

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**February 21, 2018  
Board Conversation  
Chris T. Matthews Board Room (A201)**

**In Attendance:**

**Trustees David F. Bufter, Chair; Myrna R. Whitworth, Vice Chair; Debra S. Borden; Nick Diaz; Tom Lynch; and Dr. John Molesworth. Former Trustee Roger A. Wilson's position is currently vacant. Also in attendance: President Elizabeth Burmaster, Secretary/Treasurer of the Board; Education Liaison Janice Spiegel; Dana McDonald, Vice President (VP) for Fiscal Services/Auxiliaries; Dr. Wayne Barbour, VP for Learning Support; Dr. Tony Hawkins, Provost/VP for Academic Affairs; Jerry Boyd, Special Assistant (SA) to the President for Institutional Effectiveness; John Wichser, Chief of Operations (COO); Joseph McCormick, Chief Information Officer (CIO); Dr. Kenneth Urban, Interim Executive Vice President for Finance and Human Resources; Dr. Paula Chipman, Professor, Music; students Alexis Luhrs and Noah Hawes; Men's Basketball Head Coach Emonte Hill; men's basketball players Morris Robinson, Marlon White, Jr., Dashon Bell, Reggie Roach, Kenneth Stancell, Jr., Javon Daniels, Keon Claiborne, Chris Knight, Ben Meredith, Colin Hyssong, and Dwayne Garner; and Kari Melvin, Recording Secretary.**

**Board Chair Bufter opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

**The Board received Dr. Chipman's FY 2017 Sabbatical Report. She explored areas of commercial and popular music styles and ways to expand and enhance FCC music curriculum to respond to student interest and the need for more pertinent training for career opportunities. Her sabbatical included taking online classes in commercial songwriting techniques and arranging from Berklee College of Music in Boston and traveling to New York for bi-weekly lessons with a well-known Broadway coach. Dr. Chipman is incorporating what she has learned into her teaching, revisions to current curriculum, and the development of new instruction to include online teaching. Her written report is available from the President's Office.**

**Music student Alexis Luhrs performed the belting song "Fly, Fly Away" from *Catch Me If You Can*.**

**Music student Noah Hawes played an arrangement of the *Jeopardy* theme song he created for Dr. Chipman's music theory class using the recording software program Logic. He also played a recording project he engineered in an Audio Production class, using the ProTools software in the FCC Recording Studio.**

**The Trustees thanked Dr. Chipman, Ms. Luhrs, and Mr. Hawes and asked the students to share their future plans. Mr. Hawes said he would like to own his own studio eventually and move to where music is booming. Ms. Luhrs plans to go to Catholic University in Washington, D.C. and start in regional theater, eventually moving on to one of the bigger cities to perform.**

**President Burmaster announced that she recently held a lunch for both the men's and women's basketball teams. She continued that the men's team is excelling both on and off of the court, serving as role models throughout the College. The team is ranked among the top 20 nationally in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Poll. The Maryland Junior College Athletic Conference (Maryland JUCO) announced today its 2017-18 All-Maryland JUCO Men's and Women's Basketball teams and other award recipients. All-conference selections for men's basketball include: Morris Robinson – 1<sup>st</sup> Team (Guard, Sophomore), Dashon Bell – Honorable Mention (Guard, Sophomore), and Marlon White, Jr. – Honorable Mention (Guard, Sophomore).**

**The players commented that the success of the team could be attributed to practicing hard, good coaching, and communication with one another. President Burmaster then announced that Head Coach Emonte Hill was named 2017-18 coach of the year by the Maryland JUCO Men's Basketball Coaches Association. She congratulated him and thanked him for his leadership. Coach Hill said that he is in his fifth year at FCC. He added that he played at FCC under Coach Miller and it was a dream of his to take over the role.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**

**Elizabeth Burmaster  
Secretary/Treasurer**

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