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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Student Affairs Committee

Thursday, April 26, 2012

President's Office Conference Room

Members in attendance

Tyler Fairbank, Chair
Shirley Edgerton

Member absent

Jaynelle Bellemore, Student Trustee

Others in attendance:

Mary K. Grant, President
Charlotte Degen, Dean of Students
James Stakenas, Vice President of Administration and Finance
Stephanie Esposito '12
Brendon Goodridge, Residence Director
Dianne Manning, Director Residential Programs and Services
Jackie Nash '12
Thomas Bernard, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Trustee Fairbank.

Student Fees FY 2013

The FY 2013 budget process is underway. While the College continues to budget conservatively, an increase in student fees will be part of MCLA's FY 2013 budget plan. Vice President Stakenas noted that the Student Government Association voted to raise the student activity fee in recognition of the number of clubs and organizations active on campus that request funding support. A portion of overall college fee increase for FY 2013 will be allocated to the student activity fee increase.

With any fee increase, the goal will be to ensure that MCLA remains affordable to the maximum number of students.

President Grant noted that setting fees is an important statutory function of the Board of Trustees. Each committee of the board has received a briefing on the FY 2013 fee recommendation, but it is the Fiscal Affairs Committee that will carry the motion to the full board for approval at their May meeting.

Residence Area Student Leadership

Dean Degen noted that the high-quality residence life experiences at MCLA help to build community and support student persistence and success. She acknowledged Dianne Manning's leadership in Residential Programs and Services (RPS), Brendon Goodridge's important role as residence director of the Flagg townhouses, and the awards and recognition that students Stephanie Esposito and Jackie Nash received at the annual student awards banquet on April 25th.

Brendon Goodridge presented an overview of the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH), and Rho Pi Sigma, MCLA's chapter of NRHH. The organization is dedicated to student success in leadership, scholastics, recognition, and service. The chapter has been active at MCLA since 2005, and is completely student managed.

Stephanie Esposito and Jackie Nash explained the activities and programs of the MCLA NRHH chapter, and their work to engage students across the campus. One signature activity of the group is "of the month" recognition for individuals and organizations on campus, which subsequently are submitted for regional and national recognition. This work underscores the importance of NRHH's role as a service organization. In addition, NRHH members have presented and received recognition at regional and national conferences for the quality of their presentations. Finally, NRHH has raised funds for the Outstanding Resident Student Scholarship through events such as student vs. faculty and staff basketball and volleyball games. This scholarship reached endowment level this spring.

Committee members commented on the range of programs; students' commitment to citizenship, involvement, and leadership; and the positive effect they have on students' undergraduate experience within the residence community and across campus programs.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.