

Student Trustee Update

Trustee Allen stated the University is supportive of the ongoing issues around the world. He called for a moment of silence to honor the 11th anniversary of Sandy Hook. The University is pushing for a safer campus and limiting sexual assaults, and students are starting to speak out on things they see. Students are happy with the support of jobs on campus. In regard to mental health, students are coming together and helping each other and noted BSU offers great resources.

**President's
Report**

President Clark noted Rita Miller was celebrated at the Board dinner receiving the title of Dean Emerita. He also recognized Dr. Joe Oravec, Vice President for Student Life, who will retire at the end of this month. During V.P. Oravec's entire time at BSU, it was always about his team –advocating for them and recognizing their accomplishments - V.P. Oravec was here for the students and they know who he is. President Clark is very grateful for his service, care and compassion.

Other Updates:

- *Salary increases for employees have finally been funded and HR is diligently processing.
- *Bridgewater Rising – Secretary of Education Pat Tutwiler and Commissioner Noe Ortega were recently on campus. They are both interested in BSU's equity work.
- *Vice President Gentlewarrior and Chair MacCormack presented at the

VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Longo, Prince) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2024/Q1 Trust Funds Report as recommended by the Finance and Operations Committee and outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated November 22, 2023.

(Attachment)

Meal Plan Rates for AY2024-25

Committee Chair Longo stated the meal plan rates are based on CPI, however, BSU negotiated a rate.

VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Longo, Battaglino) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the Meal Plan Rates for AY2024-25 as recommended by the Finance and Operations Committee and outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated November 22, 2023.

(Attachment)

FY2024/Q1 Budget Report

Committee Chair Longo stated the budget is going well. The number of credits related to courses being taken have increased and expenses are as expected.

(Attachment)

FY2024/Q1 Contracts Report

The quarterly contracts report was brought as an information item.

(Attachment)

Financial Aid Report

Committee Chair Longo noted AVP Biechler provided a thorough report on financial aid at the committee meeting. \$92M has been disbursed to BSU students. The program for undocumented students has expanded to assist students. The average debt for BSU graduated students is \$25K. \$3.2M is invested in student employment.

(Attachment)

Capital Projects Update

Vice President Jason briefly reviewed the projects. Update to the report: the bids for the Library A.C. project came in at \$1.7M which was funded with non-local funds.

(Attachment)

STUDENT SUCCESS AND DIVERSITYGraduation and Retention Data

Committee Chair Caulfield stated Amanda Colligan, executive director for IR, presented at the committee meeting. She provided a thoughtful and thorough presentation. Graduation rates for first-time full time are trending above our peers, and retention of first-time full time is

President Clark noted Isabelle Dawson left a bequest to BSU upon her recent passing. Her estate is valued between \$3-5M. She was a remarkable woman. Per her request, dollars will go to the College of Education to support teacher prep candidates.

CDO Oliver mentioned the goal for end of calendar year is \$3.6M. An application was submitted for the Massachusetts state endowment match.

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Turchon, Longo) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2023/Q1 Alumni and Development Dashboard Report as recommended by the Alumni and Development Committee and outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated November 12, 2023.
(Attachment)

Foundation Update

The investment performance is strong. The Investment Committee is reviewing its policy and also looking at private investment firms.

Alumni Update

Homecoming was successful. The annual meeting was held during Homecoming. Other updates: 1a h;99 re0.002 Tw 1 (f)3 (ul)-2 (5 (i)(e)4 (c)275TJE65

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