

BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 8, 2024

1. Call to Order

The four hundred and twelfth regular meeting of the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the New Bedford campus in community room NB-25.

Todd McGhee.

Trustees Absent:
Ferreira and Dyn...

Others present:
Emmanuel Ech...

up of events scheduled for students as they wrap up the semester looking forward to a busy summer and fall.

Lastly, Dean Lynch shared the New Bedford campus team has been building partnerships and programs and is exploring funding that would allow us to expand our ESL and ESOL programs for the fall. We are in the process of searching for a new faculty member for our wind

5. Staff Senate Presentation **Katie Mello**, President, Staff Senate & **Jenn Sousa**, Vice President, Staff Senate

Katie Mello provided an overview of Bristol's Staff Senate including the year's highlights. Her updates included:

- x Bayhawk Victor (employee recognition)
- x Staff Professional Development Day
- x Fun & Fellowship Team
- x Play for Funds (scholarship program)
- x Mentorship Program
- x Fall 2024 Civic Engagement for Staff
- x Staff Senate representation on various college shared governance teams

Ms. Mello continued her presentation looking ahead to the future of Staff Senate by sharing

VP Kenyon shared how fiscal goals and objectives align with the college's strategic plan. He also shared with Trustees a visual on how dollars are spent at the college.

VP Kenyon shared where Bristol Community College fits into enrollment trends at the 15 community colleges in the Commonwealth as

VP Fisher also shared a handful of recommendations we will likely see implemented including:

- A. Continue to build on a culture of assessment
- B. High Impact Practices in teaching
- C. Equity gap
- D. Impact of advising
- E. Data literacy
- F. Data warehouse take data dashboards to next level

VP Fisher stated all and all, this was a very positive meeting and findings were very much in line with the college's self study. He also noted that site team leader, Dr. Dwayne Smith, specifically shared "you've got a great board!"

President Douglas thanked VP Fisher and then invited Chief Development Officer, Judi Urquhart to update the Board on the Wolfson Speaker Series. Ms. Urquhart stated that with Richard Wolfson's generous gift a speaker series was established in his name. She shared the inaugural speaker would be Pete Souza, a former Whitehouse photographer for both President Reagan and President Obama. The event is scheduled for Thursday, April 18 on the Fall River campus (Building) and the auditorium will be full. Ms. Urquhart shared we have started a waitlist.

President Douglas introduced Christine Scafidi, our Director of College Access, and invited her to provide an update on the new DESE Early College Program in Taunton. Ms. Scafidi shared her background is in school counseling as well as work in TRIO programs. She is looking forward to establishing a continued Bristol presence at Taunton High School, and making gap programs accessible to all students with the opportunity to take as many as 30 credits while in HS.

President Douglas thanked Ms. Scafidi and invited Steve Kenyon to provide the college's financial update.

VP Kenyon's updates included:

- x The state audit is going well. Have mostly completed auditing HEERF funding.
- x Our investments continue to do very well this fiscal year. As typical volatility, but we are up \$1.2M in unrealized gains this fiscal year to date.
- x We are still awaiting our FY25 budget from the House in the next week or so. No real sense of how things will go with MassReconnect or Free Community College.
- x Early reports indicate strong enrollment figures for summer and fall. Summer is getting close to budget and we are still months away.

- Museum of Science Trip 4/19
- Spring Fest 5/1

PTK - UPDATE

- x For the first time ever, Bristol became a first chapter (See Bristol Weekly from February)
- x PTK won first place for their Honors in Action Research project at the regional conference last month.
- x Three PTK officers attended the International Conference in Orlando last week
- x We are about to launch our first ever online auction fundraiser. Please ~~invest~~ ~~invest~~ need people to participate. The auction will run April 11 through May 01 81 (.)0.6 ()10.8 (y)3 5 (e