

Bridgewater State University
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 17, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustees Durgin, Caulfield, Benson, Denterlein, Longo, Murphy, MacCormack, Oliari, meeting law of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, as declared on March 12, 2020 by Governor Charlie Baker, which was duly complied with, and a quorum of the Board virtually present, the Board of Trustees met in a conference call meeting on June 17, 2021 with Chairman Durgin presiding.

Chairman Durgin called the meeting to order.

On motion duly made via roll call vote, Trustees Durgin-yes, Trustee Longo-yes, Trustee Caulfield-yes, Trustee Benson-yes, Trustee Murphy-yes, Trustee Benson-yes, Trustee Turley-yes, Trustee Oliari-yes, Trustee Denterlein-yes, it was

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting held on April 14, 2021.
(Attachment)

**Chairman's
Report**

Chairman Durgin recognized guests in attendance: Dr. Cindy Kane and several of her grad students, Dean Emerita Battaglino and Student Trustee-elect Artie Kopellas. He also recognized Dr. Kopellas who wished her well in her new role as president at Mass Coll. Lastly, he expressed his appreciation to Student Trustee Benson and Trustee Murphy for their time on the Board and dedication to the students and university.

**President's
Report**

President Clark thanked Mary Grant for her remarkable work and her time at BSU. He also thanked Trustee Benson as he a

Kopellas who is also another powerful voice for our students.

Looking to the fall, they will incorporate lessons learned from this past
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Presidential Review

Chairman Durgin noted the Executive Committee reviewed President Clark's self-assessment as well as a letter to the Commissioner outlining his performance. The evaluation is due to the Commissioner by June 30.

On motion duly made via roll call vote, Trustee MacCormack-yes, Trustee Longo-yes, Trustee Caulfield-yes, Trustee Durgin-yes, Trustee Murphy-yes, Trustee Benson-yes, Trustee Turchon-yes, Trustee Oliari-yes, Trustee Denterlein-yes, it was

VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

that the Board of Trustees accepts President Clark's performance self-assessment as provided in the attachment dated June 8, 2021 for transmittal to the Commissioner of Higher Education along with the Board's performance evaluation.

(Attachment)

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Continuation Budget for FY2022

Committee Chair Murphy stated the continuation budget is in place until the legislature votes on the appropriation. Vice President Shropshire noted the amount will carry the university through until the Board meets in the fall. Registration is continuing but we are lagging. Predictive analytics shows a 3.1% decline. Occupancy rate is going well. Hiring pause will continue until we know more about enrollment.

On motion duly made via roll call vote, Trustee MacCormack-yes, Trustee Longo-yes, Trustee Caulfield-yes, Trustee Durgin-yes, Trustee Murphy-yes, Trustee Denterlein, Trustee Benson-yes, Trustee, Turchon-yes, Trustee Oliari-yes, it was

VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

that the Board of Trustees approves the Continuation Budget for FY2022 in the amount of \$58,794,704 (prorated expenditure level for 3.5 months) as recommended and outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated June 10, 2021.

(Attachment)

FY2021/Q3 Trust Fund Report

Vice President Shropshire noted there were shortages on the revenue side, specifically the Res Life Trust Fund. Overall, there was a \$2.9M deficit which was better than expected.

On motion duly made via roll call vote, Trustee MacCormack-yes, Trustee Longo-yes, Trustee Caulfield-yes, Trustee Durgin-yes, Trustee Murphy-yes, Trustee Benson-yes, Trustee Turchon-yes, Trustee Oliari-yes, Trustee Denterlein it was

VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2021/Q3 Trust Fund Report as outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated June 10,

CARRIED

2021.
(Attachment)

Student Fee Schedule for AY2021-22

Vice President Shropshire commented there will not be an increase in student fees which presents a tremendous opportunity for them. The state appropriation assisted with this decision and finances have been managed well.

On motion duly made via roll call vote, Trustee MacCormack-yes, Trustee Longo-yes, Trustee Caulfield-yes, Trustee Durgin-yes, Trustee Murphy-yes, Trustee Benson-yes, Trustee Turchon-yes, Trustee Oliari-yes, Trustee Denterlein-yes, it was

VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

that the Board of Trustees approves no mandatory student fee increase for the AY2021-2022 as outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated J ctee Longo-

this Board. Provost Ismaili acknowledged the work of Deans Boehm, Porter-Utley and Alcon.

Provost Ismaili noted the Public Relations Master's degree will be BSU's first fully online program.

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

Oliari-yes, Trustee Denterlein-yes, it was that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2021/Q3 Alumni and Development Dashboard Report as outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated June 10, 2021. (Attachment)

NOMINATING

Slate of Board Officers – AY2021-22

Trustee Longo reported that the Nomination Committee met and voted on the following slate of officers: Gene Durgin as Chairman, Jean MacCormack as Vice Chair and Margaret Caulfield as Secretary.

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

On motion duly made via roll call vote, Trustee MacCormack-yes, Trustee Longo-yes, Trustee Caulfield-yes, Trustee Durgin-yes, Trustee Murphy-yes, Trustee Benson-yes, Trustee Turchon-yes, Trustee Oliari-yes, Trustee Denterlein-yes, it was that the Board of Trustees approves the Slate of Board Officers for AY2021-22 as recommended by the Nominating Committee in the attached memorandum from Secretary Caulfield dated June 10, 2021. (Attachment)

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

On motion duly made via roll call vote, Trustee MacCormack-yes, Trustee Longo-yes, Trustee Caulfield-yes, Trustee Durgin-yes, Trustee Murphy-yes, Trustee Denterlein-yes, Trustee Benson-yes, Trustee Turchon-yes, Trustee Oliari it was that the meeting be adjourned (5:40 pm).

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. Caulfield, Esq.
Secretary

Minutes prepared by:
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