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Wednesday, March 20, 2024

1. The Bristol Community College Board of Trustees Mini Retreat was held on Wednesday, March, 20, 2024, in person at Bristol Community College's Fall River campus located at 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River, Massachusetts, in the John J. Sbrega Health & Science Building (J-137, Clinical Conference Room). The Mini Retreat began with lunch and gathering time between 12:00-12:30 p.m.

: Joan Medeiros, Chair; Jeffrey Karam, Vice Chair; Valentina Videva Dufresne, Secretary; Frank Baptista; Renee Clark; Pamela Gauvin; Joseph Ferreira; James Mathes; Todd McGhee; Lynn Motta; and Silvia Jones

: None

: Laura Douglas, President; Lucinda Poudrier-Aaronson, Assistant to the President and Board Liaison; Andrew Fisher, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer; Kate O'Hara, Vice President of Student Services and Enrollment Management; and April Lynch, Chief of Staff and Strategy Development

Joan Medeiros, Board Chair, welcomed all to the mini retreat this afternoon.

At 12:34 p.m. the regular Board meeting was called to order. Refer to the March 20, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting minutes prepared and submitted independent of the Mini Retreat itinerary. The regular Board meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. Chair Medeiros invited everyone to take a short break and then resume the Mini Retreat agenda.

appropriate student outcomes. President Douglas reminded Trustees that based on verifiable information, Standard 8 seeks to understand what students have gained as a result of their education. She shared that what we hope that you see at Bristol is that our educational effectiveness is based on evidence, and that our assessment efforts result in opportunities for planning and improvement, appropriate alignment of resources, and informing the public about the college. President Douglas also shared that we hope Trustees see that our student success rates are on par or better than our peers.

President Douglas invited VP O'Hara to explore with Trustees how the evidence supports our claim that the college uses data to better understand the various groups that comprise our student body and that we have measures that define student success related to specifically recruited populations. VP O'Hara reminded Trustees these measures include rates of progression, retention, transfer, and graduation; default and loan repayment rates; licensure passage rates; and employment.

Next, President Douglas invited VP Fisher to explore with Trustees how the evidence supports our claim that the college identifies what students are to gain from their education at the college and assesses student learning.

VP O'Hara asked Trustees what evidence supports our claim that the college has goals for students' co-curricular learning and was systems in place to measure how well these goals are being achieved.

Trustees were invited to attend the exit report gathering. If you cannot make it, the President noted the findings will be shared with you in an email. At the conclusion of the exit report, we will have a celebration lunch that we hope you can join.

President Douglas asked the Trustees what questions they might have, and reminded all that members of this visiting team are volunteers and hold positions at other institutions in New England. One of the Trustees asked if we could make the biographical information for the visiting team available to them in advance. President Douglas stated those bios would be emailed to them after the mini retreat today.

Next, President Douglas shared she would lead Trustees

