

MassArt Board of Trustees
Executive Committee
September 13, 2019
1:30 pm, Alumni Room

MINUTES

Members present: Elisa Hamilton (Acting Chair), Peter Nessen, Pamela Parisi, Linda Snyder. David Nelson (Ex Officio).

Members absent: Karen Keane, Jan Saragoni.

Also participating: Don Arpino, Bob Perry, Kate Russell, Susana Segat (Board Secretary)

Call to order

Vice Chair Hamilton called the meeting to order at 1:35pm. She served as chair due to Chair Saragoni's absence.

Approval of the minutes: May 31, 2019

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the May 31, 2019 committee meeting.

Items requiring a vote: none

Items for discussion: Review capital project proposal

Chair Hamilton asked President Nelson to provide an update on the development of the capital project proposal. President Nelson distributed a "MassArt Options Summary" chart. He said that the Special Committee on Campus Development would be vetting the three options on this chart by considering debt capacity, testing our ability to design more usable space, clarifying potential deal structures, and determining project costs that include escalation over time and disruption factors. He added that DCAMM has been a supportive partner throughout this planning process. Special Committee on Campus Development Chair Snyder described the timeline leading to a December 15th proposal submission date. Trustees discussed the college's debt capacity, enrollment strategies, and possible space designs for the lower floors of Tower.

Reports: Delegation of Authority

President Nelson reported that no special authority was needed or used during the summer months.

Reports: Strategic plan – annual report

President Nelson distributed an executive summary report on the first year of the 2018-2023 MassArt Strategic Plan. He and Project Manager Russell described the rollout of this report to our community members and presented the technology tool called AchieveIt dashboard. Trustees discussed 4-year and 6-year student retention and graduation gaps. President Nelson explained that his goal would be that by February, faculty would understand and be working on these gaps.

Chair Hamilton excused herself from the meeting at 3:03pm and Trustee Parisi agreed to serve as chair for the rest of the meeting.

Other business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

On a motion duly made and seconded at 3:05pm, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.