



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Tuesday, September 27, 2011  
Murdock Hall Fitzpatrick Room**

The following Trustees were present:

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

Others present:

Mary Grant, President  
Cynthia Brown, Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Charlotte Degen, Dean of Students  
Marianne Drake, Chief Advancement Officer  
Monica Joslin, Dean of Academic Affairs  
Denise Richardello, Vice President of Enrollment/External Affairs  
James Stakenas, Vice President of Administration & Finance  
Bernadette Lupo, Coordinator of Marketing and Communications  
Ginger Menard, Assistant to the President  
Thomas Bernard, Clerk

Mark Berman, Chief Information Officer  
Chesley Burke, Institutional Advancement  
Joseph Charon, Director of Public Safety  
Gerald Desmarais, Treasurer  
John Durkan, MCLA Beacon  
Todd Foy, MCLA Student Government Association President  
David Graupman, Residential Programs and Services  
Charles Kimberling, Director of Facilities  
David Langston, English/Communications Professor



Following the approval of the naming policy, the committee discussed the opportunity to name the MCLA Church Street Center auditorium in honor of Eleanor Furst Roberts, whose bequest funds the MCLA Hardman Endowment. The committee voted to recommend this naming opportunity to the Board of Trustees for acceptance.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** To name the MCLA Church Street Center auditorium in honor of Eleanor Furst Roberts.

Other topics covered at the meeting included a fundraising update, and a budget and campus project update.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the July 14, 2011, meeting of the Executive Committee and all actions contained therein.

#### **Report of the September 12, 2011, Executive Committee Meeting:**

Chair Crowe delivered the report on behalf of the committee. There was one action item presented at the meeting.

The committee reviewed a proposal to name the annual fall presentation of the MCLA Public Policy Lecture Series in honor of a well-known figure in the field of public policy. The committee had a detailed discussion about the naming opportunity, ongoing funding and endowment of the series, and the process for advancing the naming work in time for the fall 2011 lecture. The committee recommended approval of the proposal, subject to contingencies.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** To approve the proposed naming of the fall Public Policy Lecture, contingent upon receipt of a signed pledge to provide the necessary funds for the annual speaker and all expenses associated with the lecture, as well

Other topics covered at the meeting included a budget update and a strategic planning update.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011, meeting of the Executive Committee and all actions contained therein.

## **Public Safety Update**

Director of Public Safety Joseph Charon provided an update on the progress and process of work in the department of Public Safety. He informed the Board that the department recently relocated to offices on Ashland Street.

Director Charon then updated the Board on the progress of research and development work related to the arming of MCLA campus police officers. He informed the board that he researched arming policies at the other Massachusetts State University campuses, and visited campus police departments at other institutions; identified the process for conducting psychological screening (emotional and psychological suitability) of police officers being considered for issuance of duty firearms; researched training and professional development opportunities; and identified the one time implementation and annual costs of arming MCLA campus police officers.

Campus-based community meetings designed to update student, faculty, and staff groups on the process will continue throughout the fall semester. These conversations will inform a subsequent presentation to the Board of Trustees related to the arming of Campus Police Officers

President Grant thanked Director Charon for his continuing work around this issue.

## **Chair**

Chair Crowe reminded the Trustees about two required annual forms they must complete: the MCLA Confidentiality Agreement and the MCLA Disclosure Questionnaire. He requested that

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President Grant informed the Trustees that the members of the MCLA senior staff would present information about their respective divisions. These presentations were designed to give the board a sense of the issues in each division and to set the stage for some of the discussion and action items that would come before the committees of the Board during the course of the academic year.

strategic planning process and the work of

Board on the task force. The work of the task force and the process of campus input led to the development of a plan focused around the following goals:

- Excellence in Teaching and Learning
- Supportive and Inclusive Community
- Responsive and Intentional Stewardship
- Public Purpose and Engagement

The president informed the Trustees that MCLA had been ranked within the Top Ten public liberal arts college by *U.S. News and World Report*

**Institutional Advancement:** Chief Advancement Officer Drake reported that the Center for Science and Innovation provides a unique fundraising opportunity for MCLA. She noted that in light of the financial need demonstrated by students, the Office of Institutional Advancement will prioritize fundraising to support student scholarships. She updated the Board on the planning opportunities, and the MCLA strategic plan, and the important role of volunteers in the campaign work. She thanked the Trustees for their support.

### **Executive Session**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, and a roll call vote of the Board, it was

**VOTED:** To  
evaluation of the president.

During the Executive Session Trustee Dudley led a discussion on the performance evaluation of President Grant.

Following the discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, and a roll call vote of the Board, it was

**VOTED:** To reconvene in open session.

exemplary performance and expressed their disappointment that the evaluation process limits the

### **Adjournment**

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

**VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.