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8. Awards Committee Report – Trustee Renee Clark

Trustee Clark reported the Awards Committee met on Monday, January 29, 2024. This committee meeting was held to review the submitted nominations for the two awards to be presented by the Board of Trustees at Bristol Community College's Commencement on May 1st. (M101 Tw 0.3te)5 (etH(I)-10.1 (20)7.3 (to35 ()-305)-3.8 (nhte)4.w 0.3te)5 (etH

Key points for Trustees related to Standard 6 included:

- Establishment of goals for equity hiring through Affirmative Action strategy
- Maintaining an environment of belonging for all students

- Financial Update – *Steve Kenyon*, Vice President, Administration and Finance

VP Kenyon shared the state audit is going well. They have mostly been auditing HEERF funding but have met with ITS and requested a lot of information from them as well. They have told him it is going well but the scope of work continually evolves. Apparently, they have a new supervisor and he wants things done a certain way and neither the auditors or the supervisor has any experience working with federal grants. They are very pleasant and easy to work with so hopefully that will continue.

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10. Old Business

- Board of Trustees' meeting dates 2024-2025
March 20, 2024 (HOLD Noon-5pm) – Spring Board Mini-Retreat (*J-Building*)
August 21, 2024 (HOLD 8am-3pm) – Annual Board Retreat (*NOWI*)

Vice Chair Karam reminded Trustees that provided both electronically and, in your materials today is a calendar of upcoming critical events and activities we think Trustees should plan to attend. Immediate dates include:

Wednesday, March 20th mini-retreat

Sunday, March 24th NECHE Welcome Dinner

Monday, March 25th NECHE site team's meeting with the Board.

VC Karam requested Trustees get these important dates on calendars if not already there.

Next, VC Karam invited any items for new business.

11. New Business

- Presidential Search process (“Guidelines and Procedures...” document from DHE)

Hearing no additional items, Vice Chair Karam shared that provided both electronically and in Trustee material today is the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education’s “*Guidelines and Procedures for the Search, Selection, Appointment and Removal of State University and Community College Presidents.*” He asked Trustees to review this document as we prepare to initiate the process to search and select Bristol’s next President in the coming months.

He asked the Trustees if there were any immediate questions at this time related to the Presidential Search process.

12. Adjournment

Hearing none, Vice Chair Karam reminded Trustees to leave their black NECHE notebook for Lucinda and then asked for a motion to adjourn at 5:23 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Mathes to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Trustee McGhee. The motion was approved.