

**Board of Trustees
External Affairs Committee
November 8, 2019 - 3:15pm - Alumni Room**

MINUTES

Trustees present: Jan Saragoni (Chair), Peter Nessen, Linda Snyder.

Trustees absent: David Nelson (ex-officio).

Other trustees present: Pamela Parisi

Participants: Susana Segat (Liaison).

Call to order

Chair Saragoni called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

Approval of the minutes: May 22, 2019

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2019 committee meeting.

Items requiring a vote: none

Reports/Discussion: Capital project proposal implementation plan

Trustee Snyder reminded trustees that there had been a change in direction in strategic capital projects and that MassArt was now looking at a scaled-back request to stave off critical failures. Since there was no immediate need to implement a multi-million dollar development proposal, she explained that there would be no need for the External Affairs Committee to consider an implementation plan at this time. Trustees agreed.

Reports/Discussion: Drawing Act Project

Liaison Segat provided some history on the 1870 Drawing Act and discussed the possibility of having a state-wide celebration of the Act's 150th anniversary. Trustees discussed potential dates, developing goals, possible activities throughout the state and in the State House, the leadership of the legislature's Cultural Caucus, and possible external partners. Chair Saragoni agreed to serve as the BOT representative in the developing external partners' coalition.

Reports/Discussion: Higher Education Committee's state-wide tours

Trustees discussed the state-wide tour schedule prepared by the Joint Committee on Higher Education. Currently, MassArt is scheduled to be visited on the final day of the tours, on Friday, January 24th (start time 9:00am and ~ 2-3 hours at each institution):

UMass Boston, 100 Morrissey Blvd, Dorchester

9 minutes travel - 6.1 miles

Bunker Hill Community College, 250 New Rutherford Ave, Charlestown

10 minutes travel - 4.6 miles

Roxbury Community College, 1234 Columbus Ave, Roxbury

3 minutes travel - 1.4 miles

MassArt, 621 Huntington Ave, Boston

Trustees discussed the schedule and requested a report from President Nelson on feedback received from other State University presidents on the agendas developed for these visits.

New business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

On a motion duly made and seconded at 4:10pm, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.