

MEETING NO. 297
APPROVED OCTOBER 15, 2020

President Clark stated they have commenced the fall semester which was a successful start. Forty percent of the residence halls are occupied with 1,307 students. He thanked faculty, staff and students for a successful launch. The COP

Provost Ismaili noted there were 23 new hires; 19 tenure track and 4 one-year appointments. BSU continues to attract very talented faculty. They were able to enhance faculty of color with the hiring of 7 faculty. Eleven of the 19 hired were women. Full-time faculty have filled in for the lack of part-time faculty. He is appreciative of the faculty who are navigating through this difficult time.

(Attachment)

Renaming of the Center for Multicultural Affairs

President Clark was pleased to bring forward this recommendation. He has felt for a long time that the center should be renamed. With the passing of Paul Gaines, it sparked this idea. Sarah Lewis was our very first African American student. It was unusual that she attended this college. She was one of only 17 students to graduate in 1869. She is a person of honor and pleased to put her name forward. When Paul Gaines came to BSU, there were 7 students of color. After 28 years of service, there were 400 students of color. Today our rate is at 25%. BSU is built on a foundation established by Mr. Gaines. Earlier this week, President Clark

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virtual call with founding donors which went very well. They are being innovative and creative. Approximately 60 alumni are dialing in to engage. She and her staff are discovering what their passions are. They are also collaborating with the colleges and divisions on campus.

Trustee Caulfield asked Ms. Oliver to talk about the campaign. Ms. Oliver explained it is ongoing; they are building a pipeline and they know who the campaign leads are and are developing a plan. The messaging, positioning and collaborative development started last year. Vice President Jean and his staff are working on naming options. A website continues to be built and will be ready soon.

She also explained that in order to go public, it's important to raise 50-60% of the \$100M goal. There will be a campaign plan which they are currently working on. She is hopeful to be public in 2022.

President Clark commented Ms. Bair resigned as CDO and he thanked Ms. Oliver for stepping in. Her energy and passion is appreciated.

On motion duly made and seconded (Turchon, Denterlein) it was that the Board of Trustees approves the FY2020/Q4 Alumni and Development Dashboard Report as outlined in the memorandum from President Clark dated September 18, 2020.
(Attachment)

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Fall Semester Return Update

President Clark stated they have been focused on a safe return for September. Chief of Staff Leuenberger provided an update. She thanked students and the community for keeping safe and adhering to BSU's policies. Currently, there is only one student in isolation. Food service, Operations and Academic Affairs has been helpful in transitioning with our students. Athletics has moved forward into phase 2. They are currently working on flu shots for the campus community as all residential students need to be vaccinated, except for those with a medical condition or religious belief. A partnership with CVS has been established to administer the vaccine. Their health professionals will be on campus October 7-9. BSU has 280 flu shots available through the Wellness Center. Testing and flu shots are free of charge to our students (most students are covered through their insurance or BSU has some funding available). By December 31, 2020, all students have to be vaccinated according to the state mandate. They are preparing for the spring and talking about

leadership perspective, it will be helpful to know how people are feeling. President Clark responded cabinet recently had this discussion. Academic Affairs has reached out to faculty. There will be a campus-wide effort to ask how it's going; how can we be more supportive. When people feel alone, depressed, anxious, it's important to know this and see what we can do to help.

FY21 Budget Update

Trustee Murphy noted at the last meeting they talked about the many adjustments that have been made going into the fiscal year. Operations, to date, is within their goal; just some minor changes. The complication is that there is still no state appropriation for the current fiscal year. At the next meeting, the plan is for the Board to approve the budget. All in all things are going well.

Vice President Shropshire noted they budgeted for 5% enrollment decline; however, enrollment is only down 3.6% which is better than projected. They will be conservative going forward. Where the state appropriation is uncertain, they will be conservative on projections. Residence halls are s005 Tw

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MSCA Chapter President Irina Seceleanu, along with Associate Professor Jennifer Mendell, were present for the meeting.

Dr. Seceleanu thanked the Trustees for their commitment to public higher education and advocacy efforts in the fight for additional funding for public education. Today as the Commonwealth is faced with the worst economic crises in our lifetime, faculty and staff at many community and public colleges in our state are facing the elimination of programs, layoffs and furloughs. The MTA has launched a significant campaign to help ensure that our public colleges and universities get the funding they need to weather the economic fallout from COVID-19. A resolution was created and she brought this to President Clark and the Board of Trustees with the hope it

Respectfully submitted,

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