



Chair Allen opened the meeting by welcoming the Trustees, and welcoming back those Trustees who recently had been traveling out of the area.

**Approval of the Minutes of the December 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 December 16, 2010, meeting of the Board and all actions contained therein.

**Report of the January 18, 2011, Executive Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Allen delivered the report on behalf of the committee.

Topics discussed at the meeting included an update on the FY 2010 budget process and an overview of the College's strategic planning process.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011, meeting of the Executive Committee and all actions contained therein.

**Report of the March 9, 2011, Fiscal Affairs Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Crowe delivered the report on behalf of the committee.

The committee discussed planning scenarios around the FY 2012 budget process. Vice President Stakenas and Treasurer Desmarais are working with President Grant to model a variety of budget scenarios.

The committee also discussed a statewide bidding process that prequalified a number of accounting firms as audit service providers for the institutions. MCLA's current auditing firm, O'Connor and Drew, is part of this prequalified group. Vice President Stakenas will invite O'Connor and Drew to meet with the Fiscal Affairs Committee for the purposes of reviewing their scope of services, identifying areas where the Board and the College request additional review, and hearing from the auditors about validation of their audit processes and practices.

The committee took up a motion around the replacement of the floor in the Campus Center gym. The cost to complete the project, over and above the \$500,000 in state bond funds secured, is \$285,825. There are sufficient funds in the College budget to meet this expense. This is a necessary project, as the cost of periodic repairs to the existing 40 year old flooring system is significant.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** Unanimously to authorize President Grant to transfer funds from MCLA to the MSCBA not to exceed the amount of \$300,000 to fund the contract balance for the Campus Center Gym Floor replacement.

Trustee Crowe reported that the committee also heard updates on other campus projects including work planned for the Ashland Street warehouse property, the College's honors house, the Campus Center Marketplace, upgrades to the Campus Center fire system, the relocation of Public Safety to the Brewer Perkins property on Ashland Street, and the Center for Science and Innovation.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2011, meeting of the Fiscal Affairs Committee and all actions contained therein.

### **Report of the March 9, 2011, Academic Affairs Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Dudley delivered the report on behalf of the committee.

Topics discussed at the meeting included faculty reappointments, a report on the proposal and process to reestablish the chemistry major, an overview of the planned state review of MCLA's educator licensure program, and an update on the Professional MBA program.

With regard to the reappointment process, Trustee Dudley noted that is important for the Trustees to get to know the faculty along the course of their development and progress toward tenure.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** Unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2011, meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee and all actions contained therein.

### **Report of the March 10, 2011, Student Affairs Committee Meeting:**

Trustee Fairbank delivered the report on behalf of the Committee.

He noted that the committee was impressed by the breadth and depth of the student experience at MCLA, as evidenced by the students who presented at the meeting on behalf of the Student-Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC). In particular, members of the Committee noted the focus on leadership development and community service that is part of the student-athlete experience at MCLA.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was  
**VOTED:**

President Grant updated the Board about the College strategic planning process, including a well-attended campus meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>, and several input sessions held with faculty, staff, and student groups. This information will help inform conversation at the annual campus strategic planning retreat in May.

The president noted that she, along with all the state university presidents, offered testimony to the state's Joint Committee on Higher Education on March 23. As part of these meetings, the presidents had budget conversations with House leadership.

With regard to the budget for FY 2012, President Grant noted that she is working with Vice President Stakenas and Treasurer Stakenas to prepare the budget, but that projections indicate 2012 will be a challenging year. She noted that the budget challenges facing Massachusetts are part of a national trend, but that we hope for better news in FY 2013. Meanwhile, MCLA continues to see strong interest

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.