



Budget review with Dr. Teague

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With Brevard College making cuts in an attempt to offset a \$900,000 budget deficit, many people attached to the school are wondering what, or who, is next.

This week, Clarion senior staff met with Brevard Colleges' interim president, Dr. Charlie Teague, to discuss the school's budget. Teague told students, staff and faculty at meetings last week that Brevard College is operating at a loss. This semester, Brevard administration had budgeted for an anticipated 633 Full Time Enrolled students, but when a final head count of enrolled students was made after the first two weeks of class, 14 fewer than the target number were enrolled. Roughly 80 percent of the College's revenue comes from tuition, room and board.

At an average of \$30,000 a year for each of the 14, that comes out to about \$420,000 less to work with for the school year.

That shortfall, coupled with a \$300,000 deficit from the previous year and other unexpected expenses, are what contributed

to the \$900,000 deficit, Teague said.

The Board of Trustees had made clear that administrators needed to balance the budget. To achieve that goal, the administration was able to cut approximately \$325,000 from operating expenses and \$375,000 from salaries and benefits. Specifically, the budget cuts were achieved by the following steps:

- 11 currently vacant positions would remain unfilled;
- 8 positions were eliminated from the current budget;
- 12 employees' working hours were reduced to less than full-time;
- effective Sept. 30, the College temporarily ceased matching contributions to employees' retirement plans for this fiscal year;
- senior College administrators (the four vice presidents and both presidents, interim president Teague and David Joyce, who will take over Jan. 1) agreed to 5- to 10-percent pay cuts.

Teague elaborated on some of the currently vacant positions the College was leaving unfilled, which include athletic director, a

librarian position, music director, assistant music professor, assistant dean of students, a biology professor, a community education position, and an English department position unfilled when one faculty member assumed a teacher licensure position in the Social Sciences division.

Teague stressed that these positions were unfilled before he came to Brevard.

Most of the recent controversy, however, has been over the positions eliminated to balance the budget. While several of those positions have been made public simply due to the public nature of the jobs in question, Teague told the Clarion that he cannot disclose which other positions have been eliminated, nor which employees have had their hours reduced, by request of the Board of Trustees.

"We had a press release written up last week telling the community who lost their jobs, but the Board felt that (we) shouldn't embarrass these folks," Teague said.

He refrained from calling the recent cuts a "budget crisis." In meetings with various constituencies on campus last week, Teague pointed out that despite the painfulness of some of the cuts, the College was able to avoid having to cut any academic programs

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Alpha Chi, ODK induct new members

Eleven students and one faculty member were inducted into the honor societies of Alpha Chi and Omicron Delta Kappa Sept. 16 as part of BC's Family Weekend celebration.

Four students were formally inducted into Brevard's chapter of Alpha Chi: Jamison Alan Adams, Jordan Ashley Box, Leighia Michelle Eggett and Daniel Hunter Tuttle. As part of the ceremony, they received a commemorative pin from a faculty sponsor.

Following the Alpha Chi ceremony, seven students were then inducted into Brevard's circle of Omicron Delta Kappa. They are Tyler Clay Biggs, Verntasia Mordsha Finley, Caitlin Kable York Hubbard, Leslie Ann Hylton, Kaitlyn Margaret McConomy, Jennifer Collins Nyman and Alexander Marcus Tompkins.

In addition to the student inductees, faculty member Thomas Bell—associate professor of religious studies and current advisor for

Alpha Chi—was inducted as a member of ODK as well.

Alpha Chi membership is the highest across-curriculum academic honor on most college campuses. Founded in 1922, it has chapters in more than 300 colleges and universities across the United States. At Brevard, membership is limited to juniors and seniors whose cumulative GPA is in the top 10 percent of their class, which translates into a GPA of 3.8 or higher.

ODK is a nationally recognized society that honors leadership in academics, athletics, service, communications and the arts. Founded in 1914 at Washington and Lee University, ODK aims to recognize student, faculty, and administrative leadership gifts and honor them publicly.

More than 230 ODK circles have been established at colleges and universities in the United States, and circles exist in several other nations as well.

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