January 22, 2007
3:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. James W. Handley, Chairman; Mr. C. R. “Rick” McCotter III, Vice Chairman; Mr. James Theriac; Mrs. Kimberly Tsamoutales; Mrs. Alberta Wilson; Dr. James A. Drake, Secretary; Mr. Andy Hament, Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. James Handley, Chairman, called the Workshop meeting to order.

2. BOARD DISCUSSION:

a. Board of Trustee Appointments

Mr. Handley reported recently-elected Governor Crist has chosen to rescind all non-Senate approved Board appointments. As a result, Mr. Theriac and Mrs. Tsamoutales will need to go through the re-appointment and confirmation process; both will remain as Trustees during this process.

b. Meeting Format for 2007

It was the consensus of the Board to continue having a more informal meeting format with rotation to different locations, as requested.

c. Trustees Legislative Seminar

Mr. Handley reported that he and Dr. Drake have been meeting with the legislative delegation, and he reminded Trustees of the legislative conference to be held in Tallahassee on February 21-22 and encouraged participation.

d. University of Central Florida and Community College (UCF-CC) Consortium

Mr. Handley reported the UCF-CC Consortium is making a special legislative request for approval of a $5 million grant to be used for enhancing technology and other Consortium interests. If approved, each participating college, as well as the University of Central Florida, will receive $1 million. Dr. Drake reported each Consortium college is developing a near-term strategic plan for the use of these funds. He further reported BCC will focus on exploring ways to increase access through 2+2 programs,
including joint faculty and joint student service appointments. Regarding the prospect of joint faculty, however, Dr. Drake cautioned that UFF participation in any discussions regarding processes would be required on the College’s part.

e. **Pappas Report**

Dr. Drake reported the recently published Pappas report focuses on baccalaureate access between the Board of Governors and the Florida Department of Education. Dr. Drake reported the Pappas report is similar in a number of respects to a 1999 PEPC report, in which a number of community colleges, including BCC, were proposed for transformation into four-year state colleges. The Pappas report underscores that the Florida state higher education system has a serious access problem that must be addressed. The report encourages the 2+2 model and concurrent use facilities as being a primary route to guarantee access between community colleges and state universities. The Pappas report focuses on the need for access, especially in critical-need fields. Dr. Drake and the Board of Trustees confirmed that BCC will remain committed to developing the 2+2 concept to ensure access to students in Brevard County. Mr. Handley reported that BCC has pro-actively focused on training in high-demand areas with the expansion of the Nursing Program, formation of Educational Prep Institute (EPI) for teachers and the UCF-BCC Pre-Engineering program for applied science shortages but demand exceeds the college’s capacities. Mr. Handley reported more opportunities may arise for partnering with UCF as a result of the formation of the UCF College of Medicine.

Dr. Drake reported the nursing program is challenged for further expansion because of limited availability of and increasing competition for required clinical experience sites. He further reported the Brevard County School District has expressed the need for certain secondary-education programs that are not offered locally by UCF. The University has also been asked to review the feasibility of providing the Doctorate of Education degree in educational leadership and in higher education administration.

Dr. Drake reported he will oversee the gathering of data from the past four to five years to see how well the UCF-BCC partnership has met demand in critical need areas, taking into account competition from other for-profit educational institutions. Mrs. Wilson also requested exploration into the possibilities of approval by the state for further expansion of the Nursing Program.

Further discussion ensued regarding the necessary steps to ensure guaranteed access to UCF for BCC graduates.
Mr. Little stated that although maximizing the 2+2 partnership should continue to be a priority, funding for baccalaureate degree programs is substantially higher than current funding levels. Mr. Handley reported this should further substantiate the current $5 million Consortium grant request. Dr. Denise Young, University of Central Florida (UCF), Associate Vice President, Planning and Evaluation and Interim Vice President, Administration – Southern Region, reported that data collected over time should demonstrate greater student continuity and success from the Consortium’s “Direct Connect” model.

f. Senator Haridopolos’ Manuscript

Mr. Handley reported that a complete book manuscript has been received from Senator Haridopolos well before the due date required by his contractual agreement with the College. He stated that the manuscript, which deals with the political process and how citizens can become more politically involved, is exceptionally well done and stated an opportunity for the college to develop a civic-education institute will be explored.

Mr. Ross reported that grant funds are possible for providing civic responsibility educational opportunities to citizens. Dr. Drake reported he has requested Mr. Walt Gilfilen to explore private and public grant opportunities for a civic-education initiative. Dr. Drake further reported that the manuscript is structured for possible multi-media delivery, with the possibility of using voice-over narration by Senator Haridopolos. Mr. Handley reported that a printed copy of the manuscript will be provided to the Trustees when it becomes available.

g. Building Designation in Recognition of General Titus Hall

Mr. Handley reported he wanted to re-address past discussions regarding the possibility of naming a building on the Palm Bay Campus in recognition of General Titus C. Hall, who was instrumental in obtaining state approval and funding for the establishment of the Palm Bay Campus.

Mr. Handley further reported several buildings have been named in honor of civic leaders, and he encouraged buildings be referred to by name as a tribute to those individuals.

The Board concurred that there is precedent for this type of building designation in honor of significant contributions to the college, whether by an employee or community leader. Dr. Drake agreed to draft a motion or resolution for presentation and approval at a future Board meeting.
3. **REPORT ON NEW SACS REAFFIRMATION PROCESS:**

   Dr. Denise Young, University of Central Florida (UCF), Associate Vice President, Planning and Evaluation and Interim Vice President, Administration – Southern Region, reported on the new SACS reaffirmation process and the experiences and lessons learned during UCF’s reaffirmation process. Dr. Young reported on numerous changes in the SACS reaffirmation process and advised that significant pre-planning during a three-year window is required to ensure success. She further reported that additional staffing and technology will be required during this three-year process.

   Dr. Young suggested that other institutions be contacted during the planning process to inquire regarding successes and failures of their reaffirmation processes and Quality Enhancement Plans (QEPS).

   Dr. Drake circulated to the trustees a letter announcing that Dr. Brenda Fettrow has received a three-year appointment to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges. Dr. Young stated the experiences and insight gained from this appointment will greatly benefit BCC.

   Dr. Drake stated monitoring SACS requirements is an ongoing, continual process, but BCC has the advantage of time and the luxury of gaining insight from other institutions that have recently completed the process. Dr. Young offered her advice and counsel as needed through the BCC reaffirmation process.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:**

   The workshop adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

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**APPROVED:**

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Chairman, District Board of Trustees

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Secretary, District Board of Trustees