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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
Thursday, November 14, 2013  
President's Office Conference Room**

**The following Trustees were present:**

Shirley Edgerton  
Alyson Stolz

**The following Trustees were absent:**

Stephen Crowe

**Others present:**

Mary Grant, President  
Charlotte Degen, Vice President of Student Affairs  
Joseph Charon, Director of Public Safety  
Jennifer Craig, Coordinator of Student Activities  
John Powers, Student Government Association (SGA) President  
Christopher Cozzaglio, SGA Secretary  
Alexandra Kadell, SGA Parliamentarian  
Roberta McCulloch-Dews, Web Communications Manager  
Thomas Bernard, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Trustee Edgerton.

**Student Government Association (SGA) Update**

Vice President Degen introduced John Powers, Student Government Association (SGA) President, Christopher Cozzaglio, SGA Secretary, and Alexandra Kadell, SGA Parliamentarian.

President Powers noted that the SGA is overseen by a nine-member executive board (e-board), and has responsibility for engaging students in campus life, and for allocating the College student activity fee to over 50 clubs and organizations through an annual budget process. The student Trustee is invited to attend e-board meetings.

The SGA members discussed the pathways they followed to their current leadership positions, and the peer mentorship and support that exists within SGA.

President Grant noted that the annual SGA-Board of Trustees luncheon held during the spring semester helps to strengthen the connection between SGA and the Board, and is an informal component of the College system of governance. The President also highlighted the structural work SGA completed last year to review and update the SGA constitution, and noted that this was important to the stewardship of both SGA and the College.

Trustee Edgerton complimented the students on their involvement and engagement through SGA.

### **Public Safety Update**

President Grant and Director Charon updated the committee on the work that had been done to comply with the February 2012 Board of Trustees vote authorizing the arming of campus police officers. Director Charon outlined the training and preparation that led up to the arming of officers in December 2012. He noted that the response of the campus police officers and the campus community to this transition has been professional and respectful. President Grant noted that MCLA's campus police officers have been thoroughly trained in their duties and responsibilities as armed offices and that this training is ongoing.

The February 2012 vote to authorize the arming of campus police officers included a condition that the president would provide a report to the board within one year of officers being armed. President Grant will present this report at the December meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED** to authorize a report on the arming of MCLA campus police officers at the December 12, 2013, meeting of the Board of Trustees.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.