MASSART

Board of Trustees

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2026
Zoom

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

Other Trustees in Attendance: Trustee Keane

Others in Attendance: Robert Chambers, Jamie Costello, Antony Flackett, Temple Gill, President Mary Grant, 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 9:05 am.

2. **Vote on Meeting Minutes - March 27, 2026**

   On a motion made by Trustee Korn and a second by Trustee Bhattacharya, it was then **VOTED: to approve the March 27, 2026 meeting minutes.**

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

3. **Student Trustees Report**
   Chair Giraldo announced that Jeffrey Young had been elected to the role of Student Trustee by the student body for the conclusion of the academic year and for next academic year. President Grant and the Trustees thanked Trustee Young for returning to the leadership role. Trustee Young then provided an update on several of the end-of-the-year activities for students, such as the All School Show, Eventworks' multimedia spring festival, and Commencement events.

4. **Academic Affairs Report**
   Provost Brenda Molife provided highlights from events such as the 4th annual Climate and Justice Teach In and Bio Bonanza. She also provided a report on new faculty hires, and announced that Art Education Professor Beth Balliro will become the new Director of the Learning and Teaching Center. This restructuring of the Learning and Teaching Center was made possible through a Davis Foundation grant and sets the Center up for continued success.

5. **Student Success and Enrollment Management (SSEM) Report**
   Vice President Corey Zink shared that the college has developed a new on-campus summer component to its undergraduate student orientation program. This earlier orientation, which will be on campus on June 25th and June 30th, will maintain student engagement and provide students with just-in-time information and resources, such as their class schedule and student ID. VP Zink thanked Dean Jamie Costello for taking on the leadership of this initiative. VP Zink also reported on enrollment management initiatives, such as the Admissions Office's move back across the street this summer from the Artists' Residence to the more visible first floor of the South Building. In addition, MassArt will work with EAB, a higher education strategic enrollment firm to expand the reach of the Admissions' recruitment team in reaching prospective students. There was a brief discussion about measuring the impact of the work with EAB.

6. **Civic and Community Engagement Report**
   Vice President Lyssa Palu-ay discussed the success of the Repair Project, Center for Art and Community Partnerships workshops, and collaborations between the ALAANA Collective and student Affinity Groups. She also provided highlights from the May 8th launch of Industrial Design alum Doug Ansine's new Brain Child sneaker line in collaboration with Reebok, which he decided to launch at MassArt in a nod to the College's role in his career. President Grant thanked VP Palu-ay for her leadership.

7. **New Business**
   There was a conversation about having an American Sign Language interpreter at commencement and the accommodations MassArt provides graduating students.

8. **Adjournment**
   Chair Giraldo adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

Meeting materials:

1. *March 27, 2026 meeting minutes*
2. *Academic & Student Affairs Committee Updates Memo*
3. *Meeting Slide Deck*