

Bridgewater State University
Board of Trustees Meeting
December 14, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustees Alexander Durgin, Caulfield, Kopellas, Giles, Longo, Oliari, MacCormack and Turchon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Prince

ALSO PRESENT: President Clark, EVP and Provost Ismaili; Chief of Staff Leuenberger Vice Presidents Gentlewarrior, Jason, 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 December 14, 2021 with Chairman Durgin presiding.

Chairman Durgin called the meeting to order at 5:10pm. He asked the Trustees if it would be acceptable to dispense with 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 MacCormack-yes, Trustee Caulfield-yes, Trustee Giles-yes, Trustee Kopella-yes, Trustee Alexander-yes, Trustee Longo-yes, Trustee Oliari-yes, Trustee Turchon-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

VOTED

On motion duly made and seconded by (Ulfield, MacCormack) it was

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Divisional Priorities (AY2122 Ismaili/Oravec)

Provost Ismaili noted there are 10 priorities in his division and mentioned a few NECHE, continuation of adapting to OOD

RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY

Committee Report

Chairman Durgin noted the Board created this committee in response to the RJTF report and it will meet frequently. The committee members reviewed the mission and organization of the committee which will be under Provost Ismaili's leadership.

Provost Ismaili stated there are 4 groups on campus that are focused on racial justice and equity: the Board, the Cabinet, RJ Council and a student advisory group which will be created soon.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Cyber Security

Vinny DeMacedo spoke about a cyber security consortium and the creation of a cyber security range at BSU. They were able to assist the Commonwealth in putting together a consortium in 4 different regions in Massachusetts. \$16.5M funding is secured for this consortium which will serve as a national model.

(Attachment)

Martin Richard Institute for Social Justice

Vice President Molife spoke about what has been accomplished over the fall semester. The Foundation purchased the building on Summer Street which will house the MRISJ next fall. All funds for the purchase and renovation are tied to donations. The Martin Richard scholarship is for eligible students who attend the Neighborhood House Charter School.

VOTED
FOR: Unanimous
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (MacCormack, Turchon) it was that the meeting be adjourned (6:45 pm).

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Minutes prepared by:
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