



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 15, 2015
President's Office Conference Room**

Members in attendance

Shirley Edgerton, Chair
Susan Gold
Nick Hernigle, Student Trustee

Others in attendance

Jim Clemmer, Interim President
Cathy Holbrook, Vice President of Student Affairs
Dan Colonno, Interim Director of Public Safety
Jenn Craig, Coordinator of Student Activities
Alexandra Kadell, Student Government Association (SGA) President

The meeting was called to order at 12:59 p.m.

Campus Safety Report

Interim Public Safety Director Dan Colonno provided an update on MCLA's annual security and fire safety report, also known as the Clery Report, a federally mandated annual report. This report reflects statistics on campus property only and not the neighborhoods surrounding campus. Changes in the report this year include more specific categories and definitions related to sexual offenses. Colonno noted that liquor and drug law violations were down as a result of a concerted effort on education, prevention, and enforcement that has been employed. Additionally, Public Safety has been working in conjunction with Student Affairs to educate students on safety protocols and their shared responsibility in community safety. This report reflects the College's commitment to keep the MCLA campus community safe.

A discussion of the report and the data followed including means of notification if there is an incident on campus, such as the Berkshire Towers evacuation, and how best to make information available to student and families. An Emergency Response Task Force has been convened to review all processes and protocols.

Public Safety and SGA worked together to conduct a campus safety walk with students and administrators to identify areas that need more lighting. As previously planned, an additional Blue Light has been installed behind Bowman Hall and, as a result of the walk additional location recommendations have been made for future installations. These safety walks will be conducted once a semester.

SGA update

SGA President Allie Kadell reported that student elections were held this past week and new senators and class council members will be sworn in.

The SGA executive cabinet met at beginning of the semester and set the following goals:

- enhance communication between the executive cabinet and senate members
- increase outreach to student clubs to be sure all students are represented
- increase fundraising for the Diane Collins Scholarship Fund
- increase SGA's visibility on campus and its positive impact on campus

She then provided a recap of SGA events that have taken place to-date. The Sam Gomez Road Race is taking place on Sunday, October 18 and the proceeds will benefit the UNO Community Organization in support of a community garden.

Trustee Edgerton thanked Allie for SGA's good work and their commitment to benefit the entire campus community as well as the extended North Adams community.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.