



MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FISCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 11, 2017
87 Blackinton Street**

Members in attendance

Denise Marshall, Chair
JD Chesloff, via teleconference
John Barrett III

Others in attendance

Susan Gold, Board Chair
James F. Birge, President
Denise Richardello, Executive Vice President
Larry Behan, Vice President of Administration & Finance
Laura Brown, Director of Fiscal Affairs
Cathy Holbrook, Vice President of Student Affairs
David DiIulis, O'Connor & Drew P.C.
Ginger Menard, Clerk

Trustee Marshall called the meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

FY17 Audit Review

David DiIulis of O'Connor & Drew provided the Committee with a report on the FY 2017 audit. The resulting unmodified opinion of the College's financial statements shows that there are no Material Weaknesses or Significant Deficiencies identified within the report.

Mr. DiIulis reviewed a prepared document on required communications with the committee that outlined the auditors' responsibilities as well as accounting policies and the various steps taken during the audit. He explained that GASB Statement 75, regarding liability for postemployment benefits other than pensions, will be included in FY18 which will impact the College's net position. This is in addition to GASB 68 which requires the College to include its allocation of the state's unfunded pension liability. An additional GASB Statement 87 regarding a reporting of leases will begin after December 15, 2019.

Mr. DiIulis then reviewed the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) as well as the Audited Financial Statements and Footnotes for the year ending June 30, 2017. The committee reviewed note 13 on "Related Party Transactions" and did not have any edits or additions. Mr. DiIulis also shared that the figures in note 16 on "Pensions" are extracted from the KPMG statewide audit and that increases are primarily due to changes in the actuarials and demographic of the College's workforce.

Trustee Marshall thanked Dave DiIulis and his firm for their work on the audit as well as the Administration & Finance staff for their diligence and hard work to meet the tight auditing deadlines.

Trustee Marshall called for a vote to accept the FY 2017 audit for advancement to the full Board at the October 19 meeting.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: Unanimously to accept and advance the FY 2017 audited financial statements to the full board for acceptance at the October 19 Board of Trustees meeting.

Clery Report

VP Holbrook provided an overview of MCLA's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, known as the Clery Report. This is a federally mandated annual report that includes safety and crime statistics from the previous three years from areas on campus as well as off campus areas for which the College is responsible, i.e. Gallery 51, the Advancement Office, and 87 Blackinton. Overall the report shows that MCLA is a very safe campus and this report reflects the College's commitment to keep the MCLA campus community safe. A discussion of the report and the data followed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.