

Board of Trustees  
**Academic and Student Affairs Committee**  
November 8, 2019 9:30am – 11:00am Alumni Room, Tower 11<sup>th</sup> Floor

**MINUTES**

Members present: Elisa Hamilton (Chair), Hazel Afamefuna, Denise Korn, Jan Saragoni (Ex-Officio).

Members absent: David Nelson (Ex-Officio).

Also participating: Kym Pinder (Liaison), Dan Serig, and Susana Segat (Secretary to the Board).

Call to Order

Chair Hamilton called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

Approval of the Minutes: September 13, 2019

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

**VOTED: To approve the minutes of the September 13, 2019 committee meeting.**

Items Requiring A Vote: to approve recommended sabbatical leaves

Chair Hamilton introduced the sabbatical leave documents. On questions about the cost associated with these proposed leaves, Provost Pinder said that there was no reason for concern because there is a general understanding of unplanned faculty costs such as these. She noted that there are also unplanned costs when faculty applies for retirement. Trustees agreed that sabbatical leaves were good for rejuvenation and appreciated our faculty's dedication to expanding their horizons. Provost Pinder said that faculty members also receive \$827 per year toward professional development, as per the collective bargaining agreement.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

**VOTED: To approve the recommended sabbatical leaves:**

i. Suzanne Barnes, Illustration	F20
ii. Matthew Connors, Photography	AY20/21
iii. Tammy Dudman, Film/Video	F20
iv. Lars Fischer, Industrial Design	F20
v. Lois Hetland, Art Education	S21
vi. Matthew Hincman, Fine Arts 3D	AY20/21
vii. Stuart Diamond, Fine Arts 2D	F20
viii. Juan Ormaza, Studio Foundation	AY20/21
ix. James Read, Industrial Design	S21
x. Katie Riel, Library	S21
xi. John Russell, History of Art	F20
xii. Maura Smyth, Liberal Arts	S21
xiii. Amber Turlentes, Studio Foundation	S21
xiv. Margot Zurakowska, Illustration	S21

Reports: Trustee Afamefuna on student issues

Trustee Afamefuna distributed a written student update. She talked about student involvement in the new MassArt Art Museum, work with Chartwells, preparations for the All School Show, and other student events and activities. Trustees discussed the new student-run podcast station called Octopus Sounds. Trustee Afamefuna invited trustees to the semi-annual trustee/student government association dinner, to be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Reports: Update on honorary degree granting process report and recommendations

Provost Pinder distributed a page on the current process for recommending honorary degree recipients to trustees. She explained that trustees would be receiving an updated recommended process and procedure after her office conducts some research on best practices. Trustees discussed the need to include in the recommendation the proposed criteria for nominations, institutional goals, expected trustee roles in the process, timing, and logistics for getting candidates.

Reports: Art and Design Major Proposal

AVP Serig reported on a new design major proposal currently going through our faculty governance structure. Trustees discussed the possibility of providing multi-disciplinary skill-based learning, the potential role of the Corporate Advisory Council, and skills currently sought after by employers. Provost Pinter discussed the need to make majors more flexible and reflective of the strategic plan. She agreed to provide more information on 1-2 credit courses and on advising at future committee meetings.

Reports: Enrollment

No report provided.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

On a motion duly made and seconded at 10:55am, it was unanimously

**VOTED: To adjourn.**