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Board Approves New Structure

The stage was set yesterday afternoon for the BCIT/PVI merger to proceed when members of the new Board of Governors met with President Roy Murray to decide on an initial organizational plan and modus operandi.

New Board chairman, Malcolm Wickson, emphasized at the outset that, while the full extent of the new BCIT's mandate had not yet been fully defined, it would be "very much the board working closely with the administration and president" that would determine the personality of the new BCIT.

Part of that new personality was revealed with the creation of four new vice president positions and a breakdown of the reporting structure. Three of the positions are effective immediately. Duncan MacPherson, who previously held the position of vice president, Administration and Bursar at BCIT is the new vice president, Finance; Len McNeely, who previously held the position of vice president, Finance and Administration at PVI is the new vice president, Administration; and Drug Svetic, previously vice president, Education at BCIT is vice president of Education for the new BCIT. The fourth position — vice president of Student Services and Educational Support — will be posted at both campuses during next week.

Another high level position given top priority by the Board and President Murray is Employee Relations Director, which will also be posted internally.

The Board also established four standing committees: Student Affairs and Education, chaired by Fleming Sondergaard; Facilities chaired by Ed Sirney; Finance chaired by Ed Taylor; and Personnel chaired by Jim McPherson.

The Board meeting, which took place in PVI's boardroom from 1 to nearly 6 p.m., was attended by 13 of the 14 board members. Obviously energized and excited by the task at hand they are, according to Murray, a high calibre board and one that all

employees can be proud of. He expressed confidence in their "strong sense of direction."

Malcolm Wickson summed it up well. "We are not here to be empire builders but we do have a responsibility, because of the worldwide explosion in technology — to expand technological training in appropriate areas. It can be demonstrated, as we all know, that this country is falling behind in many vital sectors.

"And so we will be making decisions, as I see it, based on the demonstrated need — in some areas — for expanding our capacity and profile but at the same time making decisions prudently and

responsibly, bearing in mind our financial base and our academic and managerial capacity. We are going to have to get our priorities in line and be prepared to be aggressive in programs where we believe we can do well and at the same time be prepared to cut back or withdraw from programs that others can do better or that aren't appropriate for us.

"We don't want to be the biggest, but we want to be the best at what we do."

While yesterday's meeting was "in camera", future meetings will include an open session to give all members of the campus community an opportunity to attend.

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