

Board of Trustees Meeting Report

The Board of Trustees met on campus October 13-15, 2016. The following is a brief summary of major items discussed and actions taken at the meeting.

1. The board welcomed five new members: Tim Belk '77, Noriko Chen '89, Cooper Campbell Jackson '89, Jonathan Sokoloff '79, and Mark Tercek '79. The board also welcomed Jordan Hampton '87, new president of the Society of Alumni, who will attend board meetings during her two-year term.
2. The board received updates on the FY 16 and FY 17 budgets from Provost David Love and Vice President for Finance & Administration Fred Puddester.
3. The board received an update on the *Teach It Forward* campaign from Associate Vice President for Development Lew Fisher. Associate VP Fisher reported on progress with respect to both fundraising goals and the Purple with Purpose alumni engagement program.
4. The board received an update from Chief Investment Officer Collette Chilton on recent investment performance of the endowment, as well as on progress that the Investment Office has made in exploring opportunities for impact investments.
5. Trustees heard from Amy Johns, Director of the Zilkha Center, about progress toward meeting the sustainability goals established last fall. The report included information on campus greenhouse gas emissions; on-campus and off-campus renewable energy projects; the college's investment in local energy conservation projects; student engagement in sustainability work; and the Confronting Climate Change year of campus programming.
6. Led by Dean of Faculty Denise Buell and Vice President for Institutional Diversity & Equity Leticia Haynes, trustees discussed progress toward attracting and retaining a more diverse faculty, as well as the strategies the college is employing to deepen our effectiveness in this critical work.
7. Trustees heard a presentation from VP Fred Puddester and Rita Coppola, Director of Design and Construction, on recent and current building projects and the college's processes for capital planning.
8. Trustees approved the reappointment of Denise Buell as Dean of Faculty for a second three-year term starting July 1, 2018, and the appointment of Lee Park, William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Chemistry, as Interim Dean of Faculty for the 2017-18 academic year.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Operations & Planning Committee and the Budget & Financial Planning Committee, trustees approved construction of the new residence hall for the Center for Development Economics and the Stand-By Generators and Boiler Project.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, trustees approved the Williams College Policy Concerning the Management of Records.

11. Trustees approved the naming of Horn Hall, and of the Math/Stats library in the planned new north building of the science center for Professor of Mathematics Emeritus Frank Morgan.
12. The Committee on Student Experience discussed the college's dining program, and the Committee on Faculty and Instruction heard a report on the recently concluded hiring season and faculty searches planned for the coming year.

On Thursday night, trustees participated in small dinners with members of the faculty. On Saturday, a number of trustees held a well attended open meeting for students in Griffin 3.