

**BREVARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ATHLETIC PROGRAM WORKSHOP**

January 28, 2002  
3:00 p.m.

Building #2, Room #163  
Palm Bay Campus

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Miriam E. Martinez, Chair; Mr. James W. Handley, Vice Chair;  
Mr. Eugene C. Johnson; Mr. C. R. "Rick" McCotter III;  
Dr. Alexandra M. Penn Williams, Mr. Joe D. Matheny, Attorney;  
Dr. Thomas E. Gamble, Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mrs. Martinez, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**2. BACKGROUND PRESENTATION:**

Dr. Gamble asked Mr. Al Little, Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services, to present a summary of the athletic program financial arrangements. Mr. Little will also be presenting an alternative plan that has been worked out between the college administration and the community representatives.

Mr. Little addressed the Board on the history of the appropriation cuts, the history of BCC's budget cuts, described the decision on athletics in light of the current budget situation, reviewed the BCC budget potential in light of the Governor's budget recommendation, and presented facts regarding the alternative proposal to continue with the reduced athletic program. Mr. Little reported the alternative plan would encompass the following: a reduction in teams from seven sports to four sports, which would include the men's and women's basketball, golf, and softball; a ten percent across-the-board cut in the operational budget for the teams; a continuation of the Athletic Director's office with reduced expenses; a reduction in the number of scholarship athletes; the use of tuition exemptions instead of scholarships for up to 14 out-of-state athletes; and community funding in the amount of \$48,900 for scholarships and housing. The maximum college budget for intercollegiate athletics is \$350,000 across all funds, with a total increase with the unrestricted fund budget of \$144,500 to fund this alternative proposal. Mr. Little reported that if the Board chooses to go with the alternative proposal, a vote would be necessary at a Board meeting no later than February 2002.

**3. COMMUNITY PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Rusty Buchanan, Executive Director, Space Coast Sports Commission, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the community's support for the athletic programs and the benefits of these programs. Discussion took place between Mr. Buchanan and the Board of Trustees members. Dr. Gamble reported the total dollar amount the community would be

expected to come up with, in the recommendation, is \$54,500. Mrs. Martinez requested, when reviewing the proposals in detail, there be a good understanding of where BCC started when all of this took place, what happened to those figures as a result of the first cuts, what happens if BCC gets the budget the Governor is proposing, and what happens if BCC gets only a portion of that amount. Mr. Little will prepare this information and it will be provided to the Board.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman, District Board of Trustees**

**ATTESTED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Secretary, District Board of Trustees**