Staff Council Meeting**  
February 16, 2006

**Members Attending:**

Becky Critchfield, Dianalee Crone, Nancy Dixon, Cindy Downey, Melissa Gabel, Rebecca Simms, Roy Tapp, Kristin Tiedeman, Debby Vantreese, Josh Warren, Natalie Webb, Anthony Roberts (ex-officio)

**President's Update:**

- A new entrance is in the works for the Cooper campus with new signage and updated landscaping. The new building planned for Cooper has already gotten a lot of attention in architectural circles, as this is the first "green" environmental building in KY. It will be more energy efficient, environmentally healthier and include more natural light. Although it will cost more up-front, it will save money in the long run. It is expected to appear in national magazines due to the amount of interest, which will be an additional bonus for BCTC.
  - There will be a student hub on the first floor, including a Learning Resource Center, a TV/game room that will include a pool table and meeting area, a large bookstore, a dining room for students that will open into a multi-purpose room with a portable stage area. Outside will be a courtyard with picnic tables.
  - On the second floor the nursing program will be housed, with the LPN and RN programs together. We're looking at expansion of the nursing program with more evening and weekend opportunities.
  - The third floor will contain the environmental science labs, including organic chemistry, biology and 10 open classrooms.
  - There will be a vegetated roof that can be used for classes as well.
- BCTC has one building in Georgetown and we're hoping to have a campus there in the near future to tie in with Toyota. Currently we have over 500 students who travel from Georgetown and our next focus will be on setting up the campus there.
- Long-range plans include setting up a new technology center on the Leestown campus, which could possibly include the Adult Education and other programs. We're also looking at expanding the Danville campus to combine with EKV.
- Dr. Kerley is continuing to meet with legislators to push for additional funding. We are ready to officially begin a major capital campaign to raise money for the college, with a goal of 5 or 6 million dollars to improve technology, purchase new equipment, increase scholarship monies, and provide more faculty and staff development.
- Diversity issues remain a priority. There has been much talk on radio and in the newspapers about proposed legislation that would prevent Hispanic students and others from coming here. Dr. Kerley continues to speak out on these issues and encourages all of us to do the same. Our mission is for BCTC to be open access and we need to continue to promote this.

**Old Business:**

- Staff Survey Update – There has already been a 30% response rate, with the largest percentage being from those who have been with BCTC for 1-5 years. Larry compiled a summary of the responses and Becky distributed to council members. Once all of the surveys have been received, we will begin looking at possible solutions to areas identified as problems. Continue to encourage all staff members to respond to the survey.
- Website – Loren Zink demonstrated the new website set-up. This will contain links for prospective students, current students, and faculty/staff. There will be a virtual tour of all campuses, information on how to apply, how to register, distance learning, financial aid, employment opportunities, learning resource centers, business and industry solutions and strategic plan. There will be a bulletin board for overall college discussions or campus specific discussions. Important dates, news and events can be posted, as well as cancellations and delays. This should all be up and running in the very near future.

**New Business:**

- End of year celebration committee will be meeting this afternoon to begin plans. We want to see more staff recognition awards and any suggestions should be sent to Becky.
- Staff Appreciation sub-committee is in the process of firming up plans for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of spring break week. There will be several professional development opportunities (some for credit), as well as a staff breakfast on Wednesday and a lunch on Thursday. Prizes will be awarded throughout the week. Activities will be announced as soon as all confirmations are received.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. (Staff Council will not meet in March due to activities scheduled during spring break week.)