

BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, November 6, 2023

1. Call to Order

The four hundred and seventh regular meeting of the Bristol Community College Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 6, 2023, in person at Bristol Community College, Attleboro Campus, located at 11 Field Road, Attleboro, Massachusetts, in Classroom 21. The meeting was called to order at 4:14 p.m.

Trustees present: Joan Medeiros, Chair, Jeffrey Karam, Vice Chair



5. Native American Awareness – Chair Charbonneau, Adjunct Faculty Arts and Humanities and Dr. Robyn Worthington, Associate Professor of History

Chair Medeiros introduced two Bristol faculty members, Chair Charbonneau and Robyn Worthington, and she asked them to provide a presentation to the Trustees on the topic of Native American Awareness.

Professor Charbonneau began by acknowledging the land this meeting was being held on today was situated on the ancestral territory of the Wampanoag Tribal Nation. She shared that she and Professor Worthington would be following up on “next steps” after presentations to the Trustees last spring by Dr. Cedric Wood, and the approval of Bristol’s Land Acknowledgment Statement.

Professor Charbonneau continued by sharing that her intention was to speak beyond the Land Acknowledgment Statement and present what Bristol has done so far to honor Indigenous Peoples on campus while Professor Worthington would be sharing actionable items the college could undertake in the future to further support that effort to honor.

She presented several examples of educational programming and activities provided to students, faculty and staff at Bristol over the past year sharing that some of these program opportunities were hosted with Bristol’s Holocaust and Genocide Center. Professor Charbonneau also invited Trustees and guests to join the Bristol’s

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Holocaust and Genocide Center Thursday, November 16, 2023 10:26 AM

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- Data – VP O’Hara stated that the college was shifting from the use of data solely for external reporting to the creation of reports for internal decision making citing the expansion of the Data Informed Decision (DID) Portal and Tableau dashboards. She stated that Student Advising and Success was implementing a tracking system.

VP O’Hara then presented a spotlight on MassReconnect for Fall 2023

- 565 students awarded
- Total amount awarded was \$954,503
- Average student award was \$1,689

Compared to the overall Fall 2023 student population, MassReconnect students are

- More likely to be female
- As likely to identify as BIPOC
- More likely to study on a part-time basis
- More likely to be new to Bristol or returning after some time away

And 37% of the MassReconnect students enrolled have pre (e)1r.-7.5 8 (s)-3.ed.9 (a- t)-4.5 J 0 Tc 0 Tw 25.

## 8. President's Report

- Update President's Approved Goals 2023-2024

President Douglas began by reminding Trustees (and guests) about the layout of the Proposed Key Goals document for 2023-2024. She shared this is much like a progress report leading to the final report card. Progress on the four strategies (listed below) with updates on the objectives provided with each strategy highlight the college's key goals for 2023-2024. She shared outcomes would continue to be updated until completion is reached throughout the academic year.

- Strategy #1: Academic Innovation: Advance an engaging holistic teaching and learning environment resulting in a seamless student experience that prepares students to embrace life's opportunities.
- Strategy #2: Equity and Student Success: Shared responsibility for the success of our students and employees by improving equity-mindedness and ensuring institutional support that lessens equity gaps.
- Strategy #3: Organizational Excellence: Create a culture of innovation through improved processes and collaboration, modern technology and ongoing professional development to support student and employee success.
- Strategy #4: Partnerships: Collaborate with educational institutions, alumni, industry and community partners to increase educational attainment and support the talent pipeline to enhance opportunities in the region.

allow students to network, provide a marketing tool for the Culinary Art Program and highlight local businesses.

Several Trustees and guests jokingly asked if they needed any volunteer tasters!

➤ Veterans Fundraiser - John Morris, Student Trustee and Denny Cosmos, Director of Veterans Center

Director of the Veterans Center, Denny Cosmos shared that the Student Veteran's Association (SVA) was very active on campus and fundraising was an integral aspect including sending a sizable delegation to Washington DC this fall for a national conference. He stated the SVA is a student led organization that serves as a platform for student veterans success and development. He shared student Veteran, John Morris, was an outstanding student leader helping other students find community and purpose.

Trustee Morris encouraged others to celebrate Veterans Day Weekend with live music, food, and raffles for a great cause at the St. James Irish Pub in Fall River on Sunday. He shared that all proceeds would benefit the SVA chapter at Bristol.

- Financial Update • 04 Tc 0.004 Tw 0.2 III 4.5 (e) A06 MC BT /P <</MCI 0.004 Tw 0.2 II tw



monitor equipment, attendance and provide insight to college administrators related to time hot topics. He shared his belief that this space could provide computer access and utilize fellow students to assist with ongoing IT issues.