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B-CU search for next president winding down

By Ashlyn Denson

The search for a new university president appears to be in the final stages. Three finalists visited campus during the last week of January.

The three, all veteran educators, were selected from 66 candidates that reportedly applied for the job. They are: Dr. Marcia Conston, vice president for enrollment and student services at Central Piedmont College in Charlotte, North Carolina; Dr. Alan D. Robertson, senior vice president for business and finance at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia; and Dr. Elrie LaBrent Chrite, dean of the college of business at the University of Denver.

Officials hope to announce the new president

by February 15, according to the university's website. The search for the seventh president has been under way for almost a year following the departure of Dr. Edison O. Jackson in the wake of a construction project that left the school heavily in debt.

Students had a chance to meet with the candidates, starting that Tuesday with Conston. The first meeting was between 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. at the Performing Arts Center, according to Student Government President Derenzo Thomas, who is a member of the search committee. The committee also includes members of the board of trustees, faculty and other students.

Students then met with Robertson on Wednesday

at 11 a.m. in the PAC. The meeting with Chrite was held Friday from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the PAC, too, according to a schedule released by the committee.

Thomas said that SGA will create a student survey to obtain feedback from students once they have had the chance to meet the three candidates. Once the surveys are submitted, Thomas said he will bring the report back to the Board of Trustees and those surveys will play a huge role in the final decision for the next president of B-CU.

Carter-Scott out as chair of BOT Perry takes the reins

A year after she took over as the first woman to chair Bethune-Cookman University's board of trustees, Michelle Carter-Scott has been replaced.

The board voted to remove her and replace her with Judge Belvin Perry, a retired circuit judge. Perry takes the reins of a board that at one time numbered close to 40 members and now reportedly has less than half that many members.

The change follows several well-publicized calls by Perry for Carter-Scott to vacate the seat and allegations that she was trying to oust Hubert Grimes, another retired judge, now serving as interim university president. Neither Perry or Carter-Scott could be reached for comment.

Carter-Scott, a B-CU alumna and mother of NBA player Vince Carter, remains on the board.

The BOT, meanwhile, reportedly has restored a seat to its body to the National Alumni Association and also provided a seat for a student.

Derenzo Thomas, current SGA president, said he is the first SGA president to be a member of the Board of Trustees in B-CU history.

CAMPUS CALENDER OF COMING EVENTS

Monday, February 4	Tuesday, January 29	Wednesday, January 30	Thursday, January 31	Friday, February 15
Man Up Monday 7:15 pm CCE: Graduate Seminar Room	Daytona's Urban Mix Leader: 5:30 pm Fine Arts RM 135	Poli Sci & Pie Meet and Greet: 5 pm Harrison Rhodes RM 110 NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY	Turn Up Thursday: 7 pm CCE: President's Banquet Room Raffle for a chance to win a scholarship	V-Day Bash: 10 pm 90 Degrees: 144 Ridgewood Ave. Daytona Beach \$5 until 11:30 Food and drinks

Shutdown was a showdown between Dems and GOP

By Bryan Wilcox

Guest Editorial

Views expressed are solely those of the writer.

The recently elected speaker of the house, the notorious Nancy Pelosi, outsmarted the infamously unintelligible Donald Trump in a hand's down guns up Dems vs GOP shootout in the latest government shutdown that ended January 25 -- 35 days after it began.

Now that the longest government shutdown in history is over, Republicans cringe in defeat while Democrats count their wins and subtract loses.

The American people, however, seem to have lost the most. The prerequisites of partisanship scuffles between the two monopoly parties are disruption and selfish intentions. These prerequisites subsequently lead to division.

We live in the land of the "free" and home of the "brave." However, this claim is hardly found to be actual. Faithful Trump supporters such as Daniel Shrader (@dannyawesomeguy on Snapchat and Instagram and who is my good friend), a student at Baylor university, supports the efforts of the president. Daniel said, "Implications are made that consist of the president testing the reasonability of the Dems to see if the government shutdown can be settled through reasonable negotiations." What that means certainly is subject to interpretation. There is absolutely nothing reasonable about a mother going without pay at the expense of partisanship and political monopoly. There is absolutely nothing reasonable about 800,000 workers being forced to work while a moratorium is being placed on their funds. One "reason" is the president is unabashedly unreasonable, as well as, vociferously unethical.

Let's take a look at the ideology of a government shutdown, shall we? A government shutdown occurs when Congress fails to pass sufficient appropriation bills or continuing resolutions to fund federal government operations and agencies, or when the president refuses to sign such bills or resolutions

into law.

In this particular instance of course, this is the result of a refusal by the president. Amidst the unfavorable shutdown, essential government workers are to work without pay until the government reopens.

The president shut the government down because he did not receive adequate funding for his morally unethical border wall. The ADA or Anti Deficiency Act prohibits the government from entering into a contract that is not fully funded because it would obligate that government appropriations be adequate to meet the needs of the contract. This was implemented to end coercive deficiencies; however, it wasn't adequate in preventing the prolonged shutdown that impacted, drastically, the lives of the American people beginning December 22, 2018.

The people who contributed the least to shut down the government have to reap the harshest of its consequences. Shameful. A shutdown of this nature is nearly impossible in other countries, to add insult to injury.

In other places, the executive power is contingent upon the ability to produce an approved budget with articulable means. If a budget fails to pass, it triggers an immediate election. In parliamentary systems, the executive must maintain approval of the legislature to remain in power with confidence and supply, because if a budget fails to pass there is a loss of supply.

It can be assumed, Trump is the epitome of what Dr. King would call "sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

This has been the longest government shutdown in history and it concluded with Trump agreeing to terms he rejected a month ago. Not only was it stupid, but in practicality, pointless. We haven't seen the full effects of the shutdown. It's far too early to tell.

As a result of the long shutdown we are going to



sustain a substantial loss in the confidence of the job market, though recovery is likely, the loss will be unprecedented. As a retroactive effect, we will experience a loss in GDP or gross domestic product because it certainly costs more to shut the government down than it would to keep it functioning.

Trump has made it very clear that his politics, as well as partisanship scuffles, are more important to him than the well-being of the American people. It is my speculation, that the government shutdown is the product of the probability of the collusion. It's no question whether Trump colluded with Russia. Some of his key employees are currently in federal prison for lying to federal agencies about the case of potential collusion. This includes Michael Cohen, the president's personal attorney, as well as his campaign manager.

Collusion is demonstratively undeniable. Based on the evidence presented, in exchange for Trump's presidency, the Russians required that he shut the government down if he would want to be the president. Is it a coincidence that the longest government shutdown in history just ended amidst a probable collusion speculation? I think not.

Grimes: Layoffs, furloughs and paycuts coming

Cuts aimed at helping school address financial challenges, SACS probation

By Sarita Mason

Spring Break will not be a paid vacation for Bethune-Cookman University personnel this year.

Likewise, several well-known administrators have been laid off.

The two actions are part of the efforts announced recently by interim President Hubert Grimes to help Bethune-Cookman University get off of the probation that the college was placed on more than a year ago by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) for failing to comply with SACSCOC core requirements and standards.

Since then, students as well as alumni have responded. Students have held

student protests, SGA meetings and more, to help students gain a better understanding of what's going on with the university.

In an email recently sent to faculty and staff, as well as a YouTube video, Grimes laid out several steps the university has or will take to right the institution. The letter states that all employees will be placed on unpaid furlough for the period of Spring Break 2019. Workers do have the option to use any paid leave time that they have on the books.

The letter also states that certain job responsibilities will be adjusted and guidelines will be established for all positions, resulting in elimination for

some positions.

"This reduction is one of the first major actions I believe is an essential step toward addressing the University's financial status in these challenging economic times," Grimes said.

Jason Glenn, vice president for student affairs, is among the administrators no longer employed by the university. Greg Elder, campus police chief, also has moved on, as well as an administrator in the performing arts center.

Neither Glenn or Elder could be reached for comment.

In the YouTube video Grimes mentioned reduced personnel costs and the reorganization of key positions as

being necessary to help the university stay afloat in the wake of a construction project that has left the college with an estimated \$150 million debt.

All B-CU employees have been affected by this change and some feel it's needed.

"Even though this is affecting me directly, because of various circumstances, these pay cuts are necessary at this point in time," said Christopher Shaw, manager of the campus television studio.

Meanwhile, in related news B-CU's associate provost for research, Dr. Adrienne Cooper announced she had accepted the job of provost at Florida Memorial College in Miami.

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