MASSART

Board of Trustees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2026
Zoom

Committee Members in Attendance: Committee Chair Giraldo; Board Chair Bascome; Board Vice Chair Korn; Trustee Bhattacharya

Committee Members Absent: Trustee McCreary

Other Trustees in Attendance: Trustees Bump, Keane, and Saragoni

Others in Attendance: Robert Chambers, Jamie Costello, Tim Cusack, Marie-Claire Dumornay, Antony Flackett, Temple Gill, President Mary Grant, Susannah Hogan, Hannah Johnson, Brenda Molife, Theresa O'Bryant, Lyssa Palu-ay, Robert Perry, Kate Russell, Corey Zink

1. **Call to Order**
   Chair Giraldo called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

2. **Vote on Meeting Minutes - January 23, 2026**

   On a motion made by Trustee Keane and a second by Trustee Bhattacharya, it was then **VOTED: to approve the January 23, 2026 meeting minutes.**

   Yes: Committee Chair Giraldo; Board Chair Bascome; Vice Chair Korn; Trustee Bhattacharya

3. **Student Success and Enrollment Management Report**
   VP of Student Success and Enrollment Management Corey Zink provided divisional updates, including the two upcoming Accepted Students Days, the search for a strategic enrollment firm, and piloting a new advising tool with first-year faculty and students this fall. He also announced the promotion of Rebekah Wright to Director of Career Development.

   Susannah Hogan, Program Coordinator of Student Engagement presented on MassArt's Pathways to Leadership Program, a 7-week program that helps students build leadership skills. This is a collaborative effort between SGA, JET, CACP, Residence Life, and Career Development. There was a short discussion about outreach for the program going forward.

4. **Civic and Community Engagement Report**
   VP of Civic and Community Engagement Lyssa Palu-ay covered highlights from several initiatives, including a book talk with Dr. Tony Laing on Black Student Support Networks, the Thriving Classrooms sessions supporting

first generation students, and an affinity group mixer. VP Palu-ay also shared the two Campus Compact Impact Awards that MassArt received at the Compact26 National Conference: President Grant was honored with the Richard Guarasci Award for Presidential Leadership, and CACP's sparc! the ArtMobile was recognized with the Excellence in Civic and Community Engagement Programming Award.

5. **Academic Affairs Report**

Provost Molife presented the candidates for promotion and tenure, highlighting their individual work and dedication. President Grant expressed enthusiastic support for the group of candidates that she and the Provost had recommended for promotions and tenure.

The following faculty were recommended for promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor:

Alan Jennings, *Animation*
Marjee-Anne Levine, *3D Arts*
Ana Mouyis, *Animation*

The following faculty were recommended for promotion from Associate Professor to Professor:

Stephanie Cardon, *Studio Foundation*
Joshua Hart, *Studio Foundation*
Lisa Kennedy, *Illustration*
Robert Maloney, *Illustration*
Anjali Srinivasan, *3D Arts*

The following faculty were recommended for tenure:

Emily Cobb, *3D Arts*
Simonette Quamina, *Fine Arts 2D*
Amani Willett, *Photography*

On a motion by Trustee Bascome, and a second by Trustee Bhattacharya, it was then unanimously **VOTED: to refer the tenure and promotion recommendations to the Board of Trustees for approval.**

Yes: Chair Giraldo, Board Chair Bascome, Vice Chair Korn, Trustee Bhattacharya

There were brief discussions about the promotion and tenure process as well as at what level faculty are hired.

6. **New Business**

President Grant thanked Vice Chair Korn for her work as MassArt Fashion Show Party Co-Chair.

7. **Adjournment**

Chair Giraldo adjourned the meeting at 10:04 am.

Meeting materials:

1) *January 23, 2026 meeting minutes*
2) *Academic & Student Affairs Committee Updates Memo*
3) *Tenure and Promotion Candidate Materials*
4) *Tenure and Promotion Memo from President Grant*
5) *Tenure and Promotion Memo from Provost Molife*
6) *Meeting Slide Deck*