

Board of Trustees
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
January 25, 2019 9:30am – 10:00am Alumni Room, Tower 11th Floor

MINUTES

Members present: Elisa Hamilton (Chair), Hazel Afamefuna, Jan Saragoni. David Nelson (Ex-Officio)
Also attending: Maureen Keefe (Liaison), Kymberly Pinder (Liaison), Lyssa Palu-ay, Chris Wright, and Susana Segat (Secretary).

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Minutes: November 16, 2018

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the November 16, 2018 committee meeting.

Items Requiring A Vote

Former Acting Provost Palu-ay presented Jane Marshing's application for sabbatical leave, which should be considered part of the applications presented at the committee's November meeting.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the recommended sabbatical leave: Jane Marshing, F19

President Nelson presented the request to grant an honorary degree to Arne Glimcher ('60). This application is still awaiting clarification and acceptance.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the 2019 honorary degree recipient (Arne Glimcher '60), if accepted.

Reports: Enrollment Update

Dean Wright updated trustees on enrollment numbers. Comparing 2018 with 2019 at this point in time, undergraduate applications are up 21%, admits are dead even, and deposits are 181 ahead. Out-of-state numbers are positive and transfer numbers are predicted to be even with last year's numbers. He attributed this positive picture to the building of MassArt's brand over three years. Trustees discussed growth by departments, international outreach, the pre-semester program, the quality of New England applications, and the trajectory of undergraduate drop nationally.

Other Business

President Nelson distributed The Chronicle List of Less-Selective Colleges With the Highest and Lowest Retention Rates, noting that MassArt is listed as one of the top thirty-five 4-year public institutions.

Adjournment

On a motion duly made and seconded at 10:05am, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn.