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BREVARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

a. Report on the Radiology Technology Program - Cocoa Campus - Dr. Fettrow/
Ms. Sheehan/Ms. Lanza

Dr. Brenda Fettrow, Cocoa Campus President, introduced Ms. Sandra Lanza, instructor and Ms. Susan Sheehan, Assistant Professor of Radiography in the Allied Health Department. Ms. Sheehan gave a powerpoint presentation of the Radiology Technology Program, including the energized laboratories and the use of the radiographic film digitizer. She reported the radiography program began in 1975 at BCC and more than 375 students have graduated from the program. Many of the graduates have stayed in the Brevard County area and are employed in the local hospitals as program directors and department directors; application specialists for manufacturers of x-ray products; instructors and working in speciality radiography areas. The radiography program has been approved for sixty students. The Radiology Program is accredited by the Joint-Review Commission on Education in Radiologic Technology, a branch of the U.S. Department of Education. The program has just completed the reaccreditation process. Ms. Sheehan reported an Associate of Science Degree in Radiography is offered through the two-year program and many of the students articulate directly to the University of Central Florida.

Ms. Lanza reported there were 120 applicants this year with 55 of those applicants meeting qualifications and 30 were accepted into the radiology program. She reviewed the program completion rates and registry results. In the 1997-2000 graduate surveys there has been a 100% approval rating. There has also been a 100% approval rating from employer surveys returned.

Ms. Lanza reported application is being made for a Capitalization Incentive Grant in the amount of \$200,000, to expand the radiologic sciences offerings of nuclear medicine and a sonography program.

It was reported there is a high demand for radiography program graduates and recruiting takes place even from the Orlando Regional Medical Center. Currently the start salary for graduates is approximately \$13.00 an hour. Sign on bonuses of approximately \$5,000 have been offered to radiographers from some hospitals. Ms. Lanza reported clinical site availability limits the number of students in the radiology program. It is an accreditation requirement that the ratio is one student per radiographer; students have to be under the direct supervision of a radiographer. Mrs. Martinez discussed the use of clinical sites and potential areas and increasing the number of students in the program to meet the demands of the future. Ms. Sheehan reported currently facilities which can handle students are

paying the status quo. Mr. Stuhlmiller reported on a third alternative now available. The FERF Board unanimously voted to authorize Mr. Stuhlmiller to sign a contract for the sale and purchase of the Florida Teaching and Research Laboratories, the adjoining five acres and the associated equipment for \$4 million. The purchaser is Midwest Research Institute. Mr. Stuhlmiller reported the contract meets all of the conditions the consultant was instructed to negotiate. There is a contingency period of 60 days during which the purchaser will be allowed to perform its due diligence. One of the conditions is the approval of the Board of Trustees, which is being requested today. Mr. Stuhlmiller reported once the contract was signed, the consultant set up a meeting with the bond holder, Merrill Lynch and the trustee, SunTrust Bank, which resulted in a favorable discount on the bonds and removal of the 3% prepayment penalty.

Mr. Joe Matheny, College Attorney, reported the contract has been reviewed and a number of objections and suggestions to the original contract were made and all of those have either been eliminated or worked out so that the contract is a viable document that does not contain provisions that are impossible to meet. From his understanding the \$4 million offer is consistent with the value of the property, which includes an approximately 2.5 acre lot adjacent to the building and property of approximately 2.02 acres and an extensive list of equipment. Mr. Matheny reported some of the equipment is owned by the college and some

than two years of bond payments. If the sale was rejected today, the college would face not only payment of the bond principal of \$8,095,000, but also interest totaling more than \$8 million over the next 20 years. Mr. Little reported the sale of FTRL will enable the Board of Trustees to shift over \$14,500,000 in expenditures over the next 20 years in bond payments to appropriate educational benefits. Dr. Gamble reported he is satisfied there will be no negative financial impact on the day-to-day operation of the college by making a commitment at this time. It is his impression as he looks at the numbers and other options presented to the Board, that this sale represents a significant good deal. There are indications from those beyond the college staff that in light of the assessed value it is the best deal the college can expect to get. Dr. Penn Williams asked if there had been a recent appraisal of the property. Mr. Matheny reported it was determined that due to the prior appraisal and the tax appraisers statement that it was not necessary to pay for this additional expense. Dr. Penn Williams expressed concerns regarding the sale of FTRL to MRI. Mr. Little and Mr. Matheny answered questions presented by Dr. Penn Williams.

Mrs. Martinez moved approval to accept the offer presented by MRI. Mrs. Silvernail seconded the motion.

Dr. Penn Williams called for discussion. (Her statement is an official part of the addendum file.)

Dr. Penn Williams moved approval to postpone the vote on the sale of FTRL to MRI. Motion died for lack of second.

The Board members and college staff discussed issues pertaining to the sale of FTRL to MRI.

Mrs. Martinez amended her original motion and moved approval of the FERF/MRI contract and authorized the college administration to: (1) Fund

motion - Martinez, Handley, Silvernail, Johnson;
opposed - Penn Williams. Motion passed 4-1.

Mr. Handley commended the parties involved with the proposed sale between FERF/MRI for FTRL and was delighted to be able to go onto other things for the better good of the college. Mr. Johnson confirmed this was the consensus of the Board.

8. NEW BUSINESS

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Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, House and Senate Appropriation Committee Chairs, and the Brevard legislative delegation members. Dr. Gamble stated he concurred with the students' suggestion that this be an annual event. He has already received positive feedback from Tallahassee regarding the visit and felt they represented

Mr. Little reported on the budget development process and reported a change was made in the budget submission process. The submission process was web-based and he has received a lot of positive feedback. This process was changed to become more user friendly and also prevented a problem with the distribution of paperwork. The Cabinet is now working to prioritize budget needs and to set institutional goals. Mr. Little reported the budget proposal will be brought to the Board in a workshop format on May 21 at 3:00 p.m. The budget is scheduled to be formally adopted at the June Board meeting.

f. Additional Workshop Scheduled on the Institutional Effectiveness Planning Process

Dr. Gamble reported in light of a strategic planning goal, a workshop has been added prior to the regular Board meeting on April 16 at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Lawton will present his Institutional Effectiveness Plan and describe how it relates to the strategic planning effort for the college.

g. Spring Inservice Program

Dr. Gamble reported March 16 a college inservice program was held, which was a success. In the afternoon the entire faculty and staff visited the north, central and south areas of the county to engage in various community activities.

h. Florida Educational Governance Recommendations

Dr. Gamble reported he e-mailed an early version of the Florida Educational Governance Recommendations. He has a more current document available for the Board's review. There are no significant changes from the early version of the document sent to the Board by e-mail.

i. House and Senate Bills

Dr. Gamble reported he had provided a copy of the latest listing of House and Senate bills he felt would be of general interest to the Board.

j. Diversity Report - Leadership Brevard

Dr. Gamble reported he was selected to participate in the Leadership Brevard program this year and his team will be presenting a program on diversity in Brevard County. Part of his assignment was to obtain statistics and provide an assessment profile to determine sensitivity to diversity issues.

k. Request for Board Members to Serve on Committees

Dr. Gamble reported Board members are being solicited for two college committees:

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(1) Collegewide Master Planning Committee and (2) Renovations of Building #1, Titusville Campus. He asked that interested Board members contact Dr. Gamble. (Mr. Handley volunteered to serve on the Collegewide Master Planning Committee.)

11. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Chairman, District Board of Trustees

ATTESTED: _____
Secretary, District Board of Trustees