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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES ■ BOARD MEETING ■ MAY 17, 2017 6:30 P.M.

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In Attendance: Trustees' Karl Bryan, Nancy Budwig, Sonia Diaz, Kevin Foley, Michael Grilli, Brian Herr (by phone), Dana Neshe, Richard Logan, Fernando Quezada

### 1.0 Chair's Report

Chair Richard Logan welcomed Trustees to the final meeting of the academic year. Prior to commencing with the agenda, Chair Logan took a few moments to recognize Trustee Paul Combe's contributions to the Board. Chair Logan wished Trustee Combe the best of luck in his retirement.

Chair Logan announced that because Trustee Brian Herr was participating remotely, all votes must be done by roll call.

Chair Logan welcomed Department of Higher Education Commissioner Carlos Santiago, who offered his remarks to the Trustees and Executive Staff, including a power point presentation on the state of public higher education in Massachusetts. He made the following points:

- Retirement is triggering a huge gap in the workforce; the demand for labor is high;
- Success of Massachusetts' economy depends upon excellence in public higher education;
- The number of traditional college attendees is decreasing, but there is growth in the number of Latino students graduating from high school;
- Massachusetts students are leaving the state to attend public institutions in other states;
- The state colleges and universities must work as a system rather than individual campuses;
- Data dashboards will allow schools to see each other's metrics;
- Areas of tension include educating students to be life-long learners and workforce preparation.

Chair Logan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2017 board meeting.

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*On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2017 Board meeting.*

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### 2.0 President's Report

President Javier Cevallos' remarks included the following:

- Recognition of two long-standing administrators who are leaving Framingham State University: Melinda Stoops, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, and Warren Fairbanks, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Capital Planning;
- A brief report on the 2012-2017 Strategic Plan, noting increases in degrees conferred, STEM majors, internships, University-funded financial aid, student/faculty ratio, and minority faculty/staff numbers;
- A request for a motion to approve the conferral of honorary degrees during commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 21, 2017, to Seth Moulton, Representative for the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional district in Massachusetts and Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity.

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*On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call to approve the conferral of an honorary Doctorate of Public Service Degree upon Congressman Seth Moulton; and to approve the conferral of the honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Degree upon Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity.*

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- An abstract of the University's Mission Statement (requiring no vote);
- Iris Thompson, liberal arts major, and student-in-the-spotlight, as introduced by Dr. Kelly Matthews.

### 3.0 Student Trustee Report

Trustee Bryan reported on the following matters:

- He would be speaking with university administrators on initiatives for homeless students during the summer months;
- Concerns about support for service-related activities with the departure of staff member Will Reddy.



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### 4.0 Governance Committee

Trustee Fernando Quezada reported for the Governance subcommittee and asked for motions as follows:

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*On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call to approve the nominations of Richard Logan for Chair, and Kevin Foley for Vice-Chair for academic year 2017-2018.*

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*On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call to approve the nomination of Robert Richards for Trustee Emeritus for academic year 2017-2018.*

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Proposed meeting dates for academic year 2017-18 are found in the packet.

### 5.0 Academic Affairs

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs' Linda Vaden-Goad noted some highlights of the 2016-17 academic year, including:

- Approval of IACBE accreditation;
- May 13, 2017 Latinos-in-Baseball event and Celebration of our Smithsonian Affiliation;
- Student Research Poster & Presentation Event held on May 5, 2017;
- Academic Affairs Annual Planning Retreat (scheduled for the following Friday): Everyone in Academic Affairs (faculty, staff, administration) plus Executive Staff and top directors and deans across the university invited to attend.

### 6.0 Enrollment and Student Development



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Vice President for Enrollment and Student Development Lorretta Holloway presented on the following matters:

- Freshman deposits for academic year 2017-18 are slightly ahead of last year's numbers; transfer deposits are lagging;
- A location for the on-campus food pantry has been found; awaiting costs of updates to the room;
- FATV activity has been robust with nearly 500 video views in the past month and 5000 in the past year;
- Web analytics showing positive results of advertising;
- Admissions Office is working on class of 2021 student deposits while simultaneously recruiting high school juniors; academic deans will be calling students over the summer; transfer students will be recruited throughout the summer.

### 7.0 Chief of Staff & General Counsel

Chief of Staff & General Counsel Rita Colucci updated the Board on the progress of the strategic planning process, highlighting the following:

- The draft plan will be presented to the Department of Higher Education on May 31, 2017;
- First and second year priorities will be identified;
- Faculty will be working on the plan during their retreat on May 19;
- The finalized plan will be presented to the Board for a vote during the September 2017 meeting.

### 8.0 Administration, Finance and Technology

(Board of Trustees Secretary Rita Colucci stated that because Trustee Brian Herr was no longer participating remotely, all remaining votes do not need to be done by roll call.)

Executive Vice President Dale Hamel presented the anticipated fiscal year 2018 budget. He noted that the University is in a strong financial position overall. Turning to the proposed FY18 budget, he made the following points:

- Total expenditures for FY18 are projected to be \$118,127,000;



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- All-funds budget is projected to be \$162 million;
- Operating budget is balanced at \$0;
- State is projecting a \$400 million deficit;
- Focus for state monies is deferred maintenance according to need; Framingham has lowest need in the state university sector;
- Assumptions discussed during finance subcommittee have not changed (page 5 of handout); \$28.9 million in state appropriations and \$580 increase in day student tuition and fees;
- The Governor and House Ways and Means budgets provide for a 1% increase from last year, with another anticipated 2.5% increase for collective bargaining costs, for a total 3.5% budgeted increase in state support over last year;
- The Senate budget provides for a 4.2% increase and a \$1.4 million increase ;
- Decisions on tuition and fees need to be made so that bills can be sent out in early July; if state funding comes in above the budget assumption of 3.5%, excess will be applied to budget items that directly benefit students and mitigate future student costs.

Executive Vice President Dale Hamel asked for a motion to approve the FY2018 Trust Fund Budgets and Fees, with resolution amended to exclude the Danforth Trust Fund:

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*On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to approve as amended the Framingham State University Fiscal Year 2018 Trust Fund Budgets, including the associated fees schedules and each Trust Fund’s Narrative, which defines and / or revises the intended purpose of each Trust Fund, excluding the Danforth Trust Fund, and to approve delegation to the Board of Trustees Finance Committee authority to review and approve any adjustments to the College Operations Trust Fund and its associated student fee schedule resulting from changes in anticipated FY2018 state funding support.*

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Executive Vice President Dale Hamel asked for a motion to approve the FSU Investment Services Manager and Funds Reallocation:

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*On a motion duly made and seconded, it was*



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*unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the Investment Services Manager Review Committee to add Brown Advisory to its current Investment Services Managers (Eaton Vance and Boston Trust) and to direct \$5.0M to Brown Advisory from funds currently managed by Boston Trust.*

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Executive Vice President Dale Hamel asked for a motion to approve the personnel actions list:

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*On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to accept the personnel actions list.*

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**9.0 New Business**

Chair Logan asked for a motion to delegate board powers to the President during the summer months.

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*On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to approve delegation of powers from the Board of Trustees to the President during the summer months.*

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There were no other new business items.

**10.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.



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**11.0 Adjourn Public Meeting**

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*On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously  
voted to adjourn the open meeting.*

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The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Richard C. Logan  
Chair  
Framingham State University, Board of Trustees

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Dr. F. Javier Cevallos  
President  
Framingham State University