

**QUINCY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2008
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM. The member roll was called. The following members of the Board of Governors were present at the call of the member roll: Mark Bertman; Mary Jo Brogna, Second Vice Chair of the Board of Governors; Francis Byrne; David Dennis, Chair of the Board of Governors; Thomas Feenan; Jerrell Riggins; Peter Tsaffaras, Esq. The following members of the Board of Governors were absent at the call of the member roll: Jo-Ann Bragg; Edward Browne, Vice Chair of the Board of Governors; Joanne Condon-Walsh (who participated via telephone); William Grindlay; Pedro Viejo-Rodriguez. Also present were: Martha Sue Harris, President and Secretary of the Board of Governors; Pushap Kapoor, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Robert E. Baker, Jr., Esq., Dean of Business and Public Service Programs and Assistant Secretary of the Board of Governors; Dr. James Magee, Special Assistant to the President for Institutional Transitions; Michelle McNulty, Esq.; Thomas Swaim, Esq., Holland and Knight; Warren Tolman, Esq., Holland and Knight

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

At 6:38 PM, motion by Mr. Tsaffaras to take the Executive Session segment of the agenda out of order and for the Board of Governors to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Byrne. There was no discussion on the motion. The following members of the Board of Governors voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Bertman; Ms. Brogna; Mr. Byrne; Mr. Dennis; Mr. Feenan; Mr. Riggins; Mr. Tsaffaras. There were no votes in opposition to the motion, and no abstentions. The motion was adopted.

Open and public session resumed at 8:06 PM. The member roll was called. The following members of the Board of Governors were present at the call of the member roll: Mr. Bertman; Ms. Brogna; Mr. Byrne; Mr. Dennis; Mr. Feenan; Mr. Riggins; Mr. Tsaffaras. The following members of the Board of Governors were absent at the call of the member roll: Ms. Bragg; Mr. Browne; Ms. Condon-Walsh; Mr. Grindlay; Mr. Viejo-Rodriguez.

Mr. Dennis departed at 8:07 PM.

Ms. Brogna, Second Vice Chair, assumed the duties of the Chair upon Mr. Dennis' departure.

Ms. Brogna stated that there were no votes from Executive Session to report in open and public session.

Mr. Swaim was called upon to provide an update on the Home Rule Petition. Mr. Swaim provided a summary of the draft Petition (please see copy, attached), as well as a review of the projected timeline for the Petition. He stated that the draft of the Petition needs to be completed, then approved by the Board of Governors. Once approved by the Board, it would go to the City of Quincy, first for approval by the Mayor, then by the City Council. Once the Petition is approved by the City government, it then goes to the Massachusetts Legislature. Once received by the Legislature, the Petition cannot be amended. Accompanying the Petition would be a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that has yet to be negotiated and drafted. After passage of the Home Rule Petition, there would be a definitive agreement among Quincy College, the City of Quincy, and the College's various bargaining units, to contain the language of the MOU.

Ms. Brogna and Mr. Byrne complimented Mr. Swaim on his summary.

Ms. Brogna called for the Open Forum segment of the meeting to begin and invited anyone who wished to address the Board of Governors to come forward and do so.

Sandra Smales, Professor of Paralegal Studies, came forward and presented a statement signed by various faculty members (please see copy, attached). Ms. Smales then read a statement from Margaret Rancourt, Director of the Part-Time RN Program. Josephine Fay, Professor of Education, addressed the Board and then read a statement from Deborah Stockbridge, Professor of Computer Science.

Steve Dooner, Professor of English, then addressed the Board. He foresaw the possibility of failure by the Board to work with the Massachusetts Teachers' Association as obstructive to the Home Rule Petition's approval process.

Maureen Kiley, Professor of Computer Science, addressed the Board and stated that to date, the process being followed by the Board has not resulted in a good-faith participatory agreement.

Patricia McDermott, Professor of English, expressed her concern that there has been no statement of how separation will benefit Quincy College students.

Mr. Tsaffaras invited anyone who wished to submit a written statement to provide same to the Assistant Secretary.

Stanley Gabis, Professor of Computer Science, first announced his intention to retire, then expressed dismay over a general lack of dissemination of information, as well as a lack of inclusion of the faculty in the planning and deliberation surrounding the Home Rule Petition. He stated his belief that there is a rush to separation and that the process should be delayed until everyone is in agreement.

Deborah Panasuk, Professor of Mathematics, also presented a statement (please see copy, attached).

Zenaida Ramos, Professor of Mathematics, addressed the Board and urged that there be a dialog and that all work together to reach consensus.

The common concerns contained in the statements read or presented by faculty were: support for continued QEA/MTA representation; concern over the future of pensions, benefits, and collective bargaining rights; the "blanks" that appear in the draft of the Home Rule Petition.

Ms. Brogna announced that the next meeting of the Board of Governors would take place on Thursday, October 23, 2008. Ms. Brogna also stated the thanks of the Board of Governors to all those persons who addressed or submitted statements to the Board.

At 8:37 PM, motion by Mr. Byrne that the meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bertman. There was no discussion on the motion. The following members of the Board of Governors voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Bertman; Ms. Brogna; Mr. Byrne; Mr. Feenan; Mr. Riggins; Mr. Tsaffaras. There were no votes in opposition to the motion, and no abstentions. The motion was adopted and the meeting was adjourned.