

MEETING NO. 289
APPROVED APRIL 1, 2020

BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 26, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

The provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A having been complied with, and a quorum of the Board of Trustees being present, the Board of Trustees of Bridgewater State University, do hereby approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 26, 2020, as presented to the Board of Trustees on February 26, 2020, and as amended by the Board of Trustees on February 26, 2020.

housing more graduate students, holding focus groups with commuters, etc. It's important to create partnerships across the campus and with families.
(Attachment)

**ACTION/
INFORMATION
ITEMS**

EXECUTIVE

Approval of Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service Award Recipients – May 2020

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (MacCormack, Turchon) it was that the Board of Trustees award an Honorary Degree to Ms. Therese Murray and a Distinguished Service Award to Mr. Gary Maestas at the University's 2020 Graduate Commencement Convocation on May 14, 2020;

That the Board of Trustees approves the recommendation to award an Honorary Degree to Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria and a Distinguished Service Award to Ms. Linda Coombs at the University's 2020 Undergraduate Commencement Convocation on May 16, 2020 as outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated February 20, 2020.
(Attachment)

Strategic Plan Update

Chairman Durgin noted Chief of Staff Leuenberger provided an update at the committee meeting. The next phase is to begin work on Strategic Plan 2.0.

President's Expenses and Upcoming Travel (November 2019-January, 2020)

Chairman Durgin noted President Clark provided his expenses for the past quarter as an information item.
(Attachment)

Personnel Update and Recommendations

Vice President Powers gave a brief update on collective bargaining at the committee meeting.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Spring Enrollment and Admissions Reports

Committee Chair MacCormack spoke about enrollment and admissions.

FY2020/Q1 Contracts Report

The quarterly contracts report was brought as an information item.
(Attachment)

FY2020/Q2 Budget Report

Committee Chair Murphy noted the quarterly budget report was brought as an information item.
(Attachment)

Presentation on State Appropriation

Vice President Shropshire provided a presentation for state appropriation. In looking at the history of state appropriation, he developed graphs which show how BSU is fairing with funding compared to sister institutions. Efforts are being made to highlight this information and make a case that we need and have earned these dollars. President Clark noted in the national context, we are at the bottom half. None of the institutions are properly funded and there is a push for a funding formula to be developed. Trustee Longo stated BSU is running efficiently and efforts are appreciated.
(Attachment)

FY2021 Budget Update

President Clark noted the Governor's budget came out with a 1% increase in the appropri

