



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts**

service on the John Adams Innovation Institute board, President Grant will work to connect North Adams with the state's Gateway Cities initiative.

### **Spring Semester Update**

Planning for Commencement in May is underway.

A transition meeting for the Center for Science and Innovation is planned for early February. At this time, the team from the state Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) that worked on the study phase will hand over responsibility to the DCAM design team. President Grant anticipates the College will have the same close, responsive working relationship with the design team that MCLA enjoyed with the DCAM study phase staff.

### **Board Retreat February 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Committee reviewed the proposed agenda for the retreat, and suggested additional items for discussion, including an overview on admissions and enrollment.

### **Strategic Planning Update**

President Grant informed the Committee on the next cycle of strategic planning work. A task force representing faculty, staff, students, alumni, and Trustees will be working on planning over the next several months. Trustee Leibowitz represents the board on this group. In addition to refreshing the planning process, this work also positions MCLA for the next NEASC accreditation visit in 2013.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.