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*Martinsburg, WV.* Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Board of Governor’s met at the Main Campus in Martinsburg on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by Board Chair, Keith Unger.

Mr. Unger began the meeting with approval of the March 2016 meeting minutes.

Dr. Checkovich continued the meeting with the President’s report, beginning with the recognition of three students, NAME NAME NAME, and Academic Advisors, NAME NAME. These three students were awarded internships with NASA for the Summer 2016 term. The students enrolled in the PROGRAM program, are scheduled to begin their internship DATE 2016. Additionally, the students are working on a variety of projects, including one in which students will launch a rocket on June 22, 2016 to collect data from just outside the atmosphere. Finally, students competing in the Mechatronics Fluke Competition were awarded third out of five teams competing. Cassandra was awarded a Women in Technology Scholarship starting the Fall 2016 term. Dr. Checkovich concluded his report by reviewing several news articles and upcoming campus events including Information Sessions for Technician Careers and the Annual Career Fair.

Dr. Checkovich continued the meeting with program reviews for Medical Assisting, Computer Application Specialist and Electric Distribution Engineering Technology. The Board approved and passed a motion to approve the continuation of all three programs.

Dr. Ann Shipway, Vice President of Workforce Engineering Technology, provided the Workforce Development report, highlighting the recent information session with P&G, which hosted over 200 participants interested in training. Dr. Shipway introduced the new Agribusiness Certificate program now offered by the Institution. As part of the new program, the Institution will be a receipt of a community based garden tunnel used to grow salad greens and a variety of other items. Dr. Shipway concluded her with the latest marketing plan for Career Advancement, noting an increase in enrollment in these courses.

Ms. Leslie See, Vice President of Enrollment Management, presented the Enrollment Report to Board members. Ms. See highlighted a small decrease in students of roughly 100 students. Ms. See highlighted a continuing increase in full-time equivalency and high school enrollment numbers. The report was concluded by reviewing the information for the Institution’s default rate and highlighted a continued path of improvement.

Dr. Craig Miller, Vice President of Professional Studies and University Transfer/Interim Chief Financial Officer, who presented the Financial Performance Report as of December 2015. Dr. Miller continued the presentation with a review of four proposed financial changes for Fiscal Year 17, including: Proposed Tuition and Fee Schedule, Proposed Program and Course Fee Schedule, Proposed Special Fee Schedule and Proposed Reduced Out-of-State Tuition and Fee Schedule. The Board approved individual motions and adopted all four schedule changes.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm. Executive session was held. No public vote was made.

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