

(APPROVED)

**BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**MINUTES OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 11 2022**

1. CONVENING

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Berkshire Community College was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, remotely via Zoom. Chair Bowen read the disclosure that the meeting was being recorded by PCTV. Chair Bowen called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM. Heather Seely took the roll call.

PRESENT: Chair Bowen, Trustees Bateman Chacon, Gonzalez, Kiely, Mirante, Myers and Vrabel

EXCUSED Trustee Moore, Zaffanella, Chacon

ALSO PRESENT: From BCC's Executive Council and President's Cabinet Members President Kennedy; Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Ant Klepetar; Vice President for Administration & Finance A. Wadsworth; Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs L. Gordon; Assistant to the President H. Seely; Director of Human Resources M. Loiodice; Director of Strategic Initiatives M. McLaughlin
BCC Employees and Guests: Sykes, G. Ambriz, K. Osorio, D. Sarlin, N. Delmolino, C. Zinter, L. Dister, D. Buxton, S. Burdick, J. Miller, L. Leta, S. Stanley, N. Pandell, A. Oster, T. Moreno. E, Drury, C. Allerton, K. Penna, A. Starsja, E. Shanahan, E. Trautman, G. Stetson, K. Hines, K. Dujis, M. Mueller, P Coley McCann, S. Williams, B. Tafet

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2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by M. Myers and seconded by P. Mirante it was VOTED by roll call vote, to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2022 meeting

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. New Employee Introduction (see attached)
- b. President's Updates: We have submitted our draft Strategic Plan to Commissioner and expect to have feedback in late October so we can incorporate that and share a draft a few weeks ahead of the November board meeting when it will be formally presented for approval.
- c. HRSA Grant: Human Services, Mental Health and Addiction Recovery. Dr. Karui Dup noted the Human Services Program Certificates currently offered which are stackable credits and are popular choice for students in social work transfer associate degree programs. This grant will enable BCC to hire a project coordinator to oversee and build and expand community partnerships for field placements, hire a mentor to work with students, provide student tuition assistance and provide stipends for students in field

placements. Current and former students spoke in regard to their experiences with certificate programs within human services.

- d. Financial Aid: Kelly Osorio, Director of Student Financial Services introduced two students to talk about the benefits of their financial aid and scholarships and the opportunity to focus more on learning. K. Osorio spoke about the changes that have been happening in federal financial aid including: national forbearance, public service loan forgiveness, fresh start initiative, loan debt forgiveness, proposed repayment term changes (see attached slide deck).

4. FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

L. Kiely shared that the sale of the south county campus has been finalized, monies from that are being invested for future scholarships. Forty Under Forty was a wonderful campus event.

5. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

A. Bateman reported we lost many Student Government Association (SGA) and have been able to recruit some new members. The SGA has been meeting and getting updates from the various departments.

6. ALUMNI TRUSTEE REPORT

M. Myers noted The Alumni Association have been out and meeting folks out in the community. Harvest Run will be happening this week and will support nursing scholarships.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

Trustee P. Mirante reported that committee met to discuss FY22 Audit with draft being submitted and auditors will present in November and after audit presentation will approval 4th Q financials.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

M. Loiodice presented the personnel items from August 31, 2022 to October 1, 2022.

Upon a motion duly made by P. Mirante and seconded by L. Kiely, it was VOTED unanimously, by roll call vote, to approve the personnel actions presented.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54M with motion by P. Mirante and seconded by J. Vrabel and was VOTED unanimously, by roll call vote. The next scheduled meeting will be held on November 29, 2022.

DATE: October 18, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Seely

Approved:

Julie Bowen, Board Chair

Date