

## **MassArt Board of Trustees**

Executive committee

November 5, 2021 10:30-11:30am

Meeting Minutes

**Committee members present:** Elisa Hamilton (Chair), Karen Keane, Denise Korn (joined late), Peter Nessen, Linda Snyder, Mary Grant (ex-officio.)

**Committee members absent:** Jan Saragoni.

**Trustees present:** Ella von Huene, Pamela Parisi, Greg Stone.

**MassArt staff present:** Jamie Costello, Lauren Wilshsen, Alisa Chapman, Karen Abbott, Robert Chambers, Shuana Summers, Maureen Keefe, Liz Smith Freeman, Lyssa Palu-ay, Bob Perry, Marjorie O'Malley, Katie Westerlind (Secretary to the Board.)

### Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Hamilton at 10:35am.
- She welcomed the group, reminded everyone that this is a public meeting, and that all votes will be taken by roll call.
- Attendance was taken of the committee members and non-committee member trustees to inform the public who was on the call.

### Approval of the Minutes - Chair Hamilton

On a motion duly made and seconded, by a vote of four in favor, none against, none abstaining:

**VOTED: to 1) approve the minutes of the September 17, 2021 Executive committee meeting public session, 2) approve the minutes of the September 17, 2021 Executive committee meeting executive session, and 3) approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 special Executive committee meeting on the audit.**

Roll call: Keane, yes; Korn, yes; Nessen, yes; Saragoni, absent; Snyder, yes; Hamilton, yes.

### Campus Health and Safety Report - VP Maureen Keefe

- VP Keefe reviewed the campus health and safety report, which provides a snapshot of the general health and safety of the campus.
- Fire drills take place every semester. Through these drills, we have learned that there were some speakers in the Kennedy cafeteria that need to be fixed.
- Clery Report - any college that receives federal funding needs to report on crimes that take place on and adjacent to campus. The college had very few reportable incidents during the 2020 calendar year (>10).
- Compliance - Executive Director of Compliance Alisa Chapman discussed the process of formal and informal complaints, how to file a complaint, and how our complaints are very on par for an institution our size. She is hopeful that Title IX will see restructuring during the Biden administration.
- Counseling - in spring 2020, only telehealth could be provided, but we have since been able to transition back to offering fully in person counseling. Only the senior class has had a full year on campus; every other class is still in the process of acclimating to being on campus.
  - Students are reporting feeling overstimulated by being on campus and are requesting mini breaks, such as a week off. Counseling is seeing an increase in the number of diagnoses on the autism spectrum. Students are also reporting: difficulties making friends, having multiple jobs, difficulty commuting, food insecurity, cost of supplies, and an increase in disordered eating.

- Counseling and Wellness has hired a case manager as well as filled other key roles so that the needs of students can continue to be met. This includes getting trainees back, who will be supervised by the new Assistant Director.
- The Assessment Care Team (ACT) works to monitor students who may be struggling with one or more aspects of their adjustment to campus life and making sure that these students are being checked on and supported.
- The trustees expressed their support of all of those conducting this work for the students.

#### New Business

- There was no new business presented to the committee.

#### Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Chair Hamilton at 11:30am.