



BCC Fall Alumni Association Meeting Highlights

Wednesday, November 12th, 2014

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Report from the President of the Board of Alumni- President Cindy Shogry-Raimer

- Cindy welcomed everyone to the event and explained how the board was formed. The board was developed through a series of informal sessions, then the members of the board were chosen through a formal election. Over the last few months the board has been working on implementing official bylaws and discussing its first projects.
- Cindy discussed the mission of the board. The goal of the board is to help alumni network and connect while giving back to the community and the college.
- In the Spring of 2015 the board is planning on teaming up with Vinny Marinaro to have a community cleanup day for the elderly of Berkshire County. Cindy encouraged alumni to participate and bring their ideas for other events to the board.
- There is a BCC Alumni Page now on Facebook and a group on LinkedIn. Hopefully these social media tools will act as a place for alumni to connect and share their Ideas. Everyone is encouraged to join the alumni groups on both BCC and LinkedIn.

Report from the President of BCC- President Ellen Kennedy

- President Kennedy welcomed everyone to the event and touched on a few of the projects going on at the college.
- BCC has collaborated with the probate court to offer a 12 week program to help recently divorced couples with their co-parenting skills.
- A 23 million dollar project was approved to remodel Hawthorne and Melville beginning in the Spring of 2015. A structure will be built to join Hawthorne and Melville together.
- BCC is working to strengthen the relationship between guidance counselors at local high schools and the college. This will include promoting the college in a

different light and highlighting the positives of attending community college. Alumni are encouraged to share their stories and get involved with this process.

- President Kennedy briefly touched on the strategic plan for the college and then turned to conversation over to Gina Stec and Ellen Shanahan.

Report on BCC's Strategic Plan- Gina Stec and Ellen Shanahan

- In 2013 roughly 30 faculty and staff from all areas of the college were brought together and first looked at the college's values to see if they were still relevant. BCC's mission statement was edited and now states: "BCC is a dynamic learning community, transforming lives and preparing students to succeed in an increasingly complex, diverse, and changing world."
- Through several meetings, brainstorming sessions and the creation of different committees the college implemented five categories of the strategic plan including: Engaged Learning, Student Achievement, Improved Infrastructure, Advancing the Institution and Collaborative Partnerships. Each section has a unique strategic goal and a timeline. The handout that was given out at the Alumni Association can be referred to for detailed description of the strategic plan.

Submitted by,

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