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

1.0 Chair’s Report

Vice Chair Kevin Foley welcomed Trustees to the first meeting of the academic year. Prior to commencing with the agenda, Vice Chair Foley announced that the board would enter executive session following the completion of the open meeting to discuss collective bargaining negotiations that are currently ongoing with the four unions on campus: the MSCA and the MSCA DGCE (faculty and adjunct unions), the APA (professional employees union) and AFSME (support personnel union). He explained that the board would not resume open meeting after executive session. He also asked for all votes to be done by roll call because Trustee Herr was participating remotely.

Vice Chair Foley turned to Trustee Anthony Hubbard for the Governance Subcommittee Report.

2.0 Governance Committee

Trustee Anthony Hubbard reported for the Governance subcommittee and asked for motions as follows:

Trustee Hubbard explained that Trustee Richard Logan’s first five year term ended late last spring. He was reappointed a few weeks ago as the Alumni Association representative on the Board. The Governance Committee is re-nominating him for the position of Board Chair. Trustee Hubbard asked for a motion to nominate Richard Logan as Board Chair.

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

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Trustee Hubbard explained that the University has come across some scholarships which call for Board involvement in the selection of scholarship recipients. The Governance Committee is recommending that these duties be delegated to the President or his designee. Trustee Hubbard asked for a motion to adopt the resolution in your packet approving delegation to the President or his designee review.

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On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call to approve delegation to the President or his designee of its review, approval and/or decision-making responsibilities as required by scholarship and/or grant selection documents, unless said delegation is specifically disallowed by language in the document.

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Trustee Hubbard explained that the next motion would allow the president to represent the interests of the University and to engage in collective bargaining negotiations. Trustee Hubbard asked for a motion to adopt the resolution to authorize the President to engage in collective bargaining.

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On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call to authorize the president to represent the interests of the University and to engage in collective bargaining negotiations on behalf of the University with the following unions:

- American Federation of State and County and Municipal Employees, Local 1067/Council 93, AFL-CIO;
- Association of Professional Administrators, AFL-CIO;
- Massachusetts Teachers Association/NEA Massachusetts State College Association; and,
- Massachusetts Teachers Association/NEA Massachusetts State College Association/NEA Massachusetts State College Association/NEA Massachusetts State College Association, Division of Graduate and Continuing Education.
Chair Logan asked for a motion to approve the open meeting and executive session minutes of the May 15, 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 May 15, 2017 Board open meeting and executive session.

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Chair Logan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 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 May 17, 2017 Board meeting.

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Chair Logan asked for a motion to approve the open meeting and executive session minutes of the August 15, 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 August 15, 2017 Board open meeting and executive session.

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3.0 President’s Report

President Javier Cevallos’ remarks included the following:

- Recognition of the Arts & Ideas events planned for academic year 2016-17;
- A brief summary by Dr.’s Virginia Rutter and Bridgette Sheridan and student Eunice Owusu, about the Family Diversity teach-in scheduled for November and December and SHOWING (workxfamily) exhibit;
The University recently met with the Town’s Finance Committee and will meet with the Town’s Ways and Means Committee tomorrow regarding the University’s purchase of the Maynard Building for purposes of housing the Danforth Art Center at FSU. Town meeting members will vote on whether to waive their right of first refusal and reverter on October 17, 2017 at a special Town Meeting.

Eric Gustafson, Executive Director, Development and Alumni Relations, at Framingham State University reported on completion of the University’s first fundraising campaign.

The BHE and state university presidents are in negotiations with the unions on campus, most of which expired on June 30, 2016.

Framingham State University has categorized as a Tier 1 institution this year by US News and World Report Ranking. A handout was provided to illustrate how the University compares with sister schools on the criterion on which the University is ranked.

On May 30, 2017, the draft of the strategic plan was presented to the BHE strategic planning committee. It was well received. Following the board vote on the plan, the University will meet with the BHE again. It is anticipated that the BHE will vote on the plan at their December meeting. Per President Cevallos’ request, Chair Logan asked for a motion to approve the strategic plan.

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On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call to approve the University Strategic Plan 2018-2023 and authorize submittal of the Plan to the Board of Higher Education for approval.

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Student-in-the-Spotlight Suzanne Wright, history major and museum studies minor, was introduced by Dr. Kelly Matthews. Suzanne talked about the student trip to Ireland and Northern Ireland last month, with particular connection to her studies in History and Museum Studies, and her participation in the Honors program. She also shared connections to Dr. Matthews’ class on Irish Literature, Dr. Eamonn Ciardha’s class last year on The Irish Political Ballad, and her research project on Irish soldiers in the American Revolution.
4.0 Student Trustee Report

Trustee Karl Bryan reported on the following matters:

- A request for an increase in Health Center hours and resources for students with special medical circumstances;
- University’s response regarding DACA was overwhelmingly positive;
- New login system for Wi-Fi is working very well;
- In response to Trustee Fernando Quezada question regarding outreach goals for new students, Trustee Bryan shared his understanding of initiatives in residence life, upcoming freshman elections, and vacancies in the SGA senate to help garner and address new student concerns. Trustee Bryan plans to report back on results and outcomes at a future full board meeting.

5.0 Academic Affairs

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

- Hiring of Dr. Larnell Flanagan, Dean of the College of Education;
- Hiring of John Strickland, Director for the World of Work program;

Dr. Vaden-Goad introduced Lauren Keeville, Coordinator of Student Retention and Graduation Success, who talked about efforts across campus to increase first year retention.

6.0 Enrollment and Student Development

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

- Students matriculating in the graduate International Education Program in Hanyang, Korea, which is the most popular Korean cohort;
- The University has purchased a mobile Mind-Care Kiosks through the efforts of Counseling Center Director Paul Welch, who worked on a obtaining a $15,000 grant from the Metrowest Health Foundation;
• Updates on the website landing page and Campus Bird – the new virtual campus map – were noted, as well as website analytics which show that webpages that are updated are used more frequently;
• Admissions and enrollment planning were discussed and appear in the packet.

Dr. Holloway introduced Michelle Yestrepsky, Coordinator of Student Services, who presented on efforts being made to alleviate housing and food insecurities. Ms. Yestrepsky stated that efforts are being made to create one form for all requests for emergency funding. She stated that the University will open the Ram Resources Center in West Hall by the end of this academic year. The Resource Center will house the University’s food pantry and coat and attire share program.

7.0 Inclusive Excellence

Interim Chief Officer of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement Millie Gonzalez updated the Board on the following:

• Enrollment demographics by race/ethnicity show that 34% of undergraduate enrollment is comprised of students from underrepresented groups;
• New location for the Center for Inclusive Excellence is in O’Connor Hall;
• Novedades (news) includes Early College grant, Community Engagement Breakfast with MassBay scheduled for October 5, climate surveys, Leading for Change Consortium and Males of Color Taskforce, cultural competency training for faculty and staff, Voices of Color Speaker series featuring Angie Thomas, Veterans Community Collecting event; and drive for Puerto Rico disaster relief.

8.0 Chief of Staff & General Counsel

Chief of Staff & General Counsel Rita Colucci introduced Kim Dexter, Director of Equal Opportunity, Title IX, and ADA Compliance who gave a short presentation on Title IX.

9.0 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 requested a vote to delegate approval of the independent audit to the Finance Committee.

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On a motion duly made and seconded, the Framingham State University Board of Trustees hereby approves delegation to the Board of Trustees Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees Compliance, Audit and Risk Committee authority to review and approve the FY2017 Independent Audit of Financial Statements in order to meet Office of the State Comptrollers’ Deadline of October 15, 2017 for submittal.

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Executive Vice President Dale Hamel asked for a motion to approve the Crocker Hall and Whittemore Library project to DCAMM for funding:

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On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to approve the submittal of the following Framingham State University projects for Major Project Capital Request funding consideration to the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) FY2019 Major Project Capital Funding Request process:

- Crocker Hall Project
- Whittemore Library Project

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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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Executive Vice President Hamel gave an update on the FY18 budget:

- FSU operating budget was approved based on an assumed 1% increase in state funding;
- The current projected FY2018 G.A.A. state funding represents about a 1% increase;
- Aggregated student enrollment appears to be coming in below target;
• Budget assumptions have been adjusted to reflect personnel changes as well as potential costs of collective bargaining agreements;
• Projected FY2018 general operations budget shows a deficit of $400, but out year pro forma budgets show balanced or surplus net income;
• Trust fund budgets will be impacted by student enrollment below budget assumptions;
• FSU Investment funds are within investment policy allocation targets;
• Aggregate investment funds performance for FY2017 was 8.8%; core investment funds returns were 11.7%
• Aggregate FSU and Foundation investment funds portfolio equals $62.9M;

Executive Vice President Hamel gave an update on the University Capital Plan stating:
• Capital investment over the past decade has exceeded $250M including three new major facilities and significant adaptation and renewal projects;
• Current capital planning is occurring within context of strategic planning process;
• FSU ranks high among other campuses in net asset value and classroom utilization

9.0 New Business

There was no new business. It was suggested that in the future, consent agendas be considered.

10.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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 8:30 p.m.

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

Dr. F. Javier Cevallos  
President  
Framingham State University