

MEETING NO.

MacCormack, Oliari, Prince, Taylor and T

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: President Clark, EVP and Provost Ismaili;
Vice Presidents Gentlewarrior, Jason, Je
Zuromski; Special Advisor deMacedo, CDC
President Bell

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insulting offer which was 5% for one year. Most employees know with rising costs, etc. this won't cover it. The current offer is now 8% with a one-year extension of their contract. This bargaining round is a coalition of unions, and it appears members will agree to these parameters. She is grateful to President Clark and his leadership team for their support and for signing the joint letter that the Council of Presidents signed. His leadership is not underestimated. The one-year contract is not acceptable and the years' worth of prep work for upcoming bargaining was for naught. The Cherish and Higher Education is still on the table. What will happen with the funds from the Fair Share Amendment? Dr. Torda asked Trustees to be the friend of BSU that we know you are. Do what you can do and talk to who you can talk to. This is the time to fight.
(Full statement attached to materials)

AFSCME President, Jan Cartwright, stated no one that works at BSU should be on food stamps. This increase will make a difference.

Chairperson MacCormack stated the Board recognizes the importance of faculty and staff and their work on behalf of the students at BSU help them succeed. Trustees too, worry about a one-year contract as they realize all the time and energy that invest in bargaining.

Student Trustee Update

Trustee Kopellas spoke about the wealth of opportunities for students this coming spring. The return of events, which are student planned, are appreciated. Seniors are excited to graduate. Lastly, they introduced the new student trustee, Zach Allen.

President's Report

President Clark thanked the union leadership for their advocacy and highlighted the importance of the collective unions standing together to make a difference.

The Governor's budget appears to favor public higher education. BSU's budget line is level funded, but they will keep advocating for dollars. Meetings have been held with the Governor, Lt. Governor, speakers, etc.

Other updates:

- *The president of Cape Verde visited BSU
- *Commissioner Ortega was on campus. Values BSU's leadership.
- *The NECHE process is not yet concluded as they are waiting for the official letter.
- *Admitted Students Days taking place, which is important for recruiting students.
- *Faculty were recognized at a recent event and were presented presidential awards

*Employees were recently recognized for their length of service at BSU.

*Trustees, alumni, faculty and staff donated professional clothing for students for an upcoming job fair. Clothing insecurity is a real thing for our students.

*Commencement will be held on May 12 and 13.

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