



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

**April 27, 2022**

**Minutes**

Loughman Living Room, Scanlon Hall

And via Zoom in accordance with Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker’s Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, § 20 dated March 12, 2020.

A live stream of the meeting for public viewing also took place on YouTube.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Committee Chair Dr. Gloria Williams, Secretary Chloe Sanfacon, and Trustee Dr. Robert Martin

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY:** Vice Chair Madeline Landrau and Trustee Lydia Martinez-Alvarez

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Trustee William Reichelt

**TRUSTEE GUESTS PRESENT:** Trustee Chris Montemayor

Dr. Linda Thompson, President, and Dr. Juline Mills, Provost, of Westfield State University, were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 AM by Committee Chair Williams who announced that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded. A roll call was taken of the committee members participating as listed above.

**MOTION** made by Trustee Sanfacon, seconded by Trustee Landrau, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2022, meeting.

**There being no discussion, ROLL CALL VOTE** taken:

Trustee Landrau	Yes	Trustee Sanfacon	Yes
Trustee Martinez-Alvarez	Yes	Trustee Williams	Yes
Trustee Martin	Yes		

**Motion passed unanimously.**

President’s Remarks. President Thompson congratulated faculty being honored for tenure and promotion.

Tenure and Promotion Review. Dr. Mills presented a review of the tenure and promotion purpose, eligibility, process and criteria. This year the review was performed by the provost and assistant provost because of the change in the school structure.

Tenure and Promotion Candidates 2022. Dr. Mills stated that all applicants this year were successful and she provided a snapshot of each candidate’s teaching, research, and service.

**MOTION** made by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the granting of promotion to the rank of Professor, effective September 1, 2022, to:

Dr. Sunday Fakunmoju	Social Work
Dr. John McDonald	Environmental Science

**There being no discussion, ROLL CALL VOTE** taken:

Trustee Landrau	Yes	Trustee Sanfacon	Yes
Trustee Martinez-Alvarez	Yes	Trustee Williams	Yes
Trustee Martin	Yes		

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Provost Mills continued by reporting on the teaching, research, and service of the candidates for tenure and tenure with automatic promotion.

**MOTION** made by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the granting of tenure, effective September 1, 2022, to:

Dr. Paul Cacolice	Sport Medicine and Human Performance
Dr. Heather Caldwell	Ethnic and Gender Studies

**There being no discussion, ROLL CALL VOTE** taken:

Trustee Landrau	Yes	Trustee Sanfacon	Yes
Trustee Martinez-Alvarez	Yes	Trustee Williams	Yes
Trustee Martin	Yes		

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION** made by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Martinez-Alvarez, to approve the granting of tenure with automatic promotion, effective September 1, 2022, to:

Dr. Kimberly Berman	Biology
Dr. Thomas Daniel	Psychology
Dr. Paige Hermansen	English
Dr. Paul Higgins	Sport Medicine & Human Performance
Mr. Eric Parness	English
Dr. Kristen Porter	Biology
Dr. Jason Ramsay	Biology
Dr. James Schlaffer	Economics
Dr. Yuan Zhang	Communication

**There being no discussion, ROLL CALL VOTE** taken:

Trustee Landrau	Yes	Trustee Sanfacon	Yes
Trustee Martinez-Alvarez	Yes	Trustee Williams	Yes
Trustee Martin	Yes		

**Motion passed unanimously.**

There being no further business, **MOTION** made by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Sanfacon, to adjourn.

**There being no discussion, ROLL CALL VOTE** taken:

Trustee Landrau	Yes	Trustee Sanfacon	Yes
Trustee Martinez-Alvarez	Yes	Trustee Williams	Yes
Trustee Martin	Yes		

**Motion passed unanimously.**

In closing, Trustee Martin stated he and the Board have confidence in the process and judgment of the department chairs, peer committees, associate deans, assistant provost and provost in the work performed over a number of years that leads up to the vote by the Board.

President Thompson commented on the types of research being performed and stated there is a wealth of talent in all areas of the campus, creating opportunities for programming around ways to recruit students.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Attachments presented at this meeting:

- a. Draft Minutes of February 17, 2022
- b. Power Point presentation for Tenure and Promotion
- c. Motion: Promotion
- d. Promotion Documents
- e. Motion: Tenure
- f. Tenure Documents