

Bridgewater State University  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 18, 2020  
Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustees Durgin, Alexander, Caulfield, Benson, Denterlein, Longo, Murphy, MacCormack, Oliari, Turchon

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

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 conference call meeting on June 18, 2020 with Chairman Durgin presiding.

Chairman Durgin called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

VOTED  
FOR: Unanimous  
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (MacCormack, Benson) it was to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting held on June 1, 2020.  
(Attachment)

**Chairman's  
Report**

Chairman Durgin applauded the social justice forum. This was a highly successful gathering where 250 people participated. BSU is intensively aware of each other and its roots for each other's success. Several years ago the Board adopted a statement of values to ensure

**President's  
Report**

President Clark thanked Trustee Alexander for his willingness to serve and to lead this Task Force. This is a big undertaking and we are committed to make change. He also thanked Drs. Mary Grant and Carolyn Petrosino for their roles in chairing this. Every day going forward we will continue the work of racial justice. The goal is to listen, be introspective and gather information from across the world to make change. He will soon announce 4 vice chairs to serve on the task force and it will r i mat( w)2 (i)-2n tpee.e

Oravec and his team are working hard with students who have gone through orientation. Currently experiencing a delay with freshmen coming in. They plan on single rooms only for the fall (43% of our occupancy). Room deposits are close to full occupancy. There will be some savings due to a hiring pause. MSCBA has been working on a refinancing plan which projects reducing our debt service requirement; BSU will save \$12.4M. The refinancing has an impact on FY22. This will have to be paid back and spans over the time period from 2029 to 2041. Operating expense reductions have been realized through the hard work of administration.

VOTED  
FOR: Unanimous  
CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Denterlein, Murphy) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the Continuation Budget for FY2021 in the amount of \$53,122,608 (prorated expenditure level for 3.5 months) as recommended and outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated June 12, 2020.  
(Attachment)

#### FY2020/Q3 Trust Funds Report

Vice President Shropshire noted on March 31 trust funds were tracking ahead. Resident, dining and parking trust funds have been affected. Through the work of Vice President Jason, significant dollars were saved with the Sodexo contract. Overall, there was a surplus in trust funds. The only two deficits were residence hall and aviation as we lost flight hours. Occupancy in residence halls was far ahead of what was budgeted for prior to the pandemic.

VOTED

On motion duly made and seconded (Longo, Caulfield) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the F Tw 4.49.2 (r)6.9 2020Q6.9 33 0 Td{O 3135(p)-

Trustee Caulfield asked what the backup plan would be if Sodexo were to leave the contract. Vice President Jason noted there are vendors who would step right in (Aramark or Chartwells).

Delegation of Authority – Dining Services Contract

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approved the full proposal and is now presented to the Board of Trustees to approve the delivery of the final proposal to the BHE. The review will be expedited. They are very pleased to bring engineering to BSU.



OTHER  
BUSINESS

Irina Seceleneau, the new MSCA Chapter President, introduced James Leone, who is the new