



More than fifty show up for campus forum

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Tuesday evening, in lieu of the regularly scheduled SGA meeting, I instead attended the meeting hosted by our interim president, Dr. Charles Teague and Dr. Chris Holland.

The primary purpose of this meeting was to inform the student body of the financial

situation of the college, spell out exactly what is in store in terms of health care on campus, apologize for the way some things have been handled and to quell the rumors floating around campus and on the Internet.

I was proud that my peers felt so impassioned and took the necessary steps to have their voices heard. More than 50 students attended the meeting, and while their reasons for showing might not have been consistent with the meeting's agenda, this is how a concerned group of adults should behave: by showing up and voicing their opinions in a respectful forum. Some might say respect is only due when it is given, but in the end, and in reality, two wrongs do not make a right.

The administration handled questions from

the students with the necessary aplomb, and I believe maintained face in a time when uncertainty looms around each new decision.

Mark Moseley, vice president of SGA was as excited as I was. "The thing that's surprising, we have these SGA meetings, we stand in front of the caf, send emails, make flyers and we can't get anybody to get involved or invested," he said. "Nobody participates. The student apathy level is really high. I hear passion for people to be invested, and what's surprising (to me) is that we are an hour over (the allotted time). You guys are invested tonite, but we need this passion all the time."

Well said, Mark.

How the health care changes will affect you

- Sisters of Mercy Urgent Care will be offering comprehensive medical services at Stamey Health Center 20 hours a week every week, with said hours split up over Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

- The Health Center will continue to pass out simple medications and condoms to students, and visits to the Health Center will be just as free as always, and extended care involving off-campus facilities will vary in cost with a student's health insurance, as it always has.

- There will be no direct doctor attention on campus, but this situation will be considered over the course of the semester and reviewed at the end.



Students, alumni, and faculty participating in the SGA open forum.

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Clarion staff reflection

Staff Editorial

What we've got at Brevard College is a failure to communicate.

Like the characters (and line of dialogue) made famous in the 1967 film "Cool Hand Luke," the administration of Brevard College demonstrated last week a monumental error in how to treat people: in this case, by failing in a timely manner to inform the Brevard College community of a major policy decision that affects all of us, in ways both great and small.

We do not fault the administration for making cuts that will, in the long run, help to make the College a stronger, more sustainable institution. While it is certainly

unpleasant and sad that staff had to be laid off, we understand the reasons for it, and we realize that Brevard College is not immune to the economic hardships of recent years. We see almost daily news of financial burdens and shortfalls, many of which have plagued other colleges and universities and have adversely affected millions of American college students, faculty, and staff.

What is inexcusable, however, is the utter lack of transparency in how these budgetary decisions were reached, and the College's abject failure to communicate these decisions to the campus community as a whole.

The rumors began to circulate from person to person late last Thursday, Sept. 22. At dinner in the cafeteria, word began to spread that the director of medical services had been

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