Board of Trustees Meeting  
Bay State Conference Center  
One Hundred and Eighty-Third Meeting of the MMA Board of Trustees  
December 9, 2005

PRESENT: Trustees Austin, Desrocher, Flanagan, Gusmini, Halloran, Linnon, McNally, Nobrega, Roberts and Tierney,

ABSENT: Trustee Bickerton

Chairman Desrocher called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Chairman then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2005 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve. MOVED.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
No report.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Mr. Stephen Kearney, Legal Counsel/Associate Dean, stated that he would not comment on the current situation following the dismissal of RADM Gurnon and is looking forward to moving the Academy in a positive direction. Mr. Kearney invited CAPT Bushy to comment on the status of Sea Term preparations. CAPT Bushy reported that all is going smoothly as the ship completes final phases of preparing for departure. He described at length the process required to pass US Coast Guard inspection before setting sail. CAPT Bushy announced that in an effort to conform to current federal security regulations, we have purchased a personnel identification system called Iris Scan Biometric Technology. Following CAPT Bushy’s report, Admiral Linnon expressed an interest in securing additional MARAD support and will work with him to accomplish that.

REGIMENTAL COMMANDER’S REPORT
Regimental Commander Ross Jarvis reported that October’s Family Weekend was a great success. He then outlined recent positive accomplishments of the student body and welcomed any questions.

SGA REPORT
Cadet Kevin Morrissey expressed support for Mr. Stephen Kearney as Interim President and thanked the Trustees for their continued support. He mentioned recent improvements on campus such as new audio systems in the gymnasium, satellite television for the training ship, and furniture and sound system updates in the Fantail.

AFSCME REPORT
No report.

APA REPORT
Mr. Andy Meleo was glad to report that, finally, a two-year contract had been signed and funded. He wished the same success to MSCA and AFSCME unions.
MSCA REPORT
Dr. C.J. O’Donnell updated the Trustees on contract negotiations and expressed thanks to those who were instrumental in securing funds. In response to Dr. O’Donnell’s question on collective bargaining issues surrounding the Iris Scan Biometric Technology, Mr. Kearney responded that a policy would be drafted.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
President Richard Trudell reported that Homecoming was a great success and plans are under way for an April dinner/dance at the Beachmoor. Mr. Trudell stated that the Alumni Association voted to take a neutral position with regard to the removal of Admiral Gurnon and would support the Academy and the Trustees.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Dean Brad Lima updated the group on many issues including the status of the five-year NEASC report, the Facilities Master’s program, the planned replacement of the Liquid Cargo Simulator next summer, BHE’s approval of the Emergency Management Master’s program, the laptop computer initiative and the recent joint MARAD meeting.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE
A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2005 Administration & Finance Committee meeting. Chairman Desrocher presented the following actions for the Board’s vote:

A&F 06-19 – Quarterly Trust Fund. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-20 – FY2006 Dormitory Budget Request. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-21 – Audited Financial Statement. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-22 – Audited Financial Statement/Foundation. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-23 – Contract over $50K – Kitchen Vents. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-24 – MMA Naming Gift Policy. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-25 – IT Services Policies and Procedures. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-26 – Cadets – Air Conditioning in Dorms. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED. Discussion of fee deferred until March 17, 2006 meeting.
A&F 06-27 – Sabbatical Leave. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-28 – Promotion with Tenure & Tenure. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-29 – New Positions – Academic Division. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-31 – Administration - Promotion. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
Mr. Paul Hanlon, of Price, Waterhouse and Coopers, updated the Board on the recently completed audits, which he classified as “A” reports, and thanked Ms. Rose-Marie Cass and Mr Bill Hinkley for contributing to their success.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Trustee Gusmini reported on the Foundation’s impressive four million dollars plus in assets and an increase of more than thirty percent in gifts and pledges from last year. She also updated the members on other fundraising efforts including Homecoming, Admiral’s Ball, Novakoff Visitor’s Center, Gift Naming Policy and an electronic newsletter with links to the Foundation website.

FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Trustee Flanagan addressed the six million dollar shortfall in funding for the training ship and described plans to involve his committee in securing additional funds before the start of the new legislative year.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
No report.

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
No report.

OLD BUSINESS
No report.

NEW BUSINESS
Chairman Desrocher announced that Trustee Austin’s subcommittee completed updates to the Trustee Bylaws on November 22 and referred to the following action for the Board’s vote. Trustee Flanagan’s motion to have such reviews conducted on an annual basis was seconded and all were in favor.
CBOT 06-02 – MMA Bylaws – Amended. Motion made, seconded and MOVED as amended.

Chairman Desrocher referred to the following action, which would designate Mr. Stephen Kearney as Chief Operating Officer until the Board of Higher Education meeting on December 15, for the Board’s vote:
CBOT 06-03 – Chief Operating Officer. Motion made to accept, seconded and MOVED.

Chairman Desrocher presented for the Board’s vote a request from Mr. Vincent Corsano of the Alumni Association to erect a statue in honor of Admiral Bresnahan, details of which will be coordinated with Jim Barrett of Facilities. A motion was made, seconded and MOVED.
Motion was made and seconded to proceed into Executive Session to consider the discipline or dismissal of an employee. There was a unanimous roll call vote to proceed into Executive Session. The Chair announced that the Trustees would not reconvene in open session.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.