

Bridgewater State University  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 25, 2021  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustees Durgin, Alexander, Caulfield, Benson, Denterlein (late/left early), Longo, Murphy, MacCormack, Oliari, Turchon

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: President Clark; Provost Ismaili; Chief of Staff Leuenberger; Vice Presidents Gentlewarrior, Jason, Jean, Powers, Oravec, Shropshire, Zuromski

Under the order suspending certain provisions of the open meeting law of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, as declared on March 12, 2020 by Governor Baker, having been complied with, and a quorum of the Board virtually present, the Board of Trustees held a zoom conference call meeting on February 25, 2021 with Chairman Durgin presiding.

Turchon-yes, Trustee Oliari-yes, it was

VOTED to approve the minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting held on  
FOR: Unanimous December 9, 2020.

Chairman's Report Chairman Durgin welcomed everyone and congratulated Trustee Longo on his reappointment. Reminder to Trustees: please attend Trustee training sessions and complete the Conflict of Interest which will be sent to you shortly.

\*Maxwell Library staff, Librarians, former director Michael Somers and incoming interim director Steve Weiter. The library had to quickly pivot to ensure safety and services for staff and clients.

Update from MSCA Union

MSCA Chapter President Seceleanu spoke about the vaccination rollout and mentioned higher ed is not included in Phase 2 unlike K-12. To date, 12,000 people have sent emails to the Governor and op-eds will appear in local newspapers. AFSCME and APA will assist in advancing this initiative and noted BSU is leading the way in a state-wide campaign. There are extraordinary efforts of faculty and librarians to deliver the best education. The pandemic has taken a toll on mental and physical health of faculty. They are facing stress for the Fall return to deliver instruction in the classroom as well as online. Part-time faculty are facing greater uncertainty as well.

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



BHE is paying attention to financial liability. 96% of revenues are committed.

(Attachment)

#### FY2022 Budget Update

Vice President Shropshire noted the stimulus federal support (\$14.4M) is separate from the operating budget as it cannot be used for operating expenses. They have committed \$6M to students for emergency grants (requirement is \$4.4M). Remainder of this money can be used for lost revenues and will ensure they are in compliance. It cannot be used on executive salaries or athletics. The Governor submitted a slightly decreased budget.

#### ALUMNI AND DEVELOPMENT

#### FY2021/Q2 Alumni and Development Dashboard Report

The Q2 endowment stands at \$53.9M. Return is doing well and comparable to benchmarks. Giving is going well. Donors are up with 8% increase in faculty and staff donating. As of this week, endowment is at \$56M.

On motion duly made via roll call vote, Trustee MacCormack-yes, Trustee Longo-yes, Trustee Alexander-yes, Trustee Caulfield-yes, Trustee Durgin-yes, Trustee Murphy-yes, Trustee Benson-yes, Trustee Turchon-yes, it was

that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2021/Q2 Alumni and Development Dashboard report outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated February 18, 2021.

(Attachment)

President Clark congratulated Ms. Cuttle Oliver as she is now Acting Chief Development Officer.

On motion duly made via roll call vote, Trustee MacCormack-yes, Trustee Longo-yes, Trustee Alexander-yes, Trustee Caulfield-yes, Trustee Durgin-yes, Trustee Murphy-yes, Trustee Benson-yes, Trustee Turchon-yes, it was

that the meeting be adjourned (6:30 pm).

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Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary