

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
BCCC Board of Trustees**

March 20, 2024

Ray D. Steffler Board Room, Main Campus

- Members Present** Ken DeFurio, William DiCuccio, Kim Geyer, Vicki Hinterberger, Joe Kubit, Robi Lombardo, Gordon Marburger, Brian McCafferty, Scott McDowell, Glenn Miller, Gail Paserba, Jennifer Pullar, Bruce Russell, Carmine Scotece, Joe Taylor, Nadine Tripodi
- Also Present** Megan Coval, Tina Fleeger, Jim Hrabosky, Jess Matonak, Nick Neupauer, Brian Opitz, Belinda Richardson, Julie Sheptak, Case Willoughby, Bill Foley, Mike Hnath, Melinda Ripper, Kristen Schooley, Irina Bucur-*Butler Eagle*
- Call to Order** Mr. Kubit called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.
- Agenda** Mr. Lombardo moved to accept the agenda. Motion Carried.
- Minutes** The minutes of the January 17, 2024, board meeting were accepted as presented.
- Introduction of Guests** Jess Matonak introduced the guests.
- Executive Session** An Executive Session was held from 12:32-1:34 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.
- Treasurer's Report** Jim Hrabosky reviewed the February 2024 Operating, Capital, Restricted and Federal/State Grant Funds Budget Summaries. He also presented enrollment comparison reports for spring 2023 and 2024. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.
- Public Comment** There was no request for public comment. Mr. Kubit announced anyone interested in making a comment needs to notify the President's office in advance of a board meeting. Public comment is limited to three minutes.
- President's Report** Dr. Neupauer reported on the following:
State and Federal Activities
-On March 19, Dr. Neupauer gave an all-College update on Gov. Shapiro's Blueprint for Higher Education. Prior to this, he gave updates to all of the divisions. Dr. Richardson is on the Funding Formula Work Group comprised of colleagues from several community colleges and PASSHE institutions.
-The annual meeting of the PA Commission for Community Colleges is scheduled for April 2-3, in Harrisburg. Gov. Shapiro is scheduled to make an appearance at the meeting.
College Activities
-Work continues on the Middle States re-accreditation. Dr. Randy VanWagoner, President of Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, NY, has been named

as the chair of the visiting team. Dr. Ryan Hartnett replaces Dr. Anne Wahl as our MSCHE liaison.

-The BC3/Penn State feasibility study has been completed. The board will meet to discuss this soon.

Executive

Mr. Kubit reported the committee met on February 20 and 26 to discuss personnel matters.

Finance

No report.

Facilities

No report.

Personnel

Ms. Pullar reported the committee met this morning to review faculty tenure, advancement in rank and sabbatical requests. Personnel matters were also discussed.

Motion-Tenure

Ms. Pullar moved to grant tenure to the following faculty members:

Dr. Jessica Bronder, Amanda Gillespie, Stephanie Long

Motion Carried.

Motion-Advancement in Rank

Ms. Pullar moved that the following faculty member receive advancement in rank:

Amy Gallagher to Assistant Professor

Melissa Philson to Professor

Jennifer Sarabok to Professor

Motion Carried.

Resolution 24-01-Deborah Kruger Sabbatical

Ms. Pullar moved to approve Deborah Kruger's request for a one-semester sabbatical leave for fall 2024 for the purpose of research and writing, at full pay in accordance with the Agreement By and Between Butler County Community College and the Butler County Community College Education Association/PSEA/NEA. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kubit read the following:

The departure of a president is an unnerving time for a college or university. What perhaps has magnified this presidential transition at Butler County Community College is the unknown impact Gov. Shapiro's new Blueprint for Higher Education may have on Pennsylvania's community colleges.

Regardless of the circumstance, our board remains committed to this wonderful institution, to our students, faculty and staff and to the communities we serve.

As Trustee Jennifer Pullar stated in our January 17 meeting, "... as a board, we pledge to ensure a smooth transition and maintain excellence in our top-ranked institution of higher education moving forward. The college will continue to pursue its mission and strategic plan."

We take this pledge to heart, along with the need for a seasoned expert in relationship management, higher education prowess and government relations to succeed President Dr. Nick Neupauer.

With this said, the BC3 Board of Trustees is pleased to offer Megan M. Coval, executive director of the BC3 Education Foundation and external relations, the position of interim president of Butler County Community College effective May 16, 2024. There is no set ending time for this interim stint. The board's approach will allow time to evaluate the governor's Blueprint for Higher Education and its potential impact on our college before moving to a permanent president.

Ms. Coval's experience is vast.

She has served on the college's executive team and has led the BC3 Education Foundation and external and government relations since September 2021. She presides as chair of the Government Relations Affinity Group for the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges.

Ms. Coval advanced from director of federal relations to vice president for policy and federal relations at the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators in Washington, D.C., where she worked from 2010 to August 2021.

Her vast experience also includes her serving as director of government relations for the U.S. Department of Education's Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance in Washington, D.C., from 2008 to 2010.

Ms. Coval earned a master of education degree in higher education administration with a policy focus from The Pennsylvania State University in 2006, a bachelor of arts degree in political science with a communication arts minor from Allegheny College in 2005, and is a graduate of Butler Senior High School.

Motion-Selection of Interim President

-Ms. Pullar moved to approve the appointment of Megan M. Coval as the Interim President of Butler County Community College, commencing May 16, 2024, at an annual salary of \$178,000 for this interim position. Ms. Coval will continue to receive benefits offered by the College and will receive the College vehicle on June 30, 2024. Motion Carried.

Academic Assessment No report.

Quality Assessment No report.

Foundation Megan Coval reported on the following:
-The BC3/Penn State feasibility study was received the end of January. It has received positive feedback. The next step is determining how to handle the BC3 @ LindenPointe property.

-Over 17,000 people visited BC3 in calendar year 2022-23. Over half of the events held on-campus were with partner organizations.

-Upcoming events:

- April 1 Nursing scholarship applications open
- April 15 The balance of scholarship applications open
- August 2 Foundation golf outing at Olde Stonewall Golf Course
- August 5 Oak Hills Lunch
- September 14 Pioneer Pursuit race to benefit the athletics program

Alumni Council

Ms. Coval reported the council met on February 29 and discussed how to invigorate the Alumni Association. It was agreed the council will meet two times per year and provide speakers. Three new members were named to the council.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Glenn T. Miller
Secretary