

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met on campus from June 1-3, 2017. The following is a brief summary of major items discussed and actions taken at their meeting.

1. The board approved the bachelor's and master's degrees to be awarded at commencement on June 4.
2. The board discussed the recent report of the Committee on Campus Space and Institutional History with Professor of History Karen Merrill, chair of the committee.
3. The board received a report on the Alumni Fund from Laura Day, Director of Annual Giving.
4. The board received a report on the progress of the decennial reaccreditation process, and formally approved the Mission and Purposes statement that will constitute the first section of the self-study.
5. The board received an update on FY'17 budget performance from Vice President for Finance & Administration and Treasurer Fred Puddester.
6. The board received an update on the *Teach It Forward* campaign from Vice President for College Relations Megan Morey.
7. The board received a report on the incoming Class of 2021 from Provost Dukes Love.
8. The board received the annual report on the activities of the Society of Alumni, presented by Jordan Hampton, President of the Society.
9. The board granted budget approval of \$6.8M for preliminary work on the new inn to be built on Spring Street.
10. The board adopted amendments to the College Laws, concerning the term of the board chair and the indemnity provisions related to trustees.
11. The board approved the reappointments of Frank Martucci and Paul Neely as trustees of the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute.
12. The board adopted resolutions of gratitude for the service of retiring trustees Yvonne Hao and Caron Martinez.
13. The board conferred emeritus status on the following retiring members of the faculty, effective July 1, 2018: Henry Art (Biology), Robert Bell (English), David Dethier (Geosciences), David Eppel (Theatre), Zirka Filipczak (Art), Robert Jackall (Anthropology and Sociology), Lawrence Kaplan (Chemistry), Charles Lovett (Chemistry), Lawrence Raab (English), Paul Solomon (Psychology), and Barbara Takenaga (Art); George Marcus (Political Science, effective January 1, 2018); David Smith (Biology, Senior Lecturer).

14. The Committee on Faculty and Instruction met with members of the Curricular Planning Committee to discuss the committee's work. The Committee on Student Experience discussed campus religious and spiritual life with the college chaplains. The Operations and Planning Committee received updates on a number of current and planned capital projects. The Budget and Financial Planning Committee heard a report on the college's sustainability initiatives, and also discussed the college's five-year financial plan. The Committee on College Relations and Public Affairs heard an update on the media relations work of the Office of Communications. The Audit Committee reviewed the college's whistleblower policy and received an update on risk management and compliance.

On Thursday night, trustees participated in small dinners with members of the faculty.