



Board of Trustees

Presidential Search Advisory Committee

April 28, 2015

President's Boardroom, The Horace Mann Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Katheryn Bradford, Junior Delgado, Joshua Frank, Margot Hennessy, Terrell Hill, Robin Jensen, Ron'na Lytle, Steven Marcus, Carlton Pickron, and Edward Welsh.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY: Luis Perez.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Evelyn Dina and Henry Thomas.

GUESTS PRESENT: Kevin Queenin.

Trustee Marcus called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Trustee Perez called in at 9:06 AM. Trustee Marcus stated he would be participating remotely due to geographic distance.

MOTION made by Katheryn Bradford, seconded by Robin Jensen to accept the minutes from the March 23, 2015 Presidential Search Advisory Committee meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE taken:

Katheryn Bradford	Yes
Junior Delgado	Yes
Joshua Frank	Yes
Margot Hennessy	Yes
Terrell Hill (Vice Chair)	Yes
Robin Jensen	Yes
Steven Marcus (Chair)	Yes
Luis Perez (Secretary)	Yes
Carlton Pickron	Yes
Edward Welsh	Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Marcus apologized to committee members for sending the position description to the Commissioner of Higher Education, Richard Freeland, at the direction of Mr. Henry Thomas without the committee's knowledge. When speaking with Trustee Marcus, Mr. Thomas had referenced the *Guidelines and Procedures for the Search, Selection, Appointment and Removal of State University and Community College Presidents* published by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (BHE) in which it states the Commissioner of Higher Education must be given an opportunity to review and comment on the position description before it is published. Trustee Marcus has asked Mr. Thomas to share this document with the committee on more than one occasion. Mr. Thomas has yet to do so.

Ms. Lytle entered the meeting at 9:15 AM.

Trustee Marcus reported Commissioner Freeland has contacted him to discuss the search and the timeline. The Commissioner wanted a new president in place for July 1, 2015 and requested to add an additional member from the BHE on the search committee to represent the BHE when Mr. Thomas was not available. The committee is concerned Commissioner Freeland is overstepping and inserting himself into the process so much so committee members questioned what the purpose of having a search committee is.

The committee would like to see the BHE replace Mr. Thomas with another representative, rather than add an additional one. One who has more availability and can attend committee meetings. Mr. Thomas has only attended one committee meeting, of which he left early due to prior commitments. The committee feels as though the BHE and Mr. Thomas don't consider the search a priority.

Trustee Frank and Dr. Welsh excused themselves from the meeting at 9:28 AM.

Committee members reviewed Commissioner Freeland's revised position description page by page and made further edits.

Ms. Jensen excused herself from the meeting at 10:39 AM.

Trustee Frank's term as student representative to the Board of Trustees will expire June 30, 2015. The student body has elected Mr. Justin Connolly to fill this position beginning July 1, 2015. Committee members discussed whether they would like Trustee Frank to continue to serve on the search committee after his term expires or if Mr. Connolly should take over. The committee agreed Mr. Connolly should take over Trustee Frank's position come July 1, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.