

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 22, 2015
To: Members of the Hampshire College community
From: Gaye Hill, Chair of the Board of Trustees
Re: May 14-16, 2015 Board meeting

What an amazing graduation ceremony we have just experienced! Inspiring, heartfelt, moving, passionate, joyous – the day captured the best of Hampshire College. It was a privilege to have been a part of it.

For the trustees, commencement capped off an eventful and productive Board meeting. Our first and most pleasurable duty was to vote to award the Bachelor of Arts degree to graduating students. This is always a lovely moment to reflect on and celebrate the remarkable work done by Hampshire's students in collaboration with faculty mentors. It was a treat to attend the Division III Showcase and see these efforts come to fruition.

Other Board actions –

- The following new trustees were voted members of the Board effective July 1:
 - Fraser Beede
 - Linda Earle 70F
 - Sascha Freudenheim 89F
 - Annie Rogers – faculty trustee
 - Eduardo Samaniego 14F – student trustee alternate
 - Carol Varney 90F – alumni trustee
 - Juecheng Zhao 12F – student trustee

- The Board also bid farewell, with great thanks and appreciation, to the following retiring trustees:
 - Matthew Arnold
 - Manish Bapna
 - Shelley Johnson Carey 72F
 - Harold Carroll
 - Elizabeth Conlisk – faculty trustee
 - Timothy Koller
 - Deborah Merrill-Sands 70F
 - Karina Rosenstein

- The officers of the Board and the members of the Board Executive Committee were elected for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
- The Board approved searches for the positions of visiting assistant professor of animal behavior, visiting professor of art history, and faculty associate of writing.
- The Board authorized the College administration to pursue a loan refinance in order to repay a current loan and finance critical physical plant improvements.

We also heard about the President's plans for an institutional "dashboard," health and wellness initiatives being undertaken in Student Life, the enrollment status of the incoming class, the progress of construction on the R.W. Kern Center, work being done toward installation of the solar array, and plans for the upcoming 45th anniversary celebration. Additionally, throughout the meeting, we closely tracked the 45-hour challenge!

Last, I would be remiss if I didn't report that the Board had a special meeting on May 8 with the express purpose of voting to grant a permanent conservation restriction to the Kestrel Land Trust of approximately 46 acres of Hampshire land on the north slope of the Holyoke Range. I am very proud of Hampshire for taking this important action.

Have a great summer!