

Bluefield State College Board of Governor's Committee Meeting

Academic Committee – August 21, 2109

Members Present:

Dr. Deirdre Guyton
Carol Cofer

Ron Hypes
Milica Knezevic'

Bill Cole (phone conference)

Guests:

Dr. Ted Lewis

Dr. Terry Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by Dr. Guyton who welcomed new Board of Governors members and Dr. Lewis.

Dr. Lewis presented an update on the initiatives in Academics. John Spencer will be the Director of Digital Learning. Online learning is the fastest growing delivery at BSC with an increase of 68% from 2015 to 2019. Therefore, a new online module "BSC Global" is being explored that will allow students to enroll and start classes with little or no wait time.

Along with the rededication of the William B. Roberson Library, the focus to increase the use of the library for students and the community will be a priority.

The Faculty Hiring Schedule has been redesigned to allow for more efficiency in responding to faculty vacancies. New Faculty will be supported through the New Faculty Academy for 1 to 2 years as well as visiting faculty, focusing on the BSC Vision, Mission, Values and Resources.

Last year 12 new programs were added to the curriculum and 3 new programs are in the process for implementation.

1. Allied Health Education, Bachelor of Science
2. Masters in Business Administration and Engineering Management
3. Masters of Arts in International Studies

Guided Pathways to Student Success initiative will guide students who are undeclared to identify their skills and interests and work toward achieving academic goals and success. (Attachment included).

Overview of the enrollment for 2019-2020 Academic year: increase in dual credit students, increase provisional students, and an increase in transfer students.

Dr. Lewis will conduct Retention Training at a future committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm

Training Hours – 1hr

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