

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**October 17, 2018
Board Conversation
Chris T. Matthews Board Room (A201)**

In Attendance:

Trustees Debra S. Borden, Chair; Dr. John Molesworth, Vice Chair; Ellis Barber; Nick Diaz; Gary Fearnow; Carolyn Kimberlin; and Tom Lynch. Also in attendance: President Elizabeth Burmaster, Secretary/Treasurer of the Board; Education Liaison Janice Spiegel; Dana McDonald, Vice President (VP) for Finance; Dr. Tony Hawkins, Provost/Executive Vice President (EVP) for Academic Affairs, Continuing Education, and Workforce Development; Jerry Boyd, Special Assistant (SA) to the President for Institutional Effectiveness; John Wichser, Chief of Operations (COO); Joseph McCormick, Chief Information Officer (CIO); Melissa Bard, Interim VP for Human Resources; Members of the Global Learning Committee Dr. Kelly Trigger, Dr. Beth Douthirt-Cohen, and Dr. Ivy Chevers; Assistant Professor Lora Diaz; student Ms. Kaitlyn Scott; and Kari Melvin, Recording Secretary.

Board Chair Borden opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

EVP Hawkins provided a handout and overviewed the strategic planning process used by the International Education Committee to incorporate recommendations into the Academic Master Plan. A team of 20 faculty and administrators engaged in a planning process that resulted in the adoption of a new structure and priorities designed to increase global thinking and globally-focused teaching and learning.

Dr. Trigger detailed the adopted strategic planning priorities and recommendations, which were included in the handout. FCC is a member of the Maryland Community College International Education Consortium. The work of the committee was guided by the Association of American Colleges & Universities Models of Global Learning. The name of the committee was changed to the Global Learning Committee and was reduced from 24 members to ten, including five faculty and five administrators. A listing of accomplishments and activities to-date, including fall 2018 programming highlights were also provided in the handout, which is available from the President's Office.

Dr. Chevers provided her background and experience in travel abroad programs. She described proposed initiatives, including creating a physical space on campus for individuals to share their stories and display country flags, inviting embassies to campus, and a field trip to the Smithsonian Institution Archives in Suitland, Maryland.

Ms. Kaitlyn Scott participated in the FCC Global Scholar Experience in Costa Rica. She shared a presentation on her observations from the trip and explained the term *Pura Vida*, which means pure life. The term is used as a greeting, an adjective, and is also considered a way of life in the country. Ms. Scott also detailed the ecotourism and biodiversity of Costa Rica, as well as activities that she and other students participated in during the trip. Her presentation is available from the President's office.

The discussion was then opened to questions from the Trustees. Assistant Professor Lora Diaz, who led the trip to Costa Rica, addressed questions regarding land preservation, political relations with Nicaragua, and land conservation around highways to prevent increased commercialization. Dr. Trigger answered a question on how trips are chosen, explaining that the College International Travel Experiences Handbook and International Travel Policy and Procedures provide parameters for safety and security, as well as academic rigor. Programming is being looked at to ensure global experiences in collaboration with the Maryland Community College International Education Consortium. Dr. Douthirt-Cohen addressed the globalization of faculty and students and the priority to create a database to inform others on campus. The FCC student body represents 75 countries.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

**Elizabeth Burmaster
Secretary/Treasurer**

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