Present: Martha Barrett, Catherine Coleman, Christopher Donelan, Carrie Hale, Clare Higgins, Elizabeth Sillin

Absent: Robert Cohn, Isaac Mass, Linda Melconian, and Amy Moscaritolo


Call to Order: The meeting was convened by Chair Cohn at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Trustee Higgins and seconded by Trustee Donelan, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting minutes.

NEASC Self Study Update
The NEASC Self Study Co-Chairs introduced themselves to Trustees and provided an update and timeline for the College’s NEASC/NECHE 2020 Accreditation.

Committee and Liaison Reports

A. Academic Affairs Committee
Trustee Donelan reported the Academic Affairs Committee met on April 2, 2018, to review/approve two new Associate in Science degrees, change of rank, tenure, and emeritus status for eligible faculty members. The following motions were made by Trustee Donelan, seconded by Trustee Higgins and unanimously approved.

1. Based on the recommendation of the President and in accordance with the current policies of the Department of Higher Education, the Academic Affairs Committee requests the Board of Trustees approve an Associates of Science degree in the field of Computer Science and an Associates of Science degree in the field of Science of the Earth and Environment effective beginning the 2018 Fall semester. This approval is in accordance with the effort by the Department of Higher Education to create pathways with in the public higher education system.

2. Based on the recommendation of the President and in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement, the Academic Affairs Committee requests the Board of Trustees grant the following change of rank effective September 1, 2018:
From Instructor to Assistant Professor
- Elizabeth Brown
- Susan Markush

From Assistant Professor to Associate Professor
- Lauren Bell
- Crista Klein

From Associate Professor to Professor
- Amanda Hyde

From Professional Staff I to Professional Staff II
- Colleen Caffery

3. Based on the recommendation of the President and in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement, the Academic Affairs Committee requests the Board of Trustees grant tenure to Lauren Bell, Amanda Hyde, and Crista Klein.

4. In accordance with the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Emeritus Status as adopted by the Board of Trustees on June 1, 1988 and based on the recommendation of the President, the Academic Affairs Committee requests the Board of Trustees grant Professor Emeritus status to Cheri Ducharme, Thomas Fredrick, Anne Garvey, and Penne Krol

B. Alumni Liaison Report
No Report

C. Finance Committee Report Committee Report
No Report

D. Foundation Liason Report
Trustee Barrett reported there are many Foundation events coming up including the Annual Fund Campaign Kickoff on April 13th, the Scholarships Awards Ceremony on May 2nd, and the Golf Tournament on May 21st.

E. Personnel & Policies Committee
No Report

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F. Student Senate

Trustee Hale reported the Senate recently completed their budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

President’s Report

President Pura shared with the Board the importance of balancing the demands of the need to speed up processes in an effort to be more efficient, certain things cannot be rushed beyond the point of quality. The push for education to be done faster and cheaper can sometimes be the very worst thing for the quality of learning. He stressed the importance of efficiency and making things the absolute best we can while maintain the integrity of the process and outcomes. President Pura to the changing demographics in Franklin and Hampshire counties and stressed the importance of getting out in front of these changes. He shared one way to move in that direction is to shift thinking about Northampton and Amherst being “auxiliary” locations to Greenfield, but seeing those areas as a larger part of the service region. He reported 40% of Greenfield Savings Bank customers are from Hampshire County, and the Northampton and Amherst Chambers, like many organizations are beginning to look at expanding their service areas and increased collaboration. Amherst, Northampton, and Greenfield could rebrand itself as a region in the same way the research triangle has in North Carolina. This is a great time for the College to get out in front these demographics and be a leader in these changes.

Presidential Search Report

The Presidential Search Committee conducted semifinalist interviews on April 4 and 5, 2018 and selected the Finalist Candidates who will be recommended to the Board of Trustees. As soon as the College’s search firm, RH Perry, has completed its due diligence, the Finalist Candidates will be publicly announced, and each finalist's profile and interview schedule will be posted on the GCC Presidential Search web page. Finalist Candidates will be invited to the GCC campus to meet in open sessions with the Board of Trustees, and all College constituents, as well as the Secretary of Education, the Commissioner of Higher Education, and members of the Board of Higher Education. Each Finalist Candidate will be scheduled for a full day of meetings; we anticipate bringing the Finalists to campus between April 23rd and May 2nd. After all Finalist Candidates’ interviews have been conducted, the Board of Trustees will meet in mid-to-late May to select the Final Candidate who will be recommended to the Commissioner and Board of Higher Education for approval as the appointee to the position of President of Greenfield Community College.

New Business

No Report.

Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Donelan and seconded by Trustee Sillin, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:34 a.m.

Submitted by, Shannon Larange