The Presidential Search (From the Office of Council Secretary)

After three years of leadership, Dr. Betsy Vogel-Boze’s contract of employment as President of The College of The Bahamas will come to an end on December 31st, 2013. The Council of The College of The Bahamas has established the process by which the new President of The College will be selected. The College of The Bahamas Act of 1995 prescribes that the President is appointed by the Council with the prior approval of the Minister of Education.

As a fundamental step in the search process, the Council has constituted an Advisory Search Committee comprised of representatives of The College community and the wider public, to ensure the highest degree of integrity, accountability and confidentiality befitting a public body charged with statutory duties. The Committee is constituted as follows:

Retired Justice Rubie Nottage (Chair)
Mr. Marcus Laing (Vice-Chair and Alumni Representative on Council)
Mr. Mark Humes (Union of Tertiary Educators of The Bahamas)
Mr. Rodman Forbes (Bahamas Public Services Union)
Ms. Anastacia Brown (Public Managers Union)
Mr. Delreco Bonaby (The College of The Bahamas Union of Students)
Ms. Tamischa Richardson (The College of The Bahamas Alumni Society)
Mr. William Fielding (College of The Bahamas Administrator)
Mr. Anthony Hamilton (University Transition Secretariat)
Dr. Robin Roberts (External Academic)
Retired Justice Cheryl Albury (Community Representative)
Ms. Calpurnia Campbell (Advisory Search Committee Secretary)

The Advisory Search Committee will be charged with selecting a shortlist of the most qualified candidates for leadership. Following the recruitment phase, the Advisory Search Committee will generate a preliminary list of candidates from which a shortlist will be developed for subsequent interviews. Upon completion of the interview phase, the Committee will decide on the two to three candidates it wishes to present to the College community for questioning and feedback.

While the final decision on the appointment of a President rests with Council, acting with the approval of the Minister of Education, the Advisory Search Committee will provide the leadership necessary to shape the profile and recommend the most suitable candidates for the presidency.

Oral and Public History Institute Launched

Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie officially opened the Oral and Public History Institute on July 9th, as part of the official 40th anniversary of independence events. The Institute gives expression to our judgment as a people that our experiences and our thoughts have meaning and value. Three goals form the focus of “FDT’’s mission. The first goal is to place on record, and flesh out into historical narratives, what older Bahamians recall of various aspects of their lives. The second goal is to bring those rich narratives to our children in appropriate formats. The third goal is to cultivate a cohort of Bahamian historians of global stature. These three projects – of documentation, multimedia production and apprenticeship – build on a foundation of training and experience laid by the Oral History unit of the Library and Instructional Media Services of The College of The Bahamas.

Left: Director of the Oral and Public History Institute and Oral Historian Dr. Tracey Thompson explaining the mission of “From Dat Time”.

Right: Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie officially launched the Institute.

Scores of people attended the official launch including Mr. Darvin Toussaint, COB Council Staff Representative, Rev. Dr. Philip Rahming and Their Excellencies the Governor General Sir Arthur Foulkes and Lady Foulkes.
U.S. and Bahamian Officials Participate in Historic Educational MOU Signing at The College of The Bahamas

On Tuesday, July 9th, the U.S. State Department’s Director of Caribbean Affairs, Western Hemisphere Affairs Division, Juan Alsace and U.S. Chargé d’Affaires John Dinkelman met with Dr. Betsy Vogel-Boze, College of The Bahamas President to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish an “American Space” at the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre. The establishment of an American Space was made possible through a $23,000 grant for multimedia equipment and printed resources from the U.S. Government. The American Space is a U.S. Department of State-sponsored worldwide initiative with more than 800 locations participating in the program.

Zonta Club of New Providence Cheque Presentation

The Zonta Club of New Providence presented a $5,000 cheque toward their already established Betty Kelly Kenning Endowment Fund. The scholarship is geared for women 25 years or older, who have achieved an Associate degree and is currently pursuing a Bachelor degree.

“This endowment and this gift today are very tangible evidence of fueling national development through higher education in The Bahamas and we thank you for this generous contribution,” said President of The College of The Bahamas Dr. Betsy Vogel-Boze.

“It is our goal to make this an annual donation and we are excited that we know that these funds will be used to advance the status of women, be it politically, academically, medically or in any sphere of their influence,” said President of Zonta Club of New Providence Ms. Marisa Mason-Smith.

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The Organization of American States (OAS) and the Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities with the support of the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ Division of Educational Topics are offering more than 300 scholarship opportunities to outstanding citizens of OAS member countries to study masters or doctorate programs in Brazilian universities. Application deadline, Friday, August 9th, for more information visit: www.oas.org/en/scholarships/brazil.asp