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2016-2017 tuition information released sooner than usual

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BC announced a three percent tuition increase for the 2016-2017 academic year. This year, the Office of Business and Finance released the tuition breakdown sooner than usual.

“Our goal is to help students sooner,” said Deborah Hall, Vice President for Business and Finance. “If we can get students thinking about finances sooner, perhaps we can fashion longer payment plans or have more time to find other financial aid options. We want to help, and hopefully announcing the tuition break down sooner will allow students to plan for next year accordingly.”

The predicted total cost to attend BC next year is \$37,650, according to the school website.

BC Costs are broken down into tuition, room and board cost, and additional fees. For the 2016-2017 academic year, BC Tuition will be \$27,550, about \$750 more than '15-'16.

Room and Board will cost between \$9,650 - \$10,500, depending on residence hall selection. The BC website states that Room and Board costs include a standard room and a meal plan.

Green Hall is the only residence hall that's price won't increase. All others will increase by a few hundred dollars. The private room fee, which is required of Green Hall residents, decreased by \$125, though Hall said this is probably temporary.

The New residence hall, which is expected to be open by the fall 2016 semester, will only be available to upper classmen. Residents in the new hall will pay the same as Brevard Place residents, \$5,250 per semester.

There are other fees listed, such as “Activity

Fee,” formerly known as Student Government Fee, Parking Registration Fee, or the Graduation Fee, and these total to \$430. This will vary from student to student.

According to the Tuition and Fees page of the brevard.edu website: “Athletics, insurance, and book fees are separate where applicable scholarships and grants are available.” From the Tuition and Fees page you can view a full break down of next year's tuition, fees, room and board costs.

The Board of Trustees meets every February; during this time, the board will decide everything from next year's tuition, as part of the budget, to restructuring the BC brand, which the Clarion covered in April of 2014. However, tuition cost information was made available almost a month earlier than previous years.

“We are making an effort to make sure students and families are aware of financial changes prior to being billed for the fall term,” Caron Surrent, Director of Financial Aid said. “We will be getting bills out almost a month earlier than previous years and we encourage any student who is struggling to return to BC for financial reasons to come by and speak to one of us in the Financial Aid Office. We can review their current financial aid and discuss options available for other funding.”

Students are also encouraged to file their FAFSA before the end of April. The College has partnered with the College Foundation of North Carolina to verify FAFSA information this year. So, students should look for email notification from CFNC.

“I encourage students to have things in place before they leave for the summer and remember: we're here to help,” said Surrent.

Body found near BC

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A dead body was found at about 6:30 p.m. on the evening of Friday, Mar. 18 near the BC maintenance building.

The body was discovered by two, as of yet unidentified BC students, who were out walking when they discovered the heavily decomposed body. After an autopsy, police have confirmed that the body is that of a 20-30 year old white male. This information comes after several days of uncertainty on the matter.

The victim has not yet been identified, but there is expected to be a more informative and detailed announcement later this week.

The College notified students as soon as the discovery was made in a campus wide email from Director of Safety, Security and Risk Management, Stanley Jacobsen. In the email, Jacobsen explained that an investigation was taking place by local police, and students were asked to stay away from the east side of the campus, where police activity was underway.

Jacobsen has since offered further explanation of security measures being taken since the body's discovery.

“We're patrolling that end of campus and asking students to stay away from the crime scene,” Jacobsen said. “That area is so far on the edge of campus there is no reason for anyone to be back there anyway. We do have security officers alert for individuals walking on campus who don't appear to be members of the campus community.”

Brevard College President David Joyce has also weighed in on the matter of student safety in the light of this recent news. “We take the safety and security of our students very seriously,” Joyce said. “We (will) work closely with the Brevard Police Department and are following their lead on this situation.”

Further news on the situation is expected to arrive later in the week, but there is no current indication that the situation has anything to do with any BC student, faculty or staff member.