





taking classes at Bates had really helped him. He shared that now, as an instructor, he has the opportunity to help students in poverty and in the working class, similar to the situations he faced. He stated that his work with outside partners has also helped him to coordinate and line up jobs for students after completion of the program.

Dr. Zhou mentioned that Cameron had been a student while she was working as a Dean and that she was very happy to see that he had returned to Bates as an instructor. She shared her appreciation for not only his advocacy for Bates, but also for his students in helping them succeed. Chair Blocker thanked Cameron for his time and his continued contributions.

Sheet Metal program instructor Steve MacKay introduced Architectural Woodworking/Cabinet Making program instructor Brian Umpstead. Brian shared his background working in the woodworking and cabinet making industry and emphasized how happy he was to be working at Bates, thanking the Board. Trustee Moss inquired about his connections with industry partners in regards to helping students find careers following completion of the program. Brian shared that he takes the students outside the classroom and into the industry. He continued with examples of how he has helped his students to acquire jobs through these connections.

Dr. Zhou expressed her enjoyment visiting Brian’s classroom and the diversity of his students.

3:33PM     **V.     ASG updates**     ASG President

Student Martin Fimbre introduced himself as well as his new position as the Associated Student Government President. Chair Blocker asked Martin and the other ASG members what they enjoyed most about being a part of ASG thus far. Event Coordinator Dineo Modimakwane shared her enjoyment in helping plan events and being the voice of ASG. Jade Vetter shared that in her position, she is responsible for records, and that as a student in the Applied Business Management program, she is able to gain experience outside the classroom and apply what she has learned.

3:35PM     **VI.     KBTC Audit Report**     Craig Caitlin  
Johnson Stone &  
Pagano

KBTC Director DeAnne Hamilton introduced Craig Caitlin from Johnson Stone and Pagano. Craig presented his findings for the audit report and discussed statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

Trustee Moss asked about the increase in expenses, to which Director Hamilton responded that there had been increases in expenses specifically within the industry. She continued to explain how KBTC is having to adjust to the state requirements and working to get ahead of the changes occurring while appeasing donors and viewers.

**Action**   3:45PM     **VII.     Board Policy Review and Approval 1150**     Dr. Lin Zhou

**(Trustee Reimbursement)**

Trustee Bladow motioned to approve. Trustee Moss seconded. All were in favor and Board Policy 1150 was approved.

**Action 3:46PM VIII. Board Policy Review and Approval 1130 (Meetings and Committees of the Board) Dr. Lin Zhou**

Trustee Moss moved to amend the Board policy 1130.12 to read “Each year the Board may select no more than two Trustees to serve on each of the following:” Trustee Bladow seconded. Amendment was approved. Chair Blocker called for a vote on amended Board Policy 1130. All were in favor and the amended Board Policy 1130 was approved.

**Action 3:50PM IX. Board Policy Review and Approval 1140 (Board Governance) Dr. Lin Zhou**

Trustee Moss motioned to approve. Trustee Bladow seconded. All were in favor and the Board Policy 1140 was approved. Trustee Bladow thanked the Board for remaining on top of policy review and updates. Trustee Moss thanked Jean Hernandez, in her absence, for her work on the policies so that revisions will not be needed as often.

**Action 3:51PM X. BAS Degree Approval Dr. Johnny Hu**

Dr. Hu addressed the submitted change request form to NWCUU and requested official approval from the Board for the Bachelor of Public Safety (BAS) Degree. Trustee Bladow motioned to support and approve the BAS degree, seconded by Chair Blocker. All in favor and the BAS Degree is approved by the Board. Dr. Hu proceeded to provide an overview of the entire process, initiated in May 2023 with the approval of the statement of need.

**4:00PM XI. President’s Report Dr. Lin Zhou**

Dr. Zhou discussed the ongoing development of the President's workplan within the Cabinet. She also highlighted the recently completed financial audit by Executive Director of Finance Christine Winskill, expressing her satisfaction with the positive results.

She shared that on February 1, she would be heading to the capital for Legislative Outreach accompanied by Electrical Construction program instructor Jim Androy, some of his students, Chelsea Lindquist, and other students. Dr. Zhou then highlighted two upcoming events for the week, the MLK Day celebration, where she expressed gratitude to Marcus for coordinating, and the Program Advisory Committee Appreciation dinner, where she thanked Trustee Bladow and Trustee Moss for their anticipated attendance.

**A. Instruction Updates Dr. Johnny Hu**

Johnny shared his updates on the Occupation Therapy Assistant (OTA) accreditation. He thanked OTA Director Andrew Min and OTA Instructor Leah Thompson for their hard work.

B. Student Services Updates Steve Ashpole

There were no Student Services updates.

C. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Updates Marcus Harvey

There were no DEI updates.

D. General Discussion Trustees

Trustee Bladow thanked the faculty for their tenure introductions and thanked the Bates Team for the completion of the board room.

Trustee Moss asked about the note from Facilities regarding a new space for the Welding program. Dr. Zhou stated that they were looking at the old bookstore space at the Downtown Campus, and the purpose was to expand the program.

4:15PM **XII. Board Committee Reports/Remarks**

A. Legislative Action Committee (ACT) Trustee Bladow

Trustee Bladow spoke about the supplemental and capital budget request. He stated that ACT is meeting on January 25 with the Legislators, and that Bates will be visiting the Capitol on February 1. He continued that Trustee Tuesday will be on January 23.

B. College Council (Policy Review) Vice Chair George

There were no updates to report.

C. Pierce County Coordinating Council (PCCC) Chair Blocker

There were no updates to report.

4:21PM **XIII. Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session held.

4:21PM **XIV. Adjournment**

Motioned to adjourn at 4:21PM

**Next Board of Trustees Meeting date and location:**

February 26, 2024, Downtown Campus Board Meeting Room, Bates Technical College.