MASSART

Board of Trustees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2025
Zoom

Committee Members in Attendance: Committee Chair Giraldo; Board Chair Bascome; Vice Chair Korn; Trustees Bhattacharya, McCreary, and Muzac

Other Trustees in Attendance: Trustees Bump, Keane and Saragoni

Others in Attendance: Robert Chambers, Patrick Clay, Jamie Costello, Tim Cusack, Emily Foster Day, Antony Flackett, Mary Grant, Hannah Johnson, Brenda Molife, Theresa O'Bryant, Lyssa Palu-ay, Robert Perry, Kate Russell, Lauren Wilshusen, Corey Zink

1. **Call to Order**

   Chair Giraldo called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

2. **Vote on Meeting Minutes - May 30, 2025**

   On a motion made by Vice Chair Korn and a second by Trustee Keane, it was then **VOTED: to approve the May 30, 2025 meeting minutes.**

   Yes: Committee Chair Giraldo; Board Chair Bascome; Vice Chair Korn; Trustees Bhattacharya and Muzac

3. **Student Trustee Report**
   In the Student Trustee Report, Sergine Muzak highlighted great attendance and engagement at Colleges of the Fenway Block party and other fall events. They are hoping to increase outreach from BAU, LatinX, and CACP to incoming students.

4. **Annual Clery Report**
   Chief Patrick Clay provided the Clery Report and shared that there have been no significant increases in any category of crime or safety issues on campus. A federal mandate will begin next year requiring schools to include hazing incidents.

5. **Academic Affairs Report**

   Provost Molife shared that 14 new full-time and 16 part-time faculty were hired for the Fall semester. In collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education's Innovation Hub, MassArt is part of a

cohort to develop a co-op program to be launched in 2026-27, with Communication Design and Glass as part of the initial pilot. She also discussed Continuing Education's partnership with California Institute of the Arts on a Certificate in Creative AI launching this November and a Comic Arts Course pilot with the Department of Youth Services.

6. **Student Affairs Report**

   VP Zink discussed the formation of a strategic recruitment team with members from across the college to strengthen recruitment strategies. AVP and Dean Costello provided an overview of a smooth student move-in and orientation. Student Success Funds were allocated over the summer and fall for reimagining spaces on campus to better engage students, distribute sketchbooks with important campus resources, and fill new student success positions.

7. **Civic and Community Engagement Report**
   VP and Dean Lyssa Palu-ay provided a report from the new division of Civic and Community Engagement, consisting of CACP, JET, Pathways, Youth Programs,Artward Bound, and Compass. The division is strengthening partnerships within the division and with community programs. She also provided an overview of MassArt's Carnegie Classification process. This Classification is the leading framework for recognizing and describing institutional diversity in US higher education.

8. **New Business**
   There was no new business.

9. **Adjournment**
   Chair Giraldo adjourned the meeting at 10:12 am.

Meeting materials:

1. *May 30, 2025 meeting minutes*
2. *Academic & Student Affairs Updates Memo*
3. *Massachusetts College of Art and Design 2025 Annual Security Report & Fire Safety Report*
4. *Meeting Slide Deck*