

Chair Allen opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees, and acknowledging Professor Professor James Niedbalski and students from the News Writing and Reporting II class for their attendance at the meeting. President Grant also acknowledged student Ashton Darrett '11 who was her guest at the meeting as part of a project for his leadership studies course.

Approval of the Minutes of the September 16, 2010, Meeting of the Board of Trustees:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2010, meeting of the Board and all actions contained therein, with one typographical error corrected.

Report of the October 5, 2010, Academic Affairs Committee Meeting:

Trustee Lamb delivered the report on behalf of the Committee.

At the meeting, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Cynthia Brown provided an overview of matters that come before the Committee. She also updated the Committee on three faculty promotions. The committee discussed the importance of hearing about the faculty and their accomplishments in teaching, scholarship, and service, and enthusiastically endorsed President Grant's approval of these promotions. Finally, the Committee received an update on the Board of Higher Education Vision Project.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2010, meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee and all actions contained therein.

Report of the October 6, 2010 Fiscal Affairs Committee Meeting

Trustee Crowe delivered the report on behalf of the committee.

David DiIulis, auditor with O'Connor & Drew P.C., was in attendance. He summarized the MCLA audit for Fiscal Year 2010. The audit provides an unqualified opinion of the College's financial position. Mr. DiIulis had already done a thorough presentation to the Fiscal Affairs Committee at the October 6, 2010 meeting.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: Unanimously to accept the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Fiscal Year 2010 audited financial statements.

Vice President of Administration and Finance Dr. James Stakenas summarized the budget for the Board. Trustee Crowe reported that the Fiscal Affairs Committee received a detailed report on

the MCLA budget for Fiscal Year 2011. Based on this thorough overview, he expressed the confidence of the committee in the budget as presented. Dr. Stakenas will provide additional materials to all Trustees.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts budget for Fiscal Year 2011.

The committee also discussed campus projects including the planned replacement of the Campus Center gym floor, and the Center for Science and Innovation.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2010, meeting of the Fiscal Affairs Committee and all actions contained therein.

Report of the October 7, 2010, Student Affairs Committee Meeting:

Trustee Fairbank delivered the report on behalf of the Committee.

At the meeting, Dean of Students Charlotte Degen and members of the Student Affairs staff provided an overview of the division. Trustee Fairbank reported that the Committee was impressed with the level of activities organized through Student Affairs, as well as the thoughtful, mature, and well developed student life program at MCLA.

There was a brief discussion related to Greek life on campus, and the goal for the current academic year to focus further on academic excellence among the Greek organizations recognized by the College.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2010, meeting of the Student Affairs Committee and all actions contained therein.

President's Report

President Grant noted that City Year founder and author Alan Khazei was giving a presentation on civic engagement to students in an adjacent meeting room, and would stop by to say hello, time permitting.

The president acknowledged the work of the team from Administration and Finance – Vice President Stakenas, Treasurer Desmarais, and Laura Brown – for their work managing the budget process.

President Grant reported on the successful Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) regional undergraduate research conference held at MCLA in early October, and on the important and leading work MCLA is doing in the area of undergraduate research. She thanked Vice President Brown, Deans Joslin and Degen,

VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.