PRESENT: Trustees Austin, Bickerton, Desrocher, Dishner, Flanagan, Gusmini, Halloran, Kelly, Linnon and Sinnott

Chairman Desrocher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Chairman then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 9, and 20, 2005 and February 8, 2006 meetings. Trustee Flanagan motioned to table approval of these minutes until the June meeting, which motion was seconded and MOVED.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
Chairman Desrocher wished a Happy St. Patrick’s Day to all and introduced new Trustee Paul Kelly, who stated that he was pleased and honored to have been selected to serve on the Board.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
President Gurnon updated the Board on the positive state of the Academy, with spring enrollment at the highest rate in history. He also reviewed the status of dorm renovations, the wind turbine project, dining hall expansion and renovations, and upcoming career fairs.

SEA TERM REPORT
Captain Rozak spoke in Captain Bushy’s absence about the positive Sea Term. He attributed the success and decrease in offenses to the positive cadet leadership onboard. On behalf of Captain Bushy he expressed thanks to the President, Board of Trustees, staff and parents. In response to a question from Trustee Linnon regarding federal funding, President Gurnon stated that he had positive meetings with the senate and house congressional delegations and was very encouraged. Chairman Desrocher expressed thanks for Captain Rozak and all who participated in Sea Term.

REGIMENTAL COMMANDER’S REPORT
Regimental Commander Ross Jarvis reported that, from a cadet’s perspective, Sea Term illustrated the excellent skills of 1/C cadets and offered all cadets excellent training and great life experiences.

SGA REPORT
New SGA President Andrew Panek expressed his intention to get the Student Government Association back on track after recent upsets and mentioned upcoming events such as Ring Dance, Spirit of Boston cruise and Emery Rice day.

AFSCME REPORT
No report.
APA REPORT
No report.

MSCA REPORT
No report.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Vice President Ed Simmons reported on upcoming events such as a Red Sox outing and the USS Doyen reunion.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE
Vice Chairman Austin presented the following actions for the Board’s vote:

A&F 06-32 - Quarterly Trust Fund. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-33 – Recommended Student Fees. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-34 – Recommended Orientation Fee. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-35 – Dual Major Excess Credits. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-36 – FY 2006 Budget. Chairman Desrocher requested to hold for discussion.
A&F 06-37 – Chartwells Dining Service Cost Increase. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-38 – Permission to Award – Audit Contract. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-39 – Contract Over $50,000/Mass Firefighting Academy. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-40 – Contract Over $50,000/MMA Library Feasibility Study. Trustee Flanagan requested to hold for discussion.
A&F 06-41 – Faculty Reappointments. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-42 – Faculty Promotions. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-43 - Administration – Promotion. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-44 – Appointment – Administration (Asst. Director/Multicultural Recruiting). Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-45 – Appointment – Administration (Staff Assistant/Registered Nurse). Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
A&F 06-46 – Ratification – Admiral’s Letter/Non-reappointment. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.

In response to Trustee Flanagan’s request for additional information regarding A&F motion 06-40 – Contract Over $50,000/MMA Library Feasibility Study, CAPT Lima described in detail the process required to proceed with the “Information Commons” concept for the library. Discussion ensued over Board representation on the Library Advisory Committee, with Trustee Linnon volunteering to represent the Board on that committee. Subsequently, Chairman Desrocher appointed Trustee Linnon to said committee. Discussion turned to project costs and limits, with Mr. Joyce clarifying that expenditures exceeding $50,000 need to be brought to the Board as standard practice which would assist with keeping within allotted budget.
Motion was made, seconded and MOVED to accept A&F 06-40 – Contract Over $50,000/MMA Library Feasibility Study as discussed.

With reference to A&F 06-36 – FY 2006 Budget, Chairman Desrocher questioned whether we had reserve monies in the budget. Lengthy discussion ensued over the importance of doing so and insuring that reserves are part of the Fiscal Year 2007 budget. Motion was made, seconded and MOVED to accept A&F 06-36 – FY 2006 Budget.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE (formerly Academic Affairs)
Captain Lima took this opportunity to recognize faculty who were recently promoted and tenured and updated the Board on Sea Term and Spring Term enrollment.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Trustee Gusmini deferred to Dean Lowe to report on the Foundation’s many activities. He stated that Karl Meyer, new Foundation Chairman, wants to adopt a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and have the President provide an annual list of Board approved funding requests. He reported that after the upcoming Dinner for Leaders event, the Commission for the Future of the Academy will be underway. Chairman Desrocher questioned the process in that the Academy would be asking for it’s own money back. Chairman Desrocher stated that he, in conjunction with Trustee Gusmini, will assign three trustees to the steering committee and will submit names to the Foundation.

FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Trustee Flanagan reported that he has been in contact with legislative staff members on Capital Hill who encourage the Academy to be more in tune with the legislative calendar (January and February) when soliciting funding.

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
Captain Hansen reported that there had been no Student Life Committee meeting since the last Board meeting. He spoke on the excellent enrollment and retention figures for the Sea and Spring Terms and attributed same to positive cadet leadership.

Motion was made, seconded to accept all committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Presidential Powers Motion – Vice Chair Austin stated that the Presidential Powers Committee met twice and drew up a resolution and roster of presidential powers and responsibilities for the Board’s approval. Motion was made, seconded and MOVED to accept same.
Personnel – Trustee Gusmini made a motion to rescind an approved action from the December 9, 2005 meeting, Administration & Finance Division FY-2006-31, promoting Mr. Kearney to the position of Vice President of Student Services and that Stephen P. Kearney retain the title of Legal Counsel/Associate Dean of Human Resources at his present salary, which was accepted, seconded and MOVED.

Special Counsel – Trustee Halloran reported that his Special Counsel Committee chose the law firm of Gadsby and Hannah in Boston as legal counsel for the Board. Motion was made, seconded and MOVED to accept same.

Cadet Fees for Air Conditioning in Dorms – After brief discussion, Vice Chair Austin stated that dorms would not be able to accommodate air conditioning, so discussion of fees is moot. Motion was made to reject A&F 06-26, seconded and MOVED.

NEW BUSINESS

Honorary Degree Candidates – Captain Lima informed the Board of how the candidate was selected. Discussion ensued over the process used to select honorary degree recipients and to implement different procedures/guidelines in the future, with Trustee Dishner agreeing to put a process in motion for selection. Motion was made to accept Exec. Com FY06-01-Honorary Degree Recipients, seconded and MOVED, with the understanding that two additional candidates may be found after consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, President and Academic Dean.

Proposed Capital Plan – Vice Chairman Austin requested that each administrator address the Board on their designated areas of the Capital Plan. Coach Corradi, Captain Lima, Mr. O’Keefe and Captain McDonald provided information and answered questions. Discussion ensued on funding and priorities.

Trustee Dishner asked that the record reflect that the Board, at its retreat on 2/10/06, reviewed a copy of the NEASC Report without its cover letter. General Dishner stated that he thought the report was fine but the cover letter was poorly written and more prosaic and subjective than it should have been.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.