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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Executive Committee

Monday, August 13, 2012

President's Office Conference Room

Members in attendance:

Steve Crowe, Chair
Jim Clemmer (via conference call)
Jane Allen
Will Dudley
Tyler Fairbank
Eugene Leibowitz

Others present:

Mary K. Grant, President
James Stakenas, Vice President of Administration and Finance
Charles Kimberling, Director of Facilities
Thomas Bernard, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Trustee Clemmer.

Ashland Street Warehouse Project Update

The committee received an update on the project costs and funding options for the Ashland Street Warehouse.

Vice President Stakenas presented estimates for three scenarios: renovation of the existing warehouse structure, replacement with a similarly scaled (23,000 square foot) prefabricated building, and replacement with a smaller (17,000 square foot) prefabricated building. The College continues to work with a contract architect to refine the cost estimates for each scenario, including detail on site work and remediation that might be needed with a prefabricated solution. Vice President Stakenas noted that he expected to have fully detailed cost estimates for each scenario by mid-September.

Campus Project Update

Vice President Stakenas presented an update on campus projects including:

- Hoosac Hall renovation – this student residence was renovated to include new student rooms, a new entrance, and expanded student programming space.
- Campus Center Gym – new bleachers were installed on one side of the gym; the other bleachers are scheduled for replacement during the summer of 2013.
- Freel Library – space on the lower level of the library was made available to relocate shelves from the 3rd floor, which will feature expanded programming space.
- Campus lighting – over 3,000 lighting fixtures were replaced with energy-efficient bulbs; the projected annual energy savings is \$170,000.
- Center for Science and Innovation – the steel framework is being installed and the building is expected to be enclosed by late fall to allow crews to work on building interiors throughout the winter.
- Bowman Hall – design and development work is underway in preparation for the renovation of Bowman following the completion of the Center for Science and Innovation.
- Other updates – campus network infrastructure upgraded in collaboration with the Mass Broadband Initiative (MBI); steps on the east and west sides of Mark Hopkins hall were replaced; a new faculty center was established on the lower level of Eldridge Hall.

Other business

President Grant informed the committee on the progress of new Trustee appointments for the coming year.

The president informed the committee that Jake Eberwein, former Pittsfield school superintendent, has been hired as Dean of Graduate and Continuing Education.

President Grant noted that Trustees Fairbank, Edgerton, and Gold will serve as an ad hoc committee to recommend honorary degree candidates for Commencement 2013.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.