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

Chairman Desrocher called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He welcomed new trustee Mr. Richard Covel ’67, who stated he was pleased and honored to serve on the Board.

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 4, 9, 20, 2005 and February 8 and March 17, 2006. Vice Chair Austin motioned to amend the minutes as corrected, copies of which he distributed to the Board. Motion to accept amended minutes was seconded, and moved with Trustees Kelly and Covel abstaining from the vote.

Chairman Desrocher reminded the Board of the wind turbine ceremony following the meeting. He then presented former trustee Paul Tierney with a gift in appreciation for his years of service on the Board and commitment to the Academy.

President Gurnon updated the Board on the Sea Term 2007 itinerary, the status of All College Committee recommendations for this year and developments in securing an additional grant from Massachusetts Technology Collaborative for more clean energy initiatives. He remarked that he had never seen the campus look better than it does lately.

Chairman Desrocher commended new Regimental Commander Brian Taylor on the very impressive Change of Command ceremony recently. Cadet Taylor expressed his confidence in the year ahead being a very positive one.

SGA President Andrew Panek stated that the Student Government Association has righted itself after recent setbacks. Their goal for the upcoming year is to improve student morale.

No report.

No report.

No report.
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
President Richard Trudell reported that the Alumni Association is in very good shape. He updated the Board on its growing membership, the Bresnahan statue project, scholarship awards and plans for Homecoming.

Chairman Desrocher presented the following action:
CBOT 06-04 – MMA Foundation Fundraising Priorities. Motion made, seconded and MOVED.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE
Vice Chairman Austin presented the following actions for the Board’s vote, instructing members to request a “hold” on the motion if they did not approve at this time.

A&F 06-48 – Contract Over $50,000 – Library Study
A&F 06-49 – DGCE Tuition and Fee Increase
A&F 06-50 – Student Government FY07 Budget.
A&F 06-51 – FY 07 Budget
A&F 06-52 – Chartwells Dining Service Rate Increase
A&F 06-54 – Contract Over $50,000 – Liquid Cargo Simulator
A&F 06-55 – Contract Over $50,000 – Technology Classrooms
A&F 06-56 – Contract Over $50,000 – Natatorium Floor/Venting
A&F 06-57 – Contract Over $50,000 – Football Field. Hold for discussion requested by Trustee Linnon.
A&F 06-58 – Contract Over $50,000 – Coach Bus RFR
A&F 06-59 – Contract Over $50,000 – Drug Testing RFR
A&F 06-60 –Administration – Promotion & Merits. Hold for discussion requested by Trustee Halloran.
A&F 06-61 –Administration – Non-Unit Salary Increase %. Hold for discussion requested by Trustee Halloran.
A&F 06-62 – Administration – Authority to Fill/Facilities
A&F 06-63 – Administration – Authority to Fill/COMCAD
A&F 06-64 – Faculty Appointment – Tenure Track
A&F 06-65 – Administration – Authority to Fill/Posted Positions

Motion to accept all actions with the exception of 53, 57, 60, 61 and 66, seconded and MOVED.
Regarding A&F 06-53 (Contract Over $50,000/E.B. Wilson, Facilitator & Consultant), Trustee Kelly recommended that the Board analyze what has been accomplished to date before moving forward. Trustee Flanagan stated that given the progress to date, an injustice would be served if the Board did not proceed ahead. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.

Regarding A&F 06-57 (Contract Over $50,000/Football Field), Trustee Linnon asked for justification of this project considering the cost. Discussion ensued, with Michael Joyce, Vice President of Administration and Finance, providing detailed information in a power point presentation that outlined the advantages of installation, how the project would be financed and fundraising strategies. Trustee Dishner recommended that the loan payoff goal be a short as possible. Mr. Joyce agreed to Trustee Flanagan’s request for submission of a financial plan to the Board by the September meeting. Trustee Halloran asked for an update on fundraising for the project, to which Mr. Joyce replied that $30,000 was in hand. Mr. Gary Lowe, Dean of Development, addressed the Board on the Foundation’s position regarding fundraising for the field pursuant to its Standard Operating Procedures, which will be presented for approval at the Foundation’s July meeting. Discussion ensued, with Trustee Dishner requesting that the Administration & Finance Committee lay out a plan for reducing the cost of carrying the 2.8 million dollar loan. Chairman Desrocher directed the Athletic Committee and Administration & Finance Committee to work with President Gurnon in moving forward with the project. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.

Regarding A&F 06-60 (Administration – Promotion & Merits) Trustee Halloran suggested that the procedures in place for awarding promotions and merit increases be evaluated. Trustee Linnon recommended that the Board approve the action now with a plan to study the process and have President Gurnon redefine staff job descriptions. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.

Regarding A&F 06-61 (Administration – Non-Unit Salary Increase %) Same recommendations made for previous action apply to this. Motion to accept, seconded and MOVED.
Regarding A&F 06-66 (Student Government Association Fee Increase) Trustee Gusmini stated that this would be an added financial burden to students and restrictions need to be more clearly defined. Trustee Linnon stated that the details should be dealt with by Administration, while the Board could approve the increase but not the policy. Trustee Dishner concurred with Trustee Gusmini that input from the Parents Association should be considered. Discussion ensued regarding looking closely at the whole campus electronic infrastructure.

Motion to postpone to September 8, 2006, seconded and MOVED.

Chairman Desrocher took this opportunity to introduce Senator Therese Murray. He thanked her for the important role she played in making the wind turbine a reality at MMA.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Trustee Dishner reported that the committee is considering software to detect plagiarism by students, planning on early recruitment for faculty vacancies anticipated in June 2007 and improving the process for selection of honorary degree recipients. A suggested protocol by Trustee Dishner was given to each trustee for review and discussion at the September Trustee meeting.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Trustee Gusmini reported that the committee has been focusing on a ten-year plan of priorities for the Academy, as well as a number of other events the Foundation and Alumni Association are involved in. She stated that gifts and pledges are twenty percent ahead of last year despite of a drop in donors.

FEDERAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Trustee Flanagan indicated he would report on the Committee for Process, Guidance, Planning and Compliance.

STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
No report.

Motion to accept all committee reports, seconded and MOVED.

OLD BUSINESS
Report from Committee for Process, Guidance, Planning & Compliance – Trustee Flanagan reported that ten meaningful goals and objectives for presidential performance had been compiled through the diligent work of Mr. E.B. Wilson, consultant and facilitator, and the tremendous contribution of President Gurnon. The coming months will focus on operating rules for the Board, executive staff and cadets.

Motion to adopt Strategic Goals and Objectives for 2006-07, seconded and MOVED.
Report from the Nominating Committee – Trustee Sinnott reported that questionnaires solicited from the trustee members resulted in a consensus of Trustee Austin for Chair and Trustee Dishner for Vice Chair, which vote passed at their May 23 meeting. Motion to adopt new Chair and Vice Chair votes, seconded and MOVED.

NEW BUSINESS
Motion to ratify Agreement with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, seconded and MOVED.

Motion to ratify Agreement with Rubin and Rudman LLP, seconded and MOVED.

Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted – Trustee Kelly withdrew intended motion after Chairman Desrocher and the Board of Trustees affirmed that the letter of Attorney Mark Peters of Rubin and Rudman LLP, dated May 12, 2006, satisfactorily addressed the issue, and that no further action was required.

Trustee Austin presented outgoing Chairman Desrocher with a gift in appreciation for his years of service as a member and Chairman of the Board.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.