

MEETING NO. 298
APPROVED ON DECEMBER 9, 2020

Bridgewater State University
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 15, 2020
Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustees Durgin, Alexander, Caulfield, Benson, Denterlein, Longo,
Murphy, MacCormack, Oliari, Turchon

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

together. There has been discussion about the spring and minimizing risk going into the spring semester.

MSCA Chapter President, Irina Seceleanu, was present. She thanked the Trustees for voting to approve resolution at the last meeting. BSU is the model in the state and other higher ed institutions will soon vote on the resolution. She reported that the UMass system has over 500 layoffs and furloughs. The heart of any institution is the people. They are currently organizing a letter campaign to be sent to state legislators; over 1,750 emails have been sent to state representatives; a scheduled teach-in is scheduled next week where teachers will talk to their students; lastly, a car rally next week at BSU. The event is capped at 50 cars and there will be a zoom event as well. They have partnered with students and educators. Three confetsnee 0 T-25.68 - (T)wh (m) p (t)

opinion was issued. Chairman Durgin noted the auditors were highly complementary of Vice President Shropshire, Amy Beaulieu and Rachel Goodwin in leading them through the audit.

Trustee Longo commented the auditors noted the divisions moved smoothly to working online and it did not affect anything.

VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Alexander, MacCormack) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the draft independent audited financial statements for FY2020 prepared by the Finance Division and audited by O'Connor & Drew as recommended by the Audit Committee and described in the memorandum from President Clark dated October 9, 2020.

(Attachment)

President's Budget for FY2021

VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (MacCormack, Turchon) it was that the Board of Trustees accepts and approves the President's Budget for FY2021 as outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated October 9, 2020.

(Attachment)

President's Goals and Objectives for 2020-2021

President Clark spoke about his goals and objectives. The institutional divisional initiatives stand at 20. There is a high-energy effort to make progress. A few of the main efforts taking place right now are COVID planning, racial justice and students' mental health.

(Attachment)

President's Expenses and Upcoming Travel (February-July, 2020)

The report was provided as an information item.

(Attachment)

Update on Divisional Initiatives 2020-2021 (Ismaili)

Provost Ismaili reviewed his goals. Many are aligned with President Clark's initiatives. His division is mostly focused on the upcoming NECHE accreditation. A site visit is scheduled for Fall 2022. They are moving along according to the timetable that was set. Self-study chairs have been selected and committees will soon be charged. Many people on campus will participate and be involved in this process. Currently, so much of their work is around adapting to the corona virus. Other initiatives/goals are: virtual internships, symposiums for students, global engagement, academic innovation, etc. He is proud of the great work of the faculty in supporting racial justice. Activities, workshops and faculty development initiatives are taking place to advance conversations around racial justice. Also, work is taking place in: civic learning, working cross d

programs (hopeful to bring a letter of intent for Childhood Studies
and also for

Fall Residence Hall Occupancy Report

FY2020 Year-End Trust Funds Report

Vice President Shropshire commented there is a significant revenue loss due to occupancy which affected multiple trust funds. There are some savings in the Dining Trust Fund.

VOTED

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

On motion duly made and seconded (Murphy, MacCormack) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2020 Year-End Trust Funds Report as recommended and outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated October 9, 2020.

(Attachment)

FY2020 Year-End Budget Report

Vice President Shropshire commented the year ended slightly better than expected.

(Attachment)

FY2020/Q3 and Q4 Contracts Report

Quarters 3 and 4 contract reports were provided for information.

(Attachment)

Update on Divisional Initiatives for 2020-2021 (Shropshire)

Vice President Shropshire provided a brief report on his divisional initiatives. Priorities for this coming year are: internal control priorities; working on fundraising opportunities; transition of

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