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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Thursday, December 13, 2012  
Murdock Hall Room 218**

**The following Trustees were present**

Stephen Crowe, Chair  
Tyler Fairbank, Vice Chair  
Mohan Boodram  
JD Chesloff  
James Clemmer  
William Dudley  
Shirley Edgerton  
Susan Gold  
Buffy Lord  
Denise Marshall  
Dan Peluso, Student Trustee

**The following Trustee was absent**

James Clemmer

**Others present**

Mary Grant, President  
Cynthia Brown, Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Charlotte Degen, Vice President of Student Affairs  
Marianne Drake, Chief Advancement Officer  
Monica Joslin, Dean of Academic Affairs  
Denise Richardello, Vice President of Enrollment/External Affairs  
James Stakenas, Vice President of Administration & Finance  
Joseph Charon, Director of Public Safety  
Deena Gilbert, Director of Human Resources  
Bryan Fitzgerald, Student  
Stefan Rochefort, Student  
Alyson Stoltz, Student  
Bernadette Lupo, Director of Marketing and Communications  
Roberta McCulloch-Dews, Web Communications Manager  
Thomas Bernard, Clerk

Complying with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30 and 15A, Section 9, and with a quorum present, the Board of Trustees of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts met at 5:30 p.m. in the Room 218 of Murdock Hall on December 13, 2012 with Chair Crowe presiding.

Chair Crowe welcomed all Board members and attendees to the meeting. President Grant introduced Deena Gilbert, MCLA's new director of Human Resources, who joined the college community in early December.

### **Approval of the Minutes of the October 11, 2012, Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the October 11, 2012, meeting of the Board and all actions contained therein.

### **Report of the November 15, 2012, Student Affairs Committee Meeting**

Trustee Fairbank delivered the report on behalf of the committee.

- The committee heard a report from students on the pilot year of the MCLA bike share program.
- Director Charon updated the committee on the work of the Campus Police Advisory Group.
- Spencer Moser and a group of students provided an overview of the LEAD Academy program, a summer program for incoming first year students that includes workshops, community service opportunities, and team building activities designed to promote college success and leadership skills development for new students.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the November 15, 2012, meeting of the Student Affairs Committee and all actions contained therein.

## **Report of the November 15, 2012, Academic Affairs Committee Meeting**

Trustee Dudley delivered the report on behalf of the committee.

- Director Charon updated the committee on the work of the Campus Police Advisory Group.
- The committee heard a report Associate Dean Deb Foss on the work of the Center for Student Success and Engagment (CSSE).
- Vice President Brown presented faculty sabbatical requests for 2013-2014.
- Vice President Brown also updated the committee on the work of the Berkshire Readiness Center in conjunction with the Berkshire Compact for Education to support educator preparation and assessment initiatives in Berkshire County.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of November 15, 2012, meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee and all actions contained therein.

## **Report of the November 20, 2012, Fiscal Affairs Committee Meeting**

Trustee Marshall presented the report on behalf of the committee.

- Director Charon updated the committee on the work of the Campus Police Advisory Group.
- Treasurer Desmarais provided the Committee with the FY 2013 First Quarter Report.
- The committee received an update on the planning for the new facilities building on Ashland Street.
- Vice President Stakenas provided an update on the human resources director search and the hiring of Deena Gilbert.
- Vice President Stakenas informed the committee that budget planning is underway for Fiscal Year 2014.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the November 20, 2012, meeting of the Fiscal Affairs Committee and all actions contained therein.

## **Report of the November 20, 2012, Executive Committee Meeting**

Trustee Crowe presented the report on behalf of the committee.

- Director Charon updated the committee on the work of the Campus Police Advisory Group.
- The committee discussed plans for the Board Orientation to be held November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, as well as topics for consideration for a Board development session scheduled for February 2013.
- Vice President Stakenas informed the committee that budget planning is underway for Fiscal Year 2014.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the November 20, 2012, meeting of the Executive Committee and all actions contained therein.

### **Chair's Report**

Chair Crowe reported on the Presidents and Trustees dinner that was held on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner of Higher Education Richard Freeland spoke about the Vision Project, the Office of Trustee Relations, and the proposed change to the guidelines for hiring and evaluating Presidents at the dinner. Chair Crowe noted that it was a frank discussion as well as a good opportunity to meet with trustees from across the state university system and to build a professional and advocacy network for the system. He encouraged all members of the Board to attend future meetings of the group.

### **President's Report**

President Grant noted that an additional topic discussed at the Presidents and Trustees dinner was the changes in funding formula proposed for the community college system. The president spoke to the possibility that similar changes may be forthcoming for the state universities.

She reported that Secretary of Education Paul Reville recently announced his resignation.

President Grant thanked Director Charon for his work and the work of the Campus Police Advisory Group for following a thorough, complete process in preparation for the arming of campus police officers. She also informed the Board that students submitted a letter to the governor regarding the process leading up to the Board's authorization of arming. She noted that while she does not share the students' opinion regarding the process, she appreciated their advocacy work.

The president informed the Board that MCLA was selected to receive a grant from the American Association of University Women to explore issues of pay equity.

President Grant announced that the MCLA Allegrettos, the College's a cappella group, earned first place in the recent Lenox Caroling Competition, and that Vice President Stakenas and Dean Joslin performed in the MCLA holiday concert.

The president congratulated Chair Crowe as the recipient of the 2013 Hayden Award from the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce for his leadership in the community.

Finally, the president thanked the Board for a semester of service to MCLA.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m.