

Bridgewater State University
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 8, 2023
Heritage Room, Maxwell Library
Hybrid

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustees Alexander, Battaglino, Caulfield, Giles, Longo, Taylor, MacCormack, Turchon and virtually: Kopellas, Oliari and Prince

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: President Clark; EVP and Provost Ismaili; Chief of Staff Leuenberger; Vice Presidents Gentlewarrior, Jason, Jean, Powers, Shropshire, Zuromski; Special Advisor deMacedo; CDO Oliver, Acting Vice President 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 June 8, 2023 with Chairperson MacCormack presiding.

Chairperson MacCormack called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. She 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 Alexander-yes, Trustee Battaglino-yes, Trustee Longo-yes, Trustee Caulfield-yes, Trustee Kopellas-yes, Trustee Giles-yes, Trustee Taylor-yes, Trustee Turchon-yes, Trustee Oliari-yes, Trustee Prince-yes, Trustee MacCormack-yes, it was

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

that the Board of Trustees dispense with a roll call vote for each unanimous vote for the duration of this meeting.

VOTED

On motion duly made and seconded (Battaglino, Taylor) it was to approve the minutes from th002 Twl0B6 (ee)TJB.-20.07 Tw 1.33 0 .-20. oJB.-20.07

**President's
Report**

President Clark thanked Trustee Kopellas for their exceptional advocacy on behalf of the students. He also thanked MSCA Chapter President Torda for a good, productive year. Jenna Shales will serve as the APA Chapter President.

President Clark and Provost Ismaili recognized Dr. Rita Miller on her upcoming retirement. Dean Miller has provided incredible support and service to their work and has embodied the true spirit of collaboration across the campus. He also thanked Dr. Tom Wu for his efforts as interim dean. Dr. Wu's work was remarkable over the past two years. He demonstrated the best and stepped into the role during a challenging period. He was innovative and creative in working with faculty.

Other updates: The efforts of successful graduation ceremonies are truly appreciated. The NECHE process was concluded and BSU received a remarkable letter from the team which is appreciated (acknowledged BSU's equity, strategic planning and the culture at BSU). BSU continues to move forward with new programs. Equity – the anonymous donor is again in active conversation about furthering equity work. There is a focus on building community around the world; BSU has been disconnected due to the pandemic. Lech Walesa is coming to BSU to speak to the campus community due to the efforts of Bruce and Patricia Bartlett.

ACTION/
INFORMATION
ITEMS

EXECUTIVE

Board of Trustees Budget – FY2024

The Board Budget was brought for approval and is level funded.

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Caulfield, Giles) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the Board of Trustees Budget for FY2024 as recommended by the Executive Committee and outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated June 1, 2023. (Attachment)

Letter of Intent for M.S. Degree, Cybersecurity and Justice

Provost Ismaili noted this is a collaboration effort across the campus.

This will provide a graduate degree program that builds upon all the work that has been undertaken

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VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Battaglino, Taylor) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2023/Q3 Trust Fund Report as recommended by the Finance and Operations Committee and outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated June 1, 2023.
(Attachment)

Student Fee Schedule

Committee Chair Longo noted the process to set fees is very thoughtful and the recommendation for AY23-24 is a 3% increase. Vice President Shropshire noted the increase is tied to inflationary projections. The increase was set knowing they are unsure of financial parameters with bargaining for salary increases and how much the state will support BSU.

President Clark was hopeful that with the Fair Share funding, dollars would come to BSU, but nothing has happened yet. The Senate budget had an exception for BSU due to the advocacy and support of Senator Rodrigues.

VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Caulfield, Longo) it was that the Board of Trustees approves a 3% total increase in mandatory student tuition and fees for the academic year 2023-2024 as recommended by the Finance and Operations Committee and outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated June 1, 2023.
(Attachment)

Contract Approval for APC Development Group Inc.

The contract with APC Development is for the renovations of the entrance for the Maxwell Library. The efforts in trying to meet with minority-owned, female-owned businesses to meet the minimum requirement is appreciated.

VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Battaglino, Longo) it was that the Board of Trustees approves a contract with APC Development Group, Inc. for the renovation of the Park Avenue entrances, Maxwell Library, as recommended by the Finance and Operations Committee and described in the memorandum from President Clark dated June 1, 2023.
(Attachment)

FY2023/Q3 Contracts Report

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

Pending Contracts Requiring Approval by the Board of Trustees

Committee Chair Longo noted there are pending contracts that will be brought to the Executive Committee for approval under the summer delegation of authority.
(Attachment)

FY2023/Q3 Budget Report

Vice President Shropshire stated there will be a small surplus in the budget which was accomplished through salary savings on open positions. Money was redeployed for one-time expenditures. (Attachment)

Capital Projects Update

The Capital Projects Update was brought as an information item. Shea Durgin renovation is going well and Vice President Jason briefly reviewed other upcoming projects. (Attachment)

ALUMNI AND DEVELOPMENTFY2023/Q3 Alumni and Development Dashboard Report

Committee Chair Turchon stated alumni and student engagements have been going well. There were 4 events in Florida (135 attendees) and a successful Deans' Tea. The third quarter year-to-date closed with \$982K raised (\$278K more than last year); total giving is \$4.6M with total year-to-date just over \$7M.

President Clark noted engagement with alumni is going very well. CDO Oliver stated they will continue to work to sustain relationships and have the hard conversations. For the fourth quarter, cash in is at \$1M; cumulative is \$5.7M; \$191K from Giving Day. Golf sponsorships are coming in; outstanding pledges are \$400K and planned giving bequests are \$1.1M (one for \$580K). She is hopeful to close around \$10M in commitments and bequests.

On motion duly made and seconded (Turchon, Battaglino) it was

VOTED

UNIVERSITY SAFETY AND SECURITYCrisis Management Plan

Committee Chair Caulfield stated the focus of the committee meeting was on the crisis management plan and the protocols for an active shooter scenario. Safety is the number one priority for the university. Chief Tillinghast and Assistant Chief Froio conducted a thorough presentation at the committee meeting. BSU police have specialized training as well as the necessary tools. BSU has a

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On motion duly made and second (Longo, Giles) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the Slate of Board Officers for FY2023-24 as recommended by the Nominating Committee in the attached memorandum from Secretary Longo dated June 1, 2023.
(Attachment)

OTHER
BUSINESS

None

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Giles, Longo) it was that the meeting be adjourned (7:50 pm).

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Longo
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Secretary

Minutes prepared by:
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