

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 19, 2019 - 4:15 pm - Huntington Room
MINUTES

Trustees Present: Jan Saragoni (Chair), Hazel Afamefuna, Elisa Hamilton, Denise Korn, Pamela Parisi, Linda Snyder, and David Nelson (Ex-Officio). Trustee Karen Keane participated by telephone due to geographic impediments.

Trustees Absent: David Lee, Bill McQuillan, and Peter Nessen.

Staff/Faculty Presenting: Maureen Keefe, Marjorie O'Malley, Bob Perry, Kymberly Pinder, Elizabeth Reiser, Gina Yarbrough, and Susana Segat (Board Secretary). Brian Crowley (auditor from O'Connor and Drew).

Call to Order and Public Participation

Chair Saragoni called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. She welcomed everyone and noted that Trustee Keane was participating by phone due to geographic necessity. Chair Saragoni opened the meeting for public comment: there was no request from the audience.

Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the agenda.

Consideration of the Minutes of Prior Meeting: September 24, 2019

On a motion made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2019 board meeting.

Report of the President

President Nelson talked about the college's presentation on campus equity issues at the recent AICAD meeting and reported on *Nourish*, the recent alumni biannual. He asked trustees to mark the date for two upcoming events: the Adderley lecture featuring Professor Cornel West, and the February 22nd public opening of the MassArt Art Museum (MAAM).

Report of the Chair

Chair Saragoni reported on the recent Board of Higher Education's annual trustee conference, where trustees were able to get a system-wide overview of diversity efforts. Provost Pinder agreed that the conference was worthwhile. President Nelson added that he had attended the recent Board of Higher Education meeting where he discussed how financial aid figures into an equity agenda.

Report of the Student Trustee

Trustee Afamefuna distributed her written report on Student Government Association activities. She discussed the highlights, which included: how students could get involved in MAAM; changes in Chartwells, the food service provider; the recent Haystack exhibit; the plans for the upcoming All School Show; the new podcast station called Octopus Sounds; and other student-centered events. Trustees discussed whether students' voices were being heard throughout the MAAM and Chartwells discussions.

Report of the Standing Committees: Academic and Student Affairs

Committee Chair Hamilton reported that the committee had discussed a developing major, heard from Trustee Afamefuna on student activities, and reviewed the sabbatical requests for next year. Chair Hamilton presented the sabbatical requests, noting the importance of allowing faculty and librarians to engage deeply in their crafts through sabbatical leaves.

On a motion duly made and seconded, by a vote of 7 in favor, none against, and none abstaining, it was

VOTED Log 20-05 : To approve the recommended sabbatical leaves: Roll Call: Afamefuna, yes; Hamilton, yes; Keane, yes; Korn, yes; Parisi, yes; Snyder, yes; Saragoni, yes.

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| 1. Suzanne Barnes, Illustration | F20 |
| 2. Matthew Connors, Photography | AY20/21 |
| 3. Tammy Dudman, Film/Video | F20 |
| 4. Lars Fischer, Industrial Design | F20 |
| 5. Lois Hetland, Art Education | S21 |

6.	Matthew Hincman, Fine Arts 3D	AY20/21
7.	Stuart Diamond, Fine Arts 2D	F20
8.	Juan Ormaza, Studio Foundation	AY20/21
9.	James Read, Industrial Design	S21
10.	Katie Riel, Library	S21
11.	John Russell, History of Art	F20
12.	Maura Smyth, Liberal Arts	S21
13.	Amber Tourlentes, Studio Foundation	S21
14.	Margot Zurakowska, Illustration	S21

Report of the Standing Committees: Administration and Finance Committee

Committee Co-Chair Snyder expressed the regrets of Co-Chair Nessen for his absence. She asked trustees to consider a set of recommendations from the committee.

Fiscal Operations Report

Co-Chair Snyder presented the fiscal operations report. She said that this report only encompasses three months worth of data but it does show that it has been a good first quarter. She praised the good management and the positive budget balance.

On a motion duly made and seconded, by a vote of 7 in favor, none against, and none abstaining, it was **VOTED Log 20-06 : To accept the FY2020 fiscal operations report through 9/30/2019** . Roll Call: Afamefuna, yes; Hamilton, yes; Keane, yes; Korn, yes; Parisi, yes; Snyder, yes; Saragoni, yes.

Foundation Audit

Co-Chair Snyder asked trustees to accept the inclusion of the foundation audit into the college audit and approve the same. She thanked auditor Brian Crowley from O'Connor and Drew for being present to answer any questions.

On a motion duly made and seconded, by a vote of 7 in favor, none against, and none abstaining, it was **VOTED Log 20-07 : To accept the inclusion of the FY19 Foundation audit into the MassArt college audit.** Roll Call: Afamefuna, yes; Hamilton, yes; Keane, yes; Korn, yes; Parisi, yes; Snyder, yes; Saragoni, yes.

Engagement of Auditors

On a motion duly made and seconded, by a vote of 7 in favor, none against, and none abstaining, it was **VOTED Log 20-08: To approve the engagement of O'Connor & Drew for the next MassArt audit.** Roll Call: Afamefuna, yes; Hamilton, yes; Keane, yes; Korn, yes; Parisi, yes; Snyder, yes; Saragoni, yes.

PCE Rates and Fundraising

Co-Chair Snyder reported that the committee had spent a considerable amount of time vetting the recommended rates for certain youth programs, which are different from Artward Bound. She thanked Director Reiser for being present to answer any questions. Co-Chair Snyder explained that these programs annually host approximately 450 diverse students from grades 3-12, and that 15% of these students eventually become MassArt students. She said that trustees were concerned about the substantial requested increase, even though they understand the importance of catching up for previous lack of increases. Co-Chair Snyder asked Director Reiser to collect data to determine if these new fees affect enrollment. As for the Art New England rate, Co-Chair Snyder explained that these fees would remain constant this year while the college searches for a replacement for the Bennington location. She then asked trustees to consider the recommendations provided in Log 20-09 so that the brochures for these summer programs could be printed in a timely fashion.

On a motion duly made and seconded, by a vote of 7 in favor, none against, and none abstaining, it was **VOTED Log 20-09: To approve the rates for PCE's Art New England and summer youth programs, effective summer 2020. Furthermore, to request that the president, the provost, and the institutional advancement department consider fundraising for financial aid to address the needs of these programs.** Roll Call: Afamefuna, yes; Hamilton, yes; Keane, yes; Korn, yes; Parisi, yes; Snyder, yes; Saragoni, yes.

Grad Low Residency MFA

Co-Chair Snyder said that the Boston Low Residency MFA program is averaging a reasonable 3% increase, after being flat for a number of years. This increase would cover the cost of living increases.

On a motion duly made and seconded, by a vote of 7 in favor, none against, and none abstaining, it was **VOTED Log 20-10: To approve the graduate program's AY2021 Boston Low Residency MFA fees as presented.** Roll Call: Afamefuna, yes; Hamilton, yes; Keane, yes; Korn, yes; Parisi, yes; Snyder, yes; Saragoni, yes.

Housing Fees

Co-Chair Snyder explained that even though trustees has no authority to set housing fees, they would like to be able to tell the MSCBA that the board has considered and recommended the 5% fee.

On a motion duly made and seconded, by a vote of 7 in favor, none against, and none abstaining, it was

VOTED Log 20-11: To approve the recommended FY2021 housing fees. Roll Call: Afamefuna, yes; Hamilton, yes; Keane, yes; Korn, yes; Parisi, yes; Snyder, yes; Saragoni, yes.

Report of the Standing Committees: Development Committee

Committee Chair Keane yielded her time to the next report.

Report of the Standing Committees: External Affairs Committee

Chair Saragoni reported that the committee discussed the upcoming MassArt celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Drawing Act. President Nelson gave a brief history of the Act as a prelude to the founding of MassArt. Trustees expressed their appreciation for receiving timely information on state and federal legislation.

Report of the Standing Committees: Executive Committee

Report on Actions Taken Under Delegation of Authority

Chair Saragoni informed trustees that the Executive Committee had met on October 11th through the board's delegated authority, and approved FY19 independent financial audit for MassArt (**Log 20-04**).

Campus Development

Chair Saragoni recognized Trustee Snyder, the Chair of the Special Committee on Campus Development. Committee Chair Snyder referred to proposed **VOTE 20-12: To approve a capital project proposal as per DCAMM and BHE requirements that outlines all of the urgent emergency and failure prevention needs in the context of the overall capital needs of the college and explains that MassArt would be fixing the highest priority items with the money provided by the state through this submission.** She said that the Executive Committee had recommended this vote as a path for trustees to approve the DCAMM submission in December. Since the documents for proposing such submission were not ready for distribution, Committee Chair Snyder asked that **VOTE 20-12** be postponed. Trustees agreed to schedule another open meeting to approve MassArt's proposal prior to submission to DCAMM.

Report on Campus Health

VP Keefe distributed the report that had been discussed at the previous Executive Committee meeting. She said that this is a yearly report on safety and health on campus and on the programmatic interventions promoted to maintain campus health. VP Keefe noted that there were no big changes in campus climate from last year to this year, but that her department is still analyzing data points because of migrating electronic platforms. She pointed out that due to the departure of the Title IX coordinator and the creation of a new Justice, Equity, and Transformation department, the college is clarifying the differences between climate and compliance work. VP Keefe told trustees that a new Dean of Compliance position was being posted, thanked our general counsel for helping better understand the needs for this position, and noting that this new position would report directly to the president.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

On a motion duly made and seconded, at 5:10pm it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn