

Bridgewater State University
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 20, 2022
Dunn Conference Room
Hybrid Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustees Alexander (Virtual), Battaglino, Durgin, Caulfield, Kopellas, Giles, Longo, Prince, Oliari and Turchon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee MacCormack

ALSO PRESENT: President Clark; EVP and Provost Ismaili; Chief of Staff Leuenberger; Vice Presidents Gentlewarrior, Jason, Jean, Powers, Oravec, Shropshire, Zuromski; Special Advisor deMacedo (Virtual); CDO Oliver, Interim Assistant VP Bell

Under the order suspending certain provisions of the open meeting law of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, as declared on March 12, 2020 by Governor Baker, having been complied with, and a quorum of the Board present, the Board of Trustees held a meeting on October 20, 2021 with Trustee Durgin presiding.

Trustee Durgin noted Chairperson MacCormack was not able to attend and she asked him to preside over the meeting in her absence. The meeting was called to order at 6:25pm. He put forth a motion that a unanimous vote will be deemed to eliminate the need for a roll call. If a vote is not unanimous, then a roll call vote will be conducted.

On motion duly made via roll call vote, Trustee Battaglino-yes,

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professor last April. Trustee Durgin acknowledged their accomplishment and presented them with a gift.

Student Trustee Update

Trustee Kopellas is working with first-year students who are engaging in activities on campus and joining clubs. The new orientation process went very well.

President's Report

President Clark publicly congratulated the faculty who achieved the status of full professor. He thanked the Board for their involvement on campus thus far. The NECHE visit is coming up which is critically important and appreciates the extensive work by all. BSU has strong COVID protocols and there is a focus on the vaccination and booster shots. Staff are focused on the success of our students knowing they are facing significant challenges (mental health and preparedness for their studies).

President Clark announced that BSU is a recipient of a gift from an institutional national donor. Vice President Gentlewarrior received an email inquiring about racial justice and the donor gave BSU \$1.3M over a two-year period. The money is for a software support platform to track students, support retention scholarships (offered to students in good academic standing) and 3 student navigators who will work with students at a higher risk of non-persistence.

Presentation: Center for Transformative Learning

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Oliari, Longo) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the draft independent audited financial statements for FY2022 prepared by the Finance Division and audited by O'Connor & Drew as recommended by the Audit Committee and as described in the memorandum from President Clark dated October 13, 2022.
(Attachment)

EXECUTIVE

President's Budget for FY2023

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Turchon, Caulfield) it was that the Board of Trustees accepts and approves the President's Budget for FY2023 as recommended by the Executive Committee and as outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated October 13, 2022.
(Attachment)

Contract Approval for JJ Cardosi, Inc

A construction contract with JJ Cardosi for cyber security was brought for Board approval in the amount of \$1.13M. All funding came from federal and state.

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Oliari, Caulfield) it was that the Board of Trustees approves a contract with JJ Cardosi, Inc as recommended by the Executive Committee and described in the memorandum from President Clark dated October 13, 2022.

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ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Annual Report of Grants and Sponsored Projects

Provost Ismaili briefly reviewed the grants report.

VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Caulfield, Oliari) it was that the Board of Trustees accepts the Annual Report of Grants and Sponsored Projects for the year beginning July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 as described in the memorandum from President Clark dated October 13, 2022.

(Attachment)

Faculty and Librarian Hiring Report

Provost Ismaili stated there are 25 new faTJ-10 ID 53 B7-6 (o)(t)-(r)-1 (o)-4 (j)71L920

ALUMNI AND DEVELOPMENTFY2022/Q4 Advancement Activity Dashboard Report

Committee Chair Turchon noted the closing of the year was strong. \$7.3M was raised last year. \$1.2M was awarded and 402 scholarships were provided to 360 students. Net assets stand at \$61M.

Chief Development Officer Oliver noted they exceeded their goals for each quarter. At the end of FY22, \$1.8M was raised. At the end of the current quarter, they are at \$3M in giving.

On motion duly made and seconded (Turchon, Kopellas) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2022/Q4 Alumni and Development Dashboard Report as recommended in the memorandum from President Clark dated October 13, 2022.
(Attachment)

VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

CDO Oliver Priorities