

Certification of the project feasibility study triggers the next stage of project funding, and moves the Center for Science and Innovation into the design phase with a target to break ground during the summer of 2011.

The president acknowledged the partnership and good working relationship MCLA has with the state Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM). She noted the important work of MCLA faculty and staff in moving the project forward and in particular thanked Vice President Stakenas and Dean Joslin for their efforts.

President Grant noted that there will be a number of projects ongoing across campus over the next several years. Given the responsibility the Board of Trustees holds for fiscal stewardship of the institution, Vice President Stakenas provided a thorough briefing to the Fiscal Affairs committee, including detail regarding debt service and how the college will manage the financing of multiple projects

Vice President Stakenas provided an update on campus projects, including

- The Center for Science and Innovation
- The Amsler Campus Center marketplace redesign
- Renovations to Hoosac Hall
- Installation of new gym floor in Amsler Campus Center
- Renovation and repurposing of the newly-acquired Shapiro property for Facilities, and for use as swing space
- Repurposing of Brewer Perkins property (current Facilities site) as new Public Safety office

Vice President Stakenas reported to the Board the strategies for funding these projects over a multi-year period. The College is in a strong financial position to manage these projects, and has a good project schedule in place.

Report of the November 17, 2010, Executive Committee Meeting:

Chairperson's Report

Chair Allen thanked all Trustees for their attendance and contributions at the committee meetings held in preparation for this meeting.

She also noted that she prepared a letter to Commissioner of Higher Education Richard Freeland in response to changes proposed to the state's cash grant and tuition waiver programs.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: Unanimously to authorize Chair Allen to sign and submit a letter to Commissioner Freeland in response to changes proposed to the state's cash grant and tuition waiver programs that would cut funds for MCLA students.

President's Report

The president welcomed mail room clerk and AFCSME steward Elizabeth Manns, and student and *North Adams Transcript* reporter William Shannon. She noted that Mr. Shannon is the recipient of the College's 2010-2011 Hardman scholarship in journalism.

President Grant addressed changes that the Department of Higher Education (DHE) has made to the cash grant and tuition waiver program, and the impact of these cuts on MCLA and students at the College. Chair Allen has sent a letter on behalf of the Trustees expressing concern.

President Grant updated the Trustees on an armed robbery that recently occurred on campus. Campus police responded immediately as did North Adams Police. It was determined to be an isolated incident and the Massachusetts State Police will be involved in a continued investigation regarding the matter.

The president reported that state representatives-elect Paul Mark and Gail Cariddi each visited campus recently. We anticipate working closely with them as they transition into their new roles, as well as continuing to work closely with all members of the Be

President Grant acknowledged the work of CIO Berman, and thanked him for work in developing the College's identity theft policy. She welcomed Trustees Edgerton and Gold to the Board. Finally, President Grant thanked the Trustees and staff in attendance for their service and support during the 2010 calendar year.

Chair Allen wished all present a happy holiday season.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m.