

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION

COMMITTEE: Executive Committee

NO.: BHE 07-12

COMMITTEE DATE: May 16, 2007

BOARD DATE: June 14, 2007

**APPROVAL OF PATRICIA MAGUIRE MESERVEY AS PRESIDENT OF
SALEM STATE COLLEGE**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the May 10, 2007, recommendation of the Board of Trustees of Salem State College to appoint Dr. Patricia Maguire Meservey as President and Chief Executive Officer of Salem State College. Such approval is conditional upon successful completion of the background review conducted by the Massachusetts State Police and approval of the terms and conditions of employment entered into by and between Dr. Meservey and the Board of Trustees of Salem State College. Such appointment shall not become effective until the Chancellor has determined that the above conditions have been met.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Sections 9 (q) and 21

Contact: Peter H. Tsaffaras, Director of Employee Relations and
Benefit Administration

Dr. Patricia Maguire Meservey

Patricia Maguire Meservey is the Provost and Academic Vice President at Suffolk University in Boston. Dr. Meservey is the first provost for the University, and over the past two and one half years she has provided academic leadership across the University. Particular areas of emphasis for her work are in the advancement of teaching excellence, promotion of faculty scholarship, and academic and administrative strategic planning.

Dr. Meservey came to Suffolk University from Northeastern University, where she was Vice Provost for Faculty and Budget. Prior to this assignment, she held a number of positions at Northeastern, including Professor of Nursing, Special Assistant to the President, and Interim Vice Provost for Enrollment Management. Dr. Meservey also was the Executive Director of the Center for Community Health Education, Research and Service and National Director of the Community Partnerships in Graduate Medical and Nursing Education Initiative. Both initiatives were funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

Dr. Meservey has been a leader in the transformation of nursing and medical education. Among many initiatives, she has brought many students into the fields of community health and primary care. Her work with the neighborhood health centers of Boston provided learning opportunities for students and improved health care options for patients and community members.

She has published widely in the field of nursing, health professional education, and health policy in a variety of health care journals and she has authored chapters in several edited books. Dr. Meservey holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Boston College, a M.S. in Parent-Child Health Nursing and a B.S. in Nursing from Boston University, a Diploma in Nursing from Faulkner Hospital, and a Certificate from the Institute for Educational Management, Harvard University Graduate School of Education. She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.