BROWARD COLLEGE
Minutes of the Student Forum with the Board of Trustees
February 26, 2013

The open Student Forum with the Board of Trustees of Broward College was called to order at 12:32 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 by Chair Sean Guerin at the North Campus, 1000 Coconut Creek Boulevard, Building 60, Omni Auditorium, Coconut Creek, Florida 33066. In attendance were Chair Sean Guerin, Vice Chair Sean Alveshire, Trustee John Benz, Trustee Pamela Stephany, Trustee Elizabeth Tonkin, General Counsel Gregory Haile, and President J. David Armstrong, Jr.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Dr. Barbara Bryan, Campus President, welcomed everyone to the North Campus Omni Auditorium and called on James Evans, Dean of Student Affairs to recognize the student organizations and Student Government presenters.

Mr. James Evans, Dean of Student Affairs, introduced the Student Government Association, Student Ambassadors, Anime Club, Art Club, Calvary BC, Campus Activities Team, Caribbean Students Association, DECA, Computer Club, Honors Student Committee, International Club, Math Club, Fusion, Psychology Club, Science Club, Sigma Kappa Delta English Honor Society, Students Veterans of America, So Addictive Dance Team, Sustainability Club, Roots, Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), International Society of Baccalaureate Scholars and Phi Theta Kappa.

Mr. Evans acknowledged the student presenters as Austique Moore, Student Government President, Edwin Martinez, Student Government Vice President, Styve Barthelemy, Student Government Treasurer, Nicholas Hanley, Student Government Director of Finance, Sterlin Baychoo, Student Government Director of Public Affairs and Shantel Colebrook, Student Government Secretary.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Austique Moore, Student Government President, introduced the Student Government and presented a short video clip on the preparations made for the 2012-2013 Board of Trustees meeting.

Shantel Colebrook, Student Government Secretary, provided an overview and update of the 2011-2012 issues for North Campus. The issues included a user friendly student website, transportation and a service hours tracking system. As a result, a new user friendly website has been implemented, a resolution to work with Broward County transit regarding transportation is currently in discussion and Noble Hours was purchased and is currently being used to track service hours.

Edwin Martinez, Student Government Vice President, presented the data collection for the 2012-2013 issues for North Campus. The methods used included online surveys, paper surveys and open forum which resulted in the collection of over 1000 surveys. The three main topics are technology, student textbooks and creating a smoke free campus.
Nicholas Hanley, Student Government Director of Finance, and Styve Barthelemy, Student Government Treasurer, presented the 2012-2013 technology issue for North Campus. The request is for a mobile app to provide students with a campus map, searchable directory, events calendar, safety alerts, course search ability, admissions status, library resources, campus newspaper, College YouTube account, D2L access, MyBC and Student email access.

Austique Moore, Student Government President, presented the 2012-2013 student textbook issue for North Campus. The request is to expand the textbook rental program, providing the option for the student to select the textbook format that fits their needs the best, and finally, the establishment of common course material and the expansion of custom text.

Sterlin Baychoo, Student Government Director of Public Affairs, presented the 2012-2013 smoke free campus issue for North Campus. The request is to make Broward College campuses completely cigarette smoke free.

Austique Moore, Student Government President, provided closing remarks and recognized Joseph Pickering, Dr. Bryan, Dean Evans and the North Campus Administration.

OPEN FORUM

Joseph Pickering, Director of Student Life and Development, began the open forum by welcoming students to the podium.

Student Duckenson Joseph asked for expanded funding to the Honors program and more scholarships. President Armstrong requested Tai Houser, District Director of the Honors Institute to speak on the request. Mr. Houser identified various initiatives in process to expand the offerings to Honors students.

Student Garry Letsky asked how the College intends to become more veteran friendly. President Armstrong requested Angelia Millender, Vice President of Student Affairs and Tom Olliff, Senior Vice President of Administration to discuss the programs and initiatives available to veterans.

Angelia Millender, Vice President for Student Affairs, identified numerous improvements already made and asked that Mr. Letsky follow up to discuss additional improvements the student veterans would like to address.

Tom Olliff, Senior Vice President for Administration, discussed Broward College’s involvement in the Mission United Way Program with the United Way which reaches out to veterans to provide education as well as Broward College’s Hire Smart program which connects veteran graduates with jobs.

Student Bruno Saad Coppola requested that the College prioritize international students for on-campus part-time employment and provide more on-campus employment opportunities. Angelia Millender, Vice President for Student Affairs, responded that the College is working on breaking barriers to allow for more opportunities. She stated that the College may not be able to provide
preferential treatment to international students but can ensure the job pool is open and to work with the Foundation to provide scholarships to help bridge the gap.

Student Kenny Kerrigan seconded the request for the mobile app presented to the Board by the Student government.

**The Learning Journey**

Dr. Barbara J. Bryan, Campus President, presented a video on the learning journey which highlights the faculty at North Campus.

Chair Guerin presented the student speakers and Student Government members with Broward College coins to honor them for the courage to speak before the Board of Trustees.

With no further business to discuss, the Student Forum with the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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J. David Armstrong, Jr.    Sean Guerin
President, Broward College    Chair, Board of Trustees