



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Thursday, May 26, 2011
Murdock Hall Fitzpatrick Room**

The following Trustees were present:

Jane Allen, Chair
Stephen Crowe, Vice Chair
James Clemmer
William Dudley
Shirley Edgerton
Tyler Fairbank
Susan Gold
Richard Lamb
Dr. Eugene Leibowitz
Joelle McDonough

The following Trustees were absent:

Jameek Clovie, Student Trustee

Others present:

Mary Grant, President
Cynthia Brown, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Charlotte Degen, Dean of Students
Marianne Drake, Chief Advancement Officer
Bernadette Lupo, Coordinator of Marketing and Communications
Denise Richardello, Vice President of Enrollment/External Affairs
Jaynelle Bellemore, Student Trustee Elect
Joseph Charon, Director of Public Safety
Gerald Desmarais, Treasurer
Dr. Robert Harris, Associate Professor of Chemistry
Mark Berman, Chief Information Officer
Thomas Bernard, Clerk

Complying with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30 and 15A, Section 9, and with a quorum present, the Board of Trustees of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts met at 5:05 p.m. in the Fitzpatrick Room, of Murdock Hall on March 24, 2011 with Board Chair Allen presiding.

Chair Allen opened the meeting by welcoming the Trustees. She also welcomed CIO Berman, Public Safety Director Charon, Dr. Harris from the Chemistry Department, and Student

At the April 27 meeting, the Committee also discussed and approved recommendations that three members of the faculty be granted tenure. They recommended these candidates to the full Board for approval.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED To award tenure to Dr. Anthony Daly (History), Dr. Anne Goodwin (Biology), and Dr. Emily Maher (Physics).

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2011, meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee and all actions contained therein.

Report of the May 9, 2011, Fiscal Affairs Committee Meeting:

Trustee Crowe delivered the report on behalf of the Committee.

At the meeting, Public Safety Director Joseph Charon facilitated a discussion about the potential of arming campus police officers.

The Committee heard a presentation from David DiIulis, a principal with O'Connor and Drew, MCLA's current auditor. The College's contract with the firm has expired, but they were among

Action: Continuation of Presidential Authority

Action: Report of Nominating Committee

Trustee Lamb thanked Trustees Clemmer and Edgerton for their service on the Nominating Committee. He noted that it was important to appoint a new board chair to help manage the transition as four trustees coming to the end of their terms of service in the coming year.

The Nominating Committee recommended to the Board that Trustee Crowe be nominated as Chair, and Trustee Fairbank be nominated as Vice Chair for a one-year term.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the nominations of Steve Crowe as Chair and Tyler Fairbank as Vice Chair of the MCLA Board of Trustees for a one-year term.

Trustee Lamb thanked Chair Allen for her dedication and the passion she brought to her tenure as chair.

taking place through Student Affairs in collaboration with faculty and the Academic Affairs division.

The president reported that two MCLA students from the class of 2011, Ashton Darrett and Michael Obasohan, attended an event in North Carolina sponsored by PBS in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Rides, and the new PBS documentary Freedom Riders. Ashton and Michael – facilitators with MCLA’s Campus Conversations on Race program – were two of six students from across the United States selected to facilitate discussions at the event.

President Grant informed the Board that the Athletic department is exploring opportunities to partner in new ways with the City of North Adams.

The president thanked the members of her staff for their talent and dedication on behalf of the College and its students.

President Grant thanked the Board for their service during the past year, and Chair Allen for her leadership.

Chair Allen thanked the Board for their dedication and commitment to the College. She acknowledged the staff for their hard work throughout the year, and thanked President Grant for her transformational leadership of MCLA.

Trustee Crowe thanked Chair Allen for her leadership, and presented her with a gift on behalf of the Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.