

**BEAUFORT COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
February 26, 2015**

The Beaufort County Community College Board of Trustees met Thursday, February 26, 2015, at 10:45 a.m. in the Board Room of Building 10 following a Board of Trustees Retreat on that same date and in that same location.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Russell Smith, Chairman  
Betty Randolph, Vice Chairman  
Jim Chesnutt  
Cindy Davis  
Julian Goff  
Frank "Bo" Lewis  
Cornell McGill  
James "Cotton" Rawls  
Mitchell St. Clair, Sr.  
Dr. Laura Staton  
Bill Wall

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ashley Woolard  
Jordan Pooser, SGA President

The following staff members were present: Dr. Barbara Tansey, President; Dr. Crystal Ange, Vice President of Academics, Mr. Rick Anderson, Vice President of Student Services Mr. Mark Nelson, Vice President of Administrative Services, Dr. Jay Sullivan, Vice President of Research and Institutional Effectiveness, Mrs. Stacey Gerard, Vice President of Continuing Education, Ms. Serena Sullivan, Executive Director of the BCCC Foundation; Mr. Wesley Adams, Director of Campus Operations; Mrs. Betty Gray, Public Relations Coordinator, and Mrs. Jennie Singleton, Executive Assistant to the President. Others present included Rane Singleton, lawyer to the board.

**MISSION STATEMENT/ETHICS AWARENESS**

Chairman Smith called attention to the Mission Statement of the College. In complying with the N.C. State Ethics Commission's directive, Chairman Smith read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Reminder. Hearing no conflict state, Chairman Smith continued with the agenda.

Chairman Smith called on Mr. St. Clair, Sr., Property Committee Chairman, to present a report on a proposed letter of intent to begin discussions with the property owners to purchase property adjacent to the campus. The board was asked for a resolution to allow its chairman to sign the letter of intent so negotiations could begin on the property. Mr. Wall reported that at its recent meeting the Beaufort County Community College Foundation Board of Directors voted to support the effort to buy the property, and, once funds were acquired, would do so on behalf of the college and gift it to the county. Upon motion by Mr. Wall and a second by Dr. Staton, the board unanimously voted to allow Chairman Smith to sign a letter of intent to purchase the property.

In other business, Chairman Smith directed the board's attention to a discussion of a Memorandum of Understanding between the college and the BCCC Foundation Board of Directors and called on Mrs. Rane Singleton to lead a review of a draft memorandum that was presented to the board. Chairman Smith appointed Mr. McGill, Mr. Wall and Dr. Staton to serve on a committee with him comprised also of members of the Foundation's board to work out the agreement.

In other business, Chairman Smith called on Mr. Anderson to present a report on the Student Loan Default Rate. Mr. Anderson reported that BCCC's 2012 draft three-year cohort default rate is now 29.5 percent, up from 6.1 percent the previous year. He noted that this is a draft cohort default rate because colleges are allowed to challenge where they see mistakes that might have occurred that caused the rate to be reported higher than it should be. BCCC will analyze this information to determine if there are any challengeable students in default. Final default rates will be published in September. Information surveys of Financial Aid Directors indicate that more community colleges are opting out of the Federal Direct Student Loan Program due to rising default rates. Currently, 23 out of 58 community colleges participant in the federal loan program. More are considering opting out. He noted that if the BCCC's default rate reaches 30 percent, it is subject to sanctions and if the default rate reaches 40 percent the federal government can deny all financial aid to students at the college. Mr. Anderson noted that BCCC had withdrawn from the federal loan program once in 2008 and if it withdraws again, it will not be able to rejoin the program. Dr. Tansey suggested to the board that BCCC withdraw from the program because it cannot risk losing all federal financial aid. Dr. Staton recommended that the Office of Financial Aid begin asking students for contact information on extended family members to better enable the college to locate students who have defaulted on loans. After additional discussion, the board voted unanimously in favor of a motion by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Dr. Staton, to withdraw from the Federal Direct Student Loan Program and, in the interim, to begin asking loan applicants for contact information for their extended family.

In other business, Chairman Smith called on Ms. Sullivan to present an update on the proposed stage to be built in the grassy area next to the lower level of Building 5. Ms. Sullivan reported that Bryon Lyons had agreed to build the stage at no cost to the college and Builders First Source had agreed to supply the materials to build it at cost. The stage is scheduled to be completed prior to Gullfest.

In other business, Mr. Chesnutt asked that the board be given a presentation on the various aspects of BCCC's Financial Aid so its members can understand how it works.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Smith called for a motion to adjourn. The board unanimously approved a motion by Mr. McGill and a second by Mr. St. Clair, Sr. to adjourn. The board adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

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Russell Smith  
Chairman

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Barbara Tansey, Ph.D.  
President

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Date