

**BREVARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORKSHOP**

June 12, 2006
3:00 p.m.

Board Room (#231)
Administration Building (Bldg. #2)
Cocoa Campus

PRESENT: Mr. C. R. “Rick” McCotter III, Vice Chairman; Mr. James W. Handley;
Mr. James Theriac; Mrs. Kimberly Tsamoutales; Mr. Harold Bistline, Attorney;
Dr. Thomas E. Gamble, Secretary

ABSENT: Mrs. Alberta K. Wilson, Chairman

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. C. R. “Rick” McCotter III, Vice Chairman, called the Workshop meeting to order.

2. GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION:

None.

3. STRUCTURE OF FINANCIAL MECHANISMS:

Dr. Brenda Fettrow, Vice President, Student Services, introduced Ms. Joan Buchanan, Dean, Collegewide Financial Aid, who reported on the financial aid process and procedures. She reported that helping students obtain access to higher education is the critical role of the financial aid office. She added that there are a lot of individuals in the county who, without financial assistance, could not otherwise afford a college education.

Ms. Buchanan reported the Financial Aid office employees 17 individuals; 15 with general financial aid and two who work with veterans' benefits.

She reported on the financial aid application process: (1) the student requesting financial assistance must fill out a Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) form, which can be filed on paper or electronically and is available after January 1; (2) prior year income data from FAFSA is reviewed; (3) student receives a Student Aid Report (SAR), which indicates the Effective Family Contribution (EFC), which is the amount the government expects the student and family to contribute toward educational costs. This form also reports Pell Grant eligibility, (a need-based grant that does not have to be repaid). If the SAR indicates the student has been selected for verification, the college must review forms and databases for any mismatches, known as “C-flags,” for which the student must provide explanation; (4) the college receives an Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) which is uploaded into Banner to generate tracking requirements and bring awareness to unresolved issues; and, (5) after all issues are resolved, the student received an award letter via I-mail or paper.

Ms. Buchanan reported that financial aid sources include federal, state, institutional and outside scholarships. She described examples of the grants, loans and scholarships which are available to students. She further reported numerous independent outside scholarships are available, which must be researched by the individual student.

Ms. Buchanan reported that the college offers financial assistance through scholarships, as well as through work study positions, where the student is paid for employment and utilizes funds for their college expenses. The college is responsible for disbursing funds received for financial assistance through sources such as the Veteran's Affairs, Pell, Bright Futures Programs, and college loans and scholarships. After paying for the students' tuition, a check is sent to the students for the remaining balance of their benefit award or loan. Ms. Buchanan reported on the college disbursements for 2005-2006 and stated federal awards exceeded \$10 million; state awards more than \$2 million; Brevard Community College awards, including Foundation for almost \$1 million; and, other outside awards, including veteran and student assistant benefits, amounted to a grand total of \$18,136,245 disbursed to approximately 5,500 students. Out of this amount, \$6.9 million goes toward tuition and the remaining amount is reimbursed to students and utilized for living expenses. Ms. Buchanan reported in many cases, if students did not receive the funds for living expenses, they would be unable to attend college.

Ms. Buchanan explained that FAFSA forms may be submitted anytime after January. The April 15 date is a suggested deadline, as the earlier filing date increases the student's chances for grant eligibility. Students may continue to apply through June 30 for the fall semester. Ms. Buchanan also explained the Foundation deadline is June 15, as Financial Aid requires a copy of the applicant's high school transcripts, which are usually available by this time.

Dr. Fettrow reported that press releases and television/radio ads are planned regarding the recent legislative ruling that Florida Medallion Scholars are eligible for 100% tuition payment at community colleges versus 75% at state universities. In addition, letters will be sent to recent high school graduates who are eligible for this program, inviting them to attend BCC.

Ms. Buchanan reported financial aid applications are closely reviewed by her staff to ensure the best possible aid package for the students. In addition, students are advised of scholarships and other resources for which they should consider for application. She stated that workshops on this subject are provided to high school students at annual BCC Project Get Ready events to increase student awareness.

Ms. Buchanan reported the legislature recently approved a First-Generation-In-College award for which BCC will be eligible for \$109,000 of matching funds. The administration and Foundation will be reviewing opportunities for these monies, which are need-based and provide an opportunity for those students who might not otherwise receive funding.

Mr. Handley discussed working with Cocoa High to determine the cost if a BCC scholarship is provided to each graduate. Dr. Fettrow explained the Collegiate High program and other programs offered to students, which assists with providing opportunities

to students. Mr. Handley felt that this could perhaps be a Foundation goal or a way to organize the college's scholarships.

Mr. Handley shared that he had envisioned establishing a program such as the one funded and operated by the Harry Rosen Foundation in Orange Park where students are provided funds to attend college if they do well in school. Mr. Little explained that Florida Statutes prohibit tuition discounting so these funds would have to be donated if such a program was provided through BCC.

Dr. Gamble reported on the Rosen program, where they start working with students in grade school, and continue through middle school and high school and is a community investment in the students with a great deal of parental involvement.

Ms. Buchanan reported students have access to computers and the online application process at BCC. Financial Aid is always available to assist students if there are questions or guidance requirements.

At Mr. Theriac's request, the college will provide the Board the percentage of students receiving Bright Futures scholarships.

Mr. McCotter and the Board commended Ms. Buchanan for the excellent presentation. He added that he reviewed the Foundation scholarships provided and was impressed by the number available.

4. YMCA REPORT:

Dr. Brenda Fettrow, Vice President, Student Services, introduced Mr. Dan Ickes, Executive Vice President of Operations, Central Florida YMCA. He introduced Mr. John Vasbinder, District Executive, Brevard County YMCA and Mr. Jeff Girten, Membership Director Cocoa YMCA and Mr. Joe Rowlette, Interim Executive Director and Wellness Director, Cocoa YMCA.

Mr. Ickes reported on the YMCA mission and programs and provided updates regarding the Cocoa YMCA. He reported that more than 1,519 individuals have been served by the Cocoa YMCA, with more than \$164,000 in financial assistance provided, as no person is denied access based on inability to pay. The YMCA scholarship campaign raised more than \$51,000 in 2005 and more than \$57,000 has been raised to-date in 2006.

Mr. Ickes discussed program offerings and membership statistics, which have exceeded expectations; 30% are BCC faculty or staff, participating at discounted rates. Mr. Handley asked why the net loss is higher for this year than it was for 2004-2005. Mr. Ickes reported there were increased expenses and positions were adjusted due to the growth. He further reported that revenue is down in some areas, although the membership is up. He explained that the YMCA will work to correct this deficit within the next few months.

Dr. Fettrow stated that both she and Mr. Little serve on the Cocoa YMCA Board and monitor the financial status on an on-going basis.

Mr. Ickes reported that although expectations are for the YMCA to be self-sufficient, that the program is still in need of the assistance provided by BCC. The goal is to increase student involvement in the YMCA programs, which would assist. Currently, he reported, BCC is paying \$85,000 to offset the cost of student memberships, and also pays for the cost of utilities.

Dr. Gamble reported that during the ten-year agreement with the YMCA, it is hoped that the operation could break-even. BCC would still fund the student fee part, which is essentially the membership. The desire would be for the YMCA to fully fund the operational aspect.

Dr. Gamble asked for a report to the Board by Mr. Little, which would lay out the actual total cost to the college including utilities and services.

Mr. Handley stated he has heard nothing but positive remarks regarding the YMCA partnership and commended the YMCA on the job they are doing. Dr. Gamble also reported positively on the partnership between BCC and the YMCA.

5. FY 2005-06 STRATEGIC PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT:

Discussion deferred to the regular Board meeting agenda.

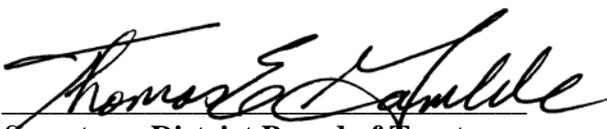
6. FY 2005-06 BOT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS:

Discussion deferred to the regular Board meeting agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The workshop adjourned at 4:00 p.m. and proceeded to the Building 2 Lobby, for a welcome reception in honor of Ms. Tsamoutales.

APPROVED: 
Chairman, District Board of Trustees

ATTESTED: 
Secretary, District Board of Trustees