



BROWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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To: Members of the Board of Trustees

From: J. David Armstrong Jr., President

Date: January 29, 2008

Place: Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Broward Community College
Room 425/426 - Building 17
A. Hugh Adams Central Campus
3501 S. W. Davie Road
Fort Lauderdale

Subject: Agenda Item VI-A (CAIHL) Jamaica

Brief Description:

The Caribbean-American Institute of Higher Learning (CAIHL), will be located in Jamaica, about 20 miles west of Montego Bay. It is being created with active support and consultation from BCC and will offer courses based on the Broward AA degree. The vision of the founders is to base the institute in Jamaica, but make it available to students from throughout the Caricom region. These 15 island nations have a common language and educational system. Citizens can move freely from one country to another without a visa. There is a great potential to make CAIHL a college significant to the Caribbean region.

Benefit to BCC:

Our faculty will benefit from the opportunity to work with another international affiliate which is closer than any other of BCC's overseas programs. It is anticipated that it will draw more international students to BCC from the Caribbean as the name and profile of BCC becomes even better known. Some students attending CAIHL may decide to transfer to BCC directly after completing their first year at home. In the future, as the relationship continues, BCC students may also be able to travel to the Caribbean to engage in study abroad programs. Finally, BCC will be paid for its services, and these funds will be used to further international education initiatives of the College.

Relationship to College Master Plan:

Goal Five of the BCC Master Plan is to "increase entrepreneurial actions across the College by seeking new revenue sources." Furthermore, strategy three of this plan is to "develop a process to expand international partnership programs." The proposed new affiliation is perfectly in line with these aspirations.

Recommend Approval

