

BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 10, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustees Alexander, Caulfield, Denterlein, Durgin, Grady, Longo, MacCormack, Murphy, Oliari and Turchon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Pimental

ALSO PRESENT: President Clark; Provost Ismaili; Chief of Staff Leuenberger; Vice Presidents Molife, Powers, Jean, Jason, Lefebvre, Gentlewarrior, Oravec and Shropshire

The provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A having been complied with, and a quorum of the Board present, the Board of Trustees held their meeting on April 10, 2019 in the Dunn Conference Room, East Campus Commons with Chairman Durgin presiding.

Chairman Durgin called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Consideration of Minutes

On motion duly made and seconded (MacCormack, Denterlein) it was that the minutes from the February 27, 2019 meeting be approved. (Attachment)

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

**CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT**

Chairman Durgin noted celebrations are taking place over the next six weeks and hopes Trustees will participate if available. Trustees should please complete the conflict of interest so that we are in compliance.

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

President Clark thanked Trustees Longo and Turchon for attending the Trustee conference. The MSCA contract has been approved and ratified by the faculty. The commissioner signed the agreement today and it has been submitted to the Office of Employee Relations. It has been a difficult year and he is pleased with the outcome. The COP gave up the 15% request and the union gave up the equivalencies. The MSCA chapter worked closely with us for advocacy day where BSU students went to the State House. He thanked Dr. Hegbloom for working with him this past year. BSU is one community, one campus

and we all work together. Update on the budget: House budget was released, but \$100M was taken away from a three-year trust fund. They will push for an amendment. The Governor's budget underfunded the APA and AFSCME budget and they will ask that \$8M be restored for this. Retention has been a focus for them. At the statewide Trustee conference this was talked about as well. Trustee Longo had a conversation with the commissioner and they focused on an equity agenda. BSU was held up as a best practice. On the national stage, our equity agenda is best practice. Commencement is around the corner. Senator Markey, Mayor Walsh and Secretary Sudders are excited to come to BSU. At the Leadership Celebration, they will honor the College of Education and Allied Studies. Matt Light, former New England Patriot, will be the main speaker for this event (he is one of our partners for at-risk high school students in this area). The Red Sox World Series trophy will be on campus for viewing.

Provost Ismaili introduced Dean Lisa Krissoff Boehm and Paul Cincotta who provided a presentation on the College of Graduate Studies. The College provides opportunities for students of advanced study. Dean Boehm stated it is their purpose to cultivate advancement and leadership to our communities. Further graduate education is necessary for this region. There are a wide range of academic programs. The College received a \$450K grant over three years for computer science students. They recently welcomed Pia Durkin, former superintendent, as a scholar in residence; she is helping our students. They are working with Vice President Gentlewarrior and Dr. Michael Young on retention. They have offered a class to assist incoming students and this has been very popular. Mr. Cincotta talked about their metrics and admissions. Faculty play a huge role in determining the enrollment into the programs. They set enrollment targets by the graduate program. They were at or above their target for most of the programs. Where enrollment was low, they talked with the faculty about it. They are working to make it easier for students to matriculate into a program. Six new programs are in development. (Attachment)

President Clark highlighted the BSU cheerleaders who won the national championship. He recognized BSU student Jayci Andrews who became the first female to win the national championship at the recent NCAA Division III women's indoor track and field. He offered his congratulations.

**ACTION/
INFORMATION
ITEMS****EXECUTIVE**VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIEDHonorary Degree Recipients - 2019

On motion duly made and seconded (MacCormack, Denterlein) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the awarding of an Honorary Degree to Marylou Sudders at the University's 2019 Graduate Convocation on May 16, 2019 and an Honorary Degree to Martin J. Walsh and Edward J. Markey at the University's 2019 Undergraduate Commencement Convocation on May 18, 2019 as recommended by the Executive Committee and outlined in President Clark's memorandum dated March 28, 2019.

VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIEDDistinguished Service Award Recipients – 2019

On motion duly made and seconded (MacCormack, Longo) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the awarding of a Distinguished Service Award to Marquis Taylor and Lisa Battaglini at the University's 2019 Undergraduate Commencement Convocation on May 18, 2019 as recommended by the Executive Committee as outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated March 28, 2019.

(Attachment)

Enterprise Risk Management

Chairman Durgin noted Dr. Jennifer Sipiora and Mr. Steve Zuromski provided a terrific presentation at the committee meeting on Enterprise Risk Management. This is a groundbreaking initiative for our campus. They presented an outline and Trustee feedback at the meeting was helpful to them.

(Attachment)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRSPromotions to Rank of Full Professor

Committee Chair MacCormack spoke about the promotions to full professor; there were 12 candidates presented. This is a great deal of work for all individuals involved in the process. She was very impressed with the range of candidates. Provost Ismaili reviewed their portfolios and was impressed by their work.

On motion duly made and seconded (MacCormack, Alexander) it was

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that the Board of Trustees approves the Promotions to Rank of Full Professor as recommended by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and described in the memorandum from President Clark dated March 25, 2019.
(Attachment)

Tenure Recommendations

Committee Chair MacCormack noted there were 18 individuals who were reviewed by the Tenure Committee and brought to the Board for approval.

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On motion duly made and seconded (MacCormack, Turchon) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the Tenure Recommendations as recommended by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and described in the memorandum from President Clark dated March 25, 2019.
(Attachment)

Student Mental Health at BSU

Committee Chair MacCormack commented on the presentation by Dr. Chris Frazer from the Wellness Center. It's important to pay attention to students' physical and mental health needs. They talked about challenges, trends and issues.
(Attachment)

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Residence Hall Rent Schedule – AY2019-20

Committee Chair Murphy stated the rent schedule is determined by the MSCBA, which has set a 3.25% rent increase for the next academic year with the exception of single rooms which will have a 5% increase. This was brought as an information item.
(Attachment)

FY2020 Budget Update

Committee Chair Murphy said the House budget came out today which is slightly less impressive. There are continuing efforts to restore it over the next several months.

Operations Update

Vice President Jason reviewed the strategic support they provide

across the campus at the committee meeting. Their mission is to help other divisions with customer support.

Committee Chair Murphy noted the food service contract will be going out to bid and the process is underway. The Board will receive a presentation in the Fall.

STUDENT SUCCESS AND DIVERSITY

Committee Chair MacCormack noted a robust discussion was held at the committee meeting. Kate McLaren gave a presentation with a great deal of data. This is an effort across the campus to help our students be successful. They talked about the Academic Achievement Center and assistance provided to students who may possibly be put on academic dismissal and the in-depth look at this program. Vice President Gentlewarrior noted BSU continues to lead in Leading for Change.

Trustee Longo stated the BSU team tried to predict what would happen in the future. This data/predictions are so far ahead of other schools. They experienced 75% accuracy.

First to Second Semester Predictive Retention Model
(See Attachment)

First to Second Semester Retention for First-time, Full-time Freshmen
(See Attachment)

Comprehensive and Proactive Student Success Service Provision to First-time, Full-time Students of Color
(See Attachment)

PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW AND COMPENSATION

Committee Report

Chairman Durgin noted the presidential review is an annual obligation of the Board to submit an evaluation of the president. The DHE has asked that we speak to certain goals that they hold us accountable to. The committee meeting today was an organizational meeting to set up parameters. The next meeting will be June 12 and the president's evaluation will be submitted for approval.

**OTHER
BUSINESS**

Trustee Longo talked about the Day of Giving. 'BSU Gives' online campaign (April 24-25) will raise money and raise awareness about the things happening at BSU and our great work. The goal is \$75,000. He thanked the Trustees who have donated.

On motion duly made and seconded (Longo, Caulfield) it was that the meeting be adjourned (7:30pm).

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Davede Alexander
Secretary

Minutes prepared by:
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