

BLUEFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
Boyd Conference Room
4:00 PM., January 5, 2023

Members Present: Mr. Charlie Cole (chair), President Robin Capehart, Mrs. Cathy Deeb, Dr. Deirdre Guyton, Mr. Mike Hasting – via phone, Mr. Mike Lilly, Mr. Randall Price, Mr. Shannon Remines – via phone, Mr. Darrin Martin – via phone, Mr. Anthony Tolley – via phone, Mrs. Rebecca Peterson, Mr. Bill Cole, Mr. Gabriel Nesmith

Guests: Brent Benjamin, EVP/General Counsel; Dr. Ted Lewis, Provost; Ronnie Hypes, CFO

Welcome, Chair's Remarks, and Call to Order: Mr. Charlie Cole:

Chair Cole determined that a quorum was established, then he called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM in the Boyd Conference Room.

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: Chair Cole received confirmation that Board members had reviewed minutes of the Board's meeting held on Regular Meeting held on November 3, 2022. Hearing no requests to correct or revise the minutes, the minutes of the September and October's Special meeting were accepted by assent of the Board.

Board Committee Reports: Chair Cole confirmed that Board members had reviewed reports of the most recent Board Committee reports. Hearing no requests to correct or revise the minutes, the minutes of the December reports were accepted by assent of the Board

President's Report:

President Capehart reported that it is essential that items discussed and agreed upon be implemented during this Spring Semester. We need to become an elite university. We achieve this by: Focus on Value; Curriculum that addresses needs; Cognitive skill as well as field of study development; Students who want to learn; Admissions that is both open (University) and selective (colleges and schools); Personalized recruiting; High quality faculty. Building on our strong foundation: Vision; Engaged board; High need, high demand, high wage applied programs; Fiscally sound; Know who we are. And focus – correct our red flags: Business school lack of performance; Nursing school licensure exams; Faculty rant; Student complaints; Lack of innovation; Subject matter content not aligned with community values

Financial & Administrative Affair: Ronnie Hypes, CFO

- Budget information was provided and reviewed with the Board of Governors.
- Budget it is close and we will break even. Working on reorganization so we are more efficient.
- CRM program purchased for Admissions – this will assist admissions to be more efficient when recruiting.

Enrollment: Dr. Ted Lewis

- Review of Fall 2022 grades
 - A-C (including P): 80.25%
 - D, F, W: 19.75%
- Spring 2023 Enrollment is up by 7.29%

Special Orders: (None)

Unfinished Business: (None)

New Business: (None)

Announcements:

- Dr. Guyton announced that we received a message for Fawn Weaver who is the Founder/CEO of Uncle Nearest Distillery in Shelbyville, TN who will be raising funds (the goal is \$1M) between January 16, 2023 through March 31, 2023 for 58 HBCUs and we were one of the HBCUs selected. (Her company netted \$100M last year) She is the largest black-owned distillery in the world. I am working with the company now to take 15-20 students for a tour and to meet Ms. Weaver on March 9-10, 2023
- Mike Lilly announced that the Lion's Club has established a scholarship in the name of Phil Imel. The scholarship will be distributed to sophomores, juniors and seniors. This will begin in the Spring.

Comments:

Board Members: None
Public Comments: None

Executive Session:

Chair C. Cole made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Mr. Bill Cole moved, Mr. Randy Price second. Meeting moved into executive session at 4:51 PM. President Capehart asked that Brent Benjamin and Ted Lewis be permitted to attend. Motion made to exit executive session at 5:15 PM.

Action Emanating from Executive Session:

Chair Cole appointed Dr. Deirdre Guyton as Chair to the new Special Committee on Faculty Conduct. Anthony Tolley and Darrin Martin will also be members of this new committee.

Brent Benjamin reviewed legal matters and provided a brief update on housing.

Student complaint will be reviewed and investigated.

Adjournment:

Chair C. Cole made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 5:16 PM. The motion moved by Mr. Mike Lilly and second by Dr. Deirdre Guyton. The motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled BSC Board of Governors meeting will take place on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 4 PM in the Boyd Conference Room.