

**BOARD MEETING**  
**October 19, 2006**

The October 19, 2006, meeting of the Board of Higher Education (BHE) was held at Roxbury Community College in Boston, Massachusetts. The following members were present:

Stephen P. Tocco  
Aaron D. Spencer  
G. L. (Peter) Alcock  
Jeanne-Marie Boylan  
Kathleen Kelley

Colleen McKiernan  
Ann Reale  
Richard Taylor  
Carole Thomson (designee for  
David Driscoll)

Absent: Karl White

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2006, meeting and the minutes of the Special Board meeting on August 15, 2006. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**WELCOME**

Dr. Terrence Gomes, President of Roxbury Community College, welcomed the Board to Roxbury Community College. The Board was told that enrollment is up 5 percent and that the College is doing well in serving the needs of its students and community. Chair Tocco thanked President Gomes and his staff for again welcoming the Board of Higher Education and stated that the College's collaborative efforts are the key to its future.

Following comments from Chair Tocco, an update from Chancellor Plummer, and reports from Dr. Nancy Harrington on behalf of the Council of Presidents, and President David Hartleb, Chair of the Executive Committee of Community College Presidents, the Board dealt with the business of the following motions.

**MOTIONS**

Mr. Peter Alcock chaired the Assessment and Accountability Committee in John Brockelman's absence and brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and unanimously approved. Ms. Reale asked whether there was demand for a Master of Business Administration degree at Framingham State College to which Mr. Alcock replied that the program's high standards have created a strong demand in the Metrowest area. Ms. Reale added that it would be beneficial for other public campuses to offer more programs in public administration as well.

**AAC 07-01 ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE MOTION ON A CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education approves the following motions on a consent agenda:

AAC 07-02 Framingham State College:  
Master of Business Administration

AAC 07-03 Mount Wachusett Community College:  
Certificate in Biotechnology/Biomanufacturing, Associate in  
Science in Biotechnology/Bio-manufacturing

AAC 07-04 University of Massachusetts Boston:  
Master of Science in Information Technology

AAC 07-05 MGH Institute of Health Professions  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

AAC 07-06 Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology: Master of Arts  
in Counseling Psychology

Authority: Article III, Section 6, By-Laws  
Contact: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-02 CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION OF FRAMINGHAM STATE COLLEGE TO  
AWARD THE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the consolidated application of **Framingham State College** to award the **Master of Business Administration**.

One year after graduating the program's first class, the institution shall submit to the Board a status report addressing its success in reaching program goals as stated in the application and in the areas of enrollment, curriculum, faculty, resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)  
Contact: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-03 MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE: ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN  
BIOTECHNOLOGY/BIOMANUFACTURING AND CERTIFICATE IN  
BIOTECHNOLOGY/BIOMANUFACTURING**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the request of **Mount Wachusett Community College** to award the **Associate in Science in Biotechnology/Biomanufacturing and Certificate in Biotechnology/Biomanufacturing**.

One year after graduating the program's first class, the College shall submit to the Board a status report addressing its success in reaching program goals as stated in the application and in the areas of enrollment, curriculum, faculty, resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)  
Contact: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-04 UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON: MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the expedited application of the **University of Massachusetts Boston** to award the **Master of Science in Information Technology**.

One year after graduating the program's first class, the University shall submit to the Board a status report addressing its success in reaching program goals as stated in the application and in the areas of enrollment, curriculum, faculty, resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)  
Contact: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-05 MGH Institute of Health Professions: Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the Articles of Amendment of **MGH Institute of Health Professions** to award the **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Section 30 et seq  
Contact: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-06 MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY: MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the Articles of Amendment of **The Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Inc.**, to award the **Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology**.

The institution shall provide, in January 2008 and annually for four years thereafter, a status report on its implementation of the program, including information regarding curriculum, enrollment, faculty, student services, and publications.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Section 30 et seq.  
Contact: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

Mr. Alcock brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

**AAC 07-07 Greenfield Community College: PCIPP Approval of Criminal Justice Program**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education approves the **Associate in Science in Criminal Justice** at Greenfield Community College under the *Guidelines for Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Academic Programs*. The programs have been found to meet or exceed all quality standards established by the *Guidelines*.

As stated in the *Guidelines*, the institution shall submit two copies of a report to the Board annually, certifying that each program is being maintained and operated within the provisions and spirit of the criteria and guidelines set forth by the *Guidelines*.

Authority: Chapter 41, Section 108L (as amended)  
Contact: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

Mr. Aaron Spencer, Chair of Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy Committee, introduced the following motion. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved, with Chair Tocco recusing himself. The borrowing authorization will allow for this building to be used for clinical practice and research activity.

**BHE 07-02 UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS: HEFA BORROWING AUTHORIZATION**

**MOVED:** The Chancellor of the Board of Higher Education is authorized, upon consultation with the Chair of the Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy Committee, to make a written request to the Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority (HEFA) to undertake the following projects on behalf of the University of Massachusetts (Worcester campus), which projects may be undertaken through the Worcester City Campus Corporation: (i) an advanced education and clinical practice center at Worcester (\$90,000,000) and (ii) new research, animal care and administration space in support of the biologics facility in Mattapan (\$50,000,000), provided that, consistent with votes of the Board of Directors of the Worcester City Campus Corporation and the Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts, not more than \$140,000,000 in funding shall be secured through HEFA.

Pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws, the Board hereby delegates to the Chancellor of the Board of Higher Education, upon consultation with the Chair of the Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy Committee, the authority to do such other things and take such other actions as the Chancellor shall deem necessary or desirable to effectuate the matter authorized.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6  
Contact: Sue Wolfe, Director of Fiscal Policy

**REPORT FROM THE TASK FORCE ON STUDENT FINANCIAL AID**

Chair Tocco advised the Board that the recommendations from the Report will require both Board and Legislative approval. Today will be the beginning of several discussions that we will have over the next two months. Citing the Report as the most thorough of any financial aid report in the country, he noted that the two higher education Legislative chairs, both advocates of affordability, have been briefed and are enthusiastic about the Report.

Dr. Clantha McCurdy, Vice Chancellor of Student Financial Assistance, thanked the members of the Massachusetts Task Force on Student Financial Assistance, Bridget Terry Long, Jamie Merisotis, and Board staff for their work over the past two years in developing the Report. She delivered a PowerPoint presentation, detailing the background of higher education in

Massachusetts, an in-depth analysis of financial aid data for 2004-05, and a summary of policy recommendations.

She reviewed the charge of the Task Force to evaluate the effectiveness of current state financial aid programs in providing access and affordability, to identify significant areas and programs that should be modified in light of state and national trends and to recommend policy that would promote access to higher education.

The presentation highlighted that state appropriations for higher education have not kept pace with inflation, and students are facing higher tuitions and fees, causing more pressure on the state financial aid system. She emphasized that appropriations for higher education impact the state's ability to produce a skilled and educated workforce for economic growth.

The Report's data on unmet need (the amount remaining after expected family contribution and all sources of aid are applied to the educational cost) revealed that two-thirds of families of median income incur unmet need. In 2005, 88,000 of the students who received financial aid had an average unmet need of \$4,500. Families and students are stressed with meeting unmet need with rising credit card debt, unfavorable terms of private debt, the lowering of student access and persistence.

The Board engaged in lengthy discussion regarding the recommendations and how best to make the financial aid information available to high school counselors, parents and students, once the recommendations are finalized. Richard Taylor suggested that this initiative would require a sound "grass roots" communications plan and the support of the public, industry, and agencies that are focused on promoting access, such as the Nellie Mae Foundation. Chair Tocco stressed that the Financial Aid Report confirms the need for the Commonwealth to make it easier for students to attend college. Kathleen Kelley suggested that the final financial aid literature and resource materials be published in multiple languages.

Chancellor Plummer commented that the staff will prepare cost analyses for several key recommendations for discussion at the November Committee and Board meetings.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.