



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
Thursday, October 3, 2013  
Office Conference Room**

**Members in attendance**

-chairs. She also acknowledged the work of the more than 100 members of the campus community who contributed to the development of the self-study by serving on Standard teams.

President Grant informed the committee that there will be opportunities for the Board to connect and engage with the visiting team at a welcome reception and dinner on the evening of Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> closes out the visit on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Campus Safety**

- Public Safety Director Joseph Charon updated Trustees on campus safety best practices, also known as the Clery report. He expressed the belief that the report reflects a commitment to keep the MCLA campus community safe.
- The committee discussed the report and the data.
- President Grant noted that the Clery report is available online, and that Director Charon has sent an announcement to the campus community to draw attention to its being posted.
- Director Charon noted that the Clery report for 2012 shows an increase in campus disciplinary referrals for alcohol and drug violations. Vice President Degen informed the

She noted that one event might involve multiple disciplinary referrals, which increases the overall number of violations reported, and also suggests that student use of alcohol reflects increased social use. She informed the committee that the College is employing several ways to provide additional health education about the use and risks associated with alcohol and other drugs.

### **Health Services Update**

services director, and the successful search for a new director. The new director previously worked with North Adams Regional Hospital (NARH), and this relationship provides an opportunity to look at ways to enhance the relationship between the College and the hospital.

### **Enrollment Update**

President Grant informed the committee that MCLA has 30 fewer new students in fall 2013 compared to fall 2012. She noted that the recruitment plan for the coming year has identified opportunities to deepen outreach and increase enrollment. She also discussed outreach through the Center for Student Success and Engagement (CSSE) and the Student Success and Retention Task Force to complement admission and enrollment efforts with initiatives focused on

enhancing student retention. Suzanne Hunger and Manat Wooten, recent hires in CSSE, discussed additional opportunities for CSSE to contribute to this important work.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.