The meeting of the full board of trustees was called to order at 6:30 PM.

In Attendance: Trustees Foley, Logan, Budwig, Ferguson, Grilli, Hubbard, Neshe, and Quezada.

Call to Order:

Chair Kevin Foley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.0 Chair’s Report
Chair Foley asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda that included the following:
- Minutes (March 27, 2019)
- Personnel Actions

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On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the March 27, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting, and the personnel actions report.
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Thank you to outgoing trustees: Fernando Quezada and Ayanna Ferguson

Welcome to incoming trustees: Beth Casavant and Olivia Beverlie (student trustee)

Chair Foley recognized new Trustee Beth Casavant. He also recognized the outgoing Student Trustee Ayanna Ferguson for her work, and introduced our new Student Trustee Elect Olivia Beverlie.

Look for trustees to volunteer to serve on the Presidential Review Committee (hopefully Nancy Budwig and Hope Bielat)

Chair Kevin Foley discussed the appointment of the Presidential Review Committee, and recognized Trustee Nancy Budwig who has accepted to be chair of that Committee.

2.0 President’s Report
President Javier Cevallos remarked on the items below:
• President Cevallos welcomed new Student Trustee Olivia Beverlie.

• Updates on Searches:
  o Dr. Salas will be joining us as incoming Provost and VP of Academic Affairs on Monday, June 10, 2019. Dr. Vaden-Goad will be with the University until the end of the month of June to help with the transition.
  o Ms. (Constanza) Connie Cabello will join us as the new VP for Diversity & Inclusion, and Community Engagement on Monday, July 15, 2019.

• Recognition of Executive Staff Members:
  o Yesterday, at a farewell ceremony, President Cevallos officially thanked Dr. Linda Vaden-Goad for her work and contribution.
  o President Cevallos also thanked Ms. Millie Gonzalez for the very important work she did as the Interim Chief Diversity Officer of Diversity & Inclusion, and Community Engagement. President Cevallos added that Ms. Gonzalez will be returning to her position at the FSU Henry Whittemore Library.
  o Dr. Vaden-Goad will acknowledge Dr. Larnell Flannagan for the work he has done as Interim Dean of the College of Education. But President Cevallos took a few minutes to personally thank Dr. Flannagan. President Cevallos commented that Dr. Flannagan really moved the college forward, and thanked him for failing retirement to join us as Dean.
  o Graduating senior Michel Fleurime is this year’s Framingham State University’s “29 Who Shine” recipient awarded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to a student from each public college and university, recognized by Governor Charlie Baker. Mr. Fleurime will be graduating and opening up his own business soon.
  o Dr. Rebecca Shearman of the Biology Department has been awarded a Science and Technology Fellowship by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She will spend next academic year at the National Science Foundation in Washington DC working on issues of race and gender equity in computer science. President Cevallos addressed Dean Margarent Carroll for this recognition in the College of STEAM - Congratulations to Professor Shearman on this very prestigious award.

• Commencement: President Cevallos announced Commencement and a reminder to those Trustees who will attend the ceremony. An informational email will go out to Trustees from President’s Executive Assistant, Ms. Katie Hebert. President Cevallos commented that it is the best day of the year – the day that keeps us going.

• Trustee Action Item: Approval of Honorary Degrees
The Framingham State University Board of Trustees (the “Trustees”) hereby approves the motion to award the following Honorary degrees at the upcoming undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies on May 26, 2019:

- Doctor of Public Service, Honoris Causa to John Lewis
- Doctor of Public Service, Honoris Causa to Karen Spilka

RATIONALE: Honorary degrees are awarded to those who have made special contributions through their lives. Recipients generally fall into two categories, first, people who have been closely associated with the University, its students, faculty, or alumni; and second, people who have made outstanding contributions to education to our community, and to humanity.

- Council on Diversity and Inclusion Excellence (DICE) Report included in the Board of Trustees, packet of meeting documents. Ms. Gonzalez is not able to be here this evening but has asked the trustees to review the program that is underway described in her report under Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Institute
- Development and Alumni Relations Report – Mr. Eric Gustafson briefly described highlights from his report including:
  - Mr. Gustafson reported that the University has exceeded its fundraising goals.
    - Raised $ Artifacts
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  - A lot of money has been raised for scholarships, good news for students
  - Join us, place on your calendar
- Student-in-the-Spotlight

President Cevallos invited Dr. Christopher McCarthy-Latimer Political Science Professor to introduce Rachel Spivey for the Student-in-the-Spotlight presentation. Professor McCarthy-Latimer. Also a pre-Law advisor, briefly described the program. Professor McCarthy-Latimer thanked Dr. Vaden-Goad, as well as Deans Susan Dargan and Marc Cote for their support of the program, and in their active involvement in making articulation agreements. This would allow students moving through a major in political science access to Suffolk and UMass Dartmouth Law Schools. Currently, seven students are enrolled in this relatively two-to-three year old program and on this track towards a law degree. Student-in-the-Spotlight Rachel Spivey, is a Political Science major, with a concentration in Pre-Law, enrolled on the 3+3 accelerated Pre-Law
program with Suffolk Law School. Ms. Spivey presented that she will be a sophomore in the coming academic year. She explained that the driving reason she came to Framingham State University was due to the articulation agreements – she explained that out of other agreements by other schools, FSU was stand out ... She described Professor McCarthy-Latimer as welcoming to the program – she met him over the summer with her parents. Ms. Spivey described her experience in the program as life-changing.

Vice Chair Dick Logan commented that he read Ms Psivey’s resume and thought it was outstanding.

Ms. Spivey added that she is also interning for a state representative over the course of the summer.

3.0 Student Trustee Report

- There was no Student Trustee report.

4.0 Academic Affairs Committee (Trustee Budwig)

Trustee Nancy Budwig provided five highlights from the Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

1. Honors Awards and receptions, an exciting time of year
2. Provost and VP for Academic Affairs Dr. Linda Vaden-Goad and Dr. Mark Nicholas, Executive Director for Institutional Assessment, presented at NICHE. Framingham State University’s ___ is a model for other state colleges and universities.
3. The Division has developed a budget and budget process specific to Academic Affairs, placing funds where there had to be changes in the structure and really focus on strategic plan. A plan that really focuses on the needs of all students. The goals led to reallocation of funds where necessary – for example, raising peer tutoring; Rams 10. Doubling civic engagement with a goal of preparing ethical citizens engaged with their community. Why and how the money was allocated Linda will prepare a report that will include the data that supports.
4. The Three Ps – Policies, Procedures, and Practices. Policies on the books are consistent – several months of work. One interesting policy log - Elimination of class valedictorian. The Division is working on matching policies and practices. Focus on the whole student. This gives the University a way to align symbolic awards with what they value. Overall, great Committee meeting. Hoping to recruit more to Academic Affairs. The Deans each presented, direct reports. It was a great meeting.
Trustee Budwig offered to Dr. Vaden-Goad an opportunity to add the Academic Affairs Committee report.

Dr. Vaden-Goad added - Thank you to all of you for my nine years and your public spirit and commitment has made my job and everyone so meaningful driven our ability to create opportunism for so many people I just want to thank for everything that you have done and continue to do. I have been in 3 different states this was most involved and engaged. Thank you, Trustee Budwig.

4.2 Study Abroad and International Enrollment Trends & Results (J. Decatur)
PowerPoint attached

5.0 Compliance Audit & Risk Committee (Trustee Neshe/Chair Foley)

Chair Kevin Foley provided updates from the Compliance, Audit & Risk Committee, on behalf of Committee Chair Trustee Dana Neshe. Trustee Neshe is accompanying her son who is receiving an award this evening. Chair Foley explained that the Committee met, but did not have a quorum. A discussion was had but no official motions or deliberations were made.

The Committee met without a quorum so no official business was approved. Reports were given by the General Counsel and Tammy Till on efforts to coordinate and reinvigorate the Enterprise Risk Management practices at the University. Tammy relayed her plan for current and future assessments of internal control functions within the University.

There was discussion to reinvigorate the University’s Internal C.A.R. (Compliance, Audit & Risk) now Enterprise Risk Management Committee. Chair Foley explained that there was a great discussion with the University’s Manager of Controls Tammy Till regarding her holding current and future assessments.

6.0 Governance Committee (Trustee Hubbard)
Trustee Anthony Hubbard provided updates from the Governance committee report. The committee members met and discussed new appointments of trustee (Beth Casavant) and pending appointments or existing vacancy (seat formerly held by Sonia Diaz). Also, two current trustees’ terms have expired and will continue pending further notification. It is our hope that they will both be renewed to serve second terms (Trustees Budwig and Foley). Trustee Hubbard commented that the Board has great people currently serving in those roles. Given fluidity with board membership it is our desire to promote stability. Therefore, it was voted to recommend that the chair and vice chair continue.

The committee also is proposing dates for next year’s Board of Trustee meetings (see Governance TAB and attached). The proposed meeting dates require no vote, but simply inclusion in Trustees’ calendars. The group is proposing that we structure our BOT committee meetings differently next year by coordinating the meetings on the same day as the full Board meetings. This schedule will be determined and communicated with the Board during the early summer months.

The Framingham State University Board of Trustees (the “Trustees”) hereby approves the following slate of officers for the 2019-2020 academic year with terms to commence on July 1, 2019 for a period of one year.

Chairperson:   Kevin Foley
Vice Chairperson:   Richard Logan

There was some discussion regarding the nomination and appointment of Trustee Emeritus. Vice Chair Logan commented that he was very excited to hear that Robert Richards would agree to continue as Trustee Emeritus. Trustee Hubbard added that Richards has been helpful even just
for information. And Chair Foley added that having Richards and this role helps the Board understand prior history.

The Framingham State University Board of Trustees (the “Trustees”) hereby approves the nomination and appointment of Robert Richards for the position of Trustee Emeritus for a period of one year commencing on July 1, 2019.

Trustee Hubbard continued his report with a brief word on the recent Annual Board retreat. It was the Second consecutive year, and it was very helpful. More educational for the Board. For the first retreat, the Board did a board survey, and plans to do Board survey every three years to serve as a catalyst at retreat. Provides the Board an opportunity to be more effective and more of service. Encourage Trustees to participate. Trustee Hope Bielat found it incredibly helpful; informal atmosphere to discuss. And she hopes that we do continue to do the Board Retreats. Chair Foley added that the idea from learning from other Boards, get together to learn a but more … take a step back … what is focus … Board wants to be helpful

7.0 Enrollment and Student Development Committee (Trustee Herr)

Enrollment and Student Development Committee report will be given by Dr. Lorretta Holloway in the absence of Trustee Brian Herr.

Updates for admissions. We are ahead in deposits. Behind in transfers. All state universities are struggling – transfer numbers often depend on how well their community colleges are doing. We are working on a fifth grant and increasing numbers of MassBay and living on campus.

Chair Kevin Foley asked how much does is usually change? Dr. Holloway responded that it flattens our in the middle of summer with people changing their minds. It is the reason why the University has Orientation in June. Prospective students are often looking at multiple orientations. They are even now still shopping and making more decisions.
Trustee Nancy Budwig commented that numbers are amazing with all we know summer melt for Lorretta -

Trustee Budwig asked how does the University spend the money to get them in the door, and to keep them, retention?

Dr. Holloway responded that a lot of students demographics can be available, for example, the high schools they came from … Not necessarily

Understanding why short questionnaire you still have to cover the materials how to I bring them

Chair Foley added to Trustee Budwig’s question, 2 part
In regards to upper classman, would we have that type of data freshman to sophomore sophomore to junior, etc.?

Dr. Holloway explained that (Ben) on sabbatical
Who are we retaining
Mapping regarding retention
Enrollment data team
Lauren Keville

Last bullet in collaborations
Audit of campus tours
Dr. Holloway will send the Executive Staff the link to the report

Chair Foley what we are doing against BHE

Trustee Budwig with Secretary to the Board of Trustees Ann McDonald, note that this has been part of the president’s evaluation even over the summer months

Chair Foley asked
Are 2nd and 6 th yr students classified as readmits or drop?
Dr. Holloway explained that sometimes a leave of absence 6 years sometimes they are taking that long to complete

Trustee Mike Grilli – credit, c

Dr. Holloway explained that she is currently reviewing commencement appeals for this Sunday – students must complete 32 credits overall

President Cevallos added that it is sometimes an issue of financial aid

Trustee Bielat asked -
Dr. Holloway responded – 4 year general 6 year, graduation rate
Not just about the tour, first impression orientation returning students kinds of things
Parking meeting Dr. Dale Hamel regarding parking spaces in welcome center

Chair Foley part 2
Sept board meeting
Data
Transfer
Particular majors increasing
Upper calssman

Lorretta – rams resource center
Webpage home page design highlights
Working with marketing committee
Roi
Showing our alumni
Also helping ppl look for options course registration
Working with chri and academic deans and chairs
To learn what a major is

Smart speak to highlight specific areas
Request more information
Data points

Dick – retention numbers helpful to share with us

Threat Assessment Team (M. Nowak-Borrego & J. Hurtubise)
Dean of Students Megan Nowak-Borrego and Director of Community Standards Jay Hurtubise gave a presentation on the University’s Threat Assessment Team and student conduct processes.

8.0 Administration, Finance and Technology Committee (Trustee Grilli)

754 pm

8.1 Administration, Finance and Technology report
Impossible to not have increase
Want to delegate
Based on final state budget

Have a balanced budget

Student increase
Rates increase

Staff levels
Does not mean that we will not hire
Supplement of staff at police dept

8.2 Approval of Proposed FY’20 Trust Fund Budgets and Fees

The Framingham State University Board of Trustees (the “Trustees”) hereby approves the attached Framingham State University Fiscal Year 2020 Trust Fund Budgets and associated fees schedules.
Further, the Framingham State University Board of Trustees (the “Trustees”) hereby approves delegation to the Board of Trustees Finance Committee (the “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 FY2020 state funding support. Notice of any changes in the College Operations Trust Fund and associated student fee schedule will be provided to the full Board of Trustees at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Motion – mike
Dick second
Dick – dale you and your staff
Tammy
Catherine and Rachel

Mike – best to linda and husband
Land of bbq

9.0 New Business

9.1 Trustee Action Item: Delegation of Powers to President Cevallos for June – August, 2019, inclusive

The Framingham State University Board of Trustees (the “Trustees”) hereby approves the delegation of Board powers to President Cevallos for June – August 2019.

motion –
pres grilli to paraphrase
hope second

larnell – appreciation for the work that you have done
larnell has been my pleasure

801 pm

10.0 Public Comment
11.0 Adjourn Open Meeting