

Bridgewater State University  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 9, 2022  
Hybrid Via Zoom  
Dunn Conference Room

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustees Alexander and Longo

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

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 virtually present, the Board of Trustees held a zoom meeting on June 9, 2022 with Chairman Durgin presiding.

Chairman Durgin called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. He asked the Trustees if it would be acceptable to dispense with a roll call after each action item as long as the vote is unanimous.

On motion duly made and seconded via a roll call vote, Trustee Giles-yes, Trustee Kopellas-yes, Trustee MacCormack-yes, Trustee Oliari-yes, Trustee Prince-yes, Trustee Turchon-yes, Trustee Caulfield-yes, Trustee Durgin-yes, it was that the Board of Trustees dispense with a roll call vote for each unanimous vote for the duration of this meeting.

VOTED  
FOR: Unanimous  
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (MacCormack, Kopellas) it was to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting held on April 12, 2022. (Attachment)

VOTED  
FOR: Unanimous  
CARRIED

**CHAIRMAN'S  
REPORT**

Chairman Durgin welcomed Dr. Cindy Kane's graduate students to the meeting and recognized the retirement and lengthy service of David

Wilson who was a true, valued colleague for all. Lastly, Chairman Durgin solemnly acknowledged the passing of Trustee Longo's mother.

#### Student Voice

Trustee Kopellas updates: the Orientation Training session began for first-year students; seniors are looking forward to receiving their degrees in May and they acknowledged Chairman Durgin's years of service.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Clark expressed his appreciation and thanks to Dave Wilson. His updates follow: a reception was held to recognize recent retirees; Vice President Molife will be the next provost at MassArt and thanked her for 20 years of service; Dean Porter-Utley will be moving on to Fitchburg State University; recognized Dr. Maria Hegbloom in her new role with the MSCA; offered congratulations to Dr. Lee Torda as the next Chapter President for the MSCA; retroactive salary increases have been distributed and he thanked Vice President Powers for her team's tremendous efforts; union contract negotiations are taking place for the fall opening in regards to the pandemic; recognized Dr. Chris Frazer as 15,907 COVID tests were provided this past year; 96.8% of employees have been vaccinated; secured a national science grant for \$3M to support a national model to recruit and retain cohorts of faculty of color; and the Mandela Fellows will be here next week.

#### 29 Who Shine Recipient

Chief of Staff Leuenberger noted one student is nominated from each of the 29 institutions for the state's recognition of 29 Who Shine. BSU student, Mr. Joshua Joseph, was recommended by several nominees. His mentor is David Rumrill. All congratulated Mr. Joseph for this recognition.

#### Wellness Presentation

Dr. Chris Frazer, Executive Director for Wellness, presented on Mental Health.

**EXECUTIVE**

Board of Trustees Budget

The recommended budget for the Board of Trustees is to be level funded.

VOTED  
FOR: Unanimous  
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (MacCormack, Turchon) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the Board of Trustees Budget for FY2023 as recommended by the Executive Committee and described in the memorandum from President Clark dated June 2, 2022.

(Attachment)

Letter of Intent for BS in Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics

Provost Ismaili spoke about the request for a new B.S. in Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics. The department has worked well in developing the letter of intent. He offered his thanks to Dr. Li, Department of Computer Science and Dean Porter-Utley.

Vice President Zuromski stated it has been an honor to collaborate with faculty and deans on this opportunity for our students.

VOTED  
FOR: Unanimous  
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Turchon, Kopellas) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Board of Higher Education (BHE) for a new B.S. degree in Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics at Bridgewater State University as recommended by the Executive Committee and described in the memorandum from President Clark dated June 2, 2022.

(Attachment)

Contract Approval for Presidio Technology Capital, LLC

Vice President Shropshire recognized this is a major contract which was procured under a state contract. Time was spent to negotiate great rates. The current infrastructure is quite old and is no longer supported by the vendor.

VOTED  
FOR: Unanimous  
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (MacCormack, Turchon) it was that the Board of Trustees approves a contract with Presidio Technology Capital, LLC as recommended by the Executive Committee and described in the memorandum from President Clark dated June 2, 2022.

(Attachment)

Strategic Planning Update  
An update

though there are 1,000 less students and about \$12M less in our budget due to the pandemic, enrollment decline, etc.; however, a balanced budget has been brought forward. Vice President Shropshire stated the CPI has risen 10.3% and inflationary impacts forces the increase of student fees. The state has provided an increase in financial aid which is helpful.

VOTED  
FOR: Unanimous  
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Kopellas, Turchon) it was that the Board of Trustees approves a 2.97% total increase in mandatory student tuition and fees for academic year 2022-2023 as recommended by the Finance and Operations Committee and

FY2022/Q3 Budget Report

The quarterly budget report was provided as an information item.  
(Attachment)

Capital Projects Update

The capital projects update was provided as an information item.  
(Attachment)

**ALUMNI AND DEVELOPMENT**

FY2022\Q3 Alumni and Development Dashboard Report

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VOTED  
FOR: Unanimous  
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (MacCormack, Longo) it was that the meeting be adjourned (7:55 pm).

Respectfully submitted,

**Scott Longo**

Scott Longo  
Secretary

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