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BOARD OF TRUSTEES\*

Framingham State College  
Board Meeting  
September 21, - 7:15 p.m.  
1839 Room, D. Justin McCarthy College Center  
Framingham State College  
Framingham, Massachusetts

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes - May 18, 1989 (Attachment I)  
July 6, 1989 (Attachment II)
2. Report of the Chair
3. Report on the State Colleges' Equal  
Opportunity/Affirmative Action Plan (Attachment III)
4. Report of the Task Forces
  - a. Budget (Attachment IV)  
(Attachment V)
  - b. Personnel (Attachment VI)
5. Report of the President
6. Other Business

\* In keeping with Board of Trustees By-Laws

The Trustees may reserve one half hour at the end of the agenda of their regular meetings for public participation. Individuals seeking to speak to the Trustees shall so inform the President's office in writing, setting forth the purposes for speaking, at least one week prior to the relevant meeting. Subject to the Chair's discretion, individuals will be permitted to speak to the Trustees and will be assigned time within the allotted half hour based on the time of receipt of request.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Framingham State College  
Emergency Board Meeting  
July 6, 1989 - 1:00 p.m.  
1839 Room, D. Justin McCarthy College Center  
Framingham State College  
Framingham, Massachusetts 01701

AGENDA

1. Fiscal Year 1990 Budget

ATTACHMENT II

FRAMINGHAM STATE COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JULY 6, 1989

Present: Trustees Walker, Chair; Buckley; Cahners; Callahan; Clasby; Masterman; Phipps; Ploof; and President Weller.

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He stated that the Emergency Meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the Fiscal Year 1990 Budget which is presently before the Governor with further cuts being considered.

President Weller expressed his gratitude to all Trustees for their attendance. At the present time, the \$12.3 Billion Fiscal Year 1990 Budget has left the Legislature and is on the Governor's desk, with further reductions being considered. The reductions being considered cause great concern for the financial status of the College. The Fall semester student bills which were scheduled to be sent out on July 1st, with a 21 day notification period required, were not sent pending further budget cuts which would require an additional fee to the students. In order to meet the budget reductions and reversions this past fiscal year, the College has had to take many steps including: several positions remaining unfilled; reduction of Fall student enrollment; and the voluntary shut down on Fridays during the summer months to further reduce energy costs. The College has done all that is possible to meet the budget constraints.

During the past fiscal year, many other state campuses instituted an emergency fee. Framingham State College did not pass these budget reductions on to the students. At the May 18, 1989 Board meeting, we agreed that if the budget reductions were to remain under \$300,000, the College could continue as last year. However, if the budget reductions were between \$300,000 and \$600,000, an appropriate increase in fees would be recommended. With the Governor presently considering a reduction of between 3% - 5% of the total appropriation, the College is confronted with the implementation of a student fee to be included in the Fall semester bills which will be sent by July 13-14, with return payments due by August 4th.

President Weller recommended that the Board of Trustees consider the following actions:

To permit the College President to approve the institution of an Emergency Educational Services Fee to be added to the Students' bills beginning in July, 1989, and to be rescinded by Board action as soon as the Emergency Fee is no longer necessary, with the amount of the Fee determined by the extent of the Governor's Fiscal Year 1990 budget reduction according to the following schedule:

Governor's Cuts		<u>Emergency Fee</u>
<u>%</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Annual</u>
1 - 2%	\$120,000 - \$300,000	\$ 50
2 - 3%	\$300,000+ - \$430,000	\$150
3 - 4%	\$430,000+ - \$580,000	\$175
4 - 5%	\$580,000+ - \$720,000	\$200

Trustee Clasby asked what the total student fee charges for the Fall 1989 semester would be.

President Weller stated that a freshman or transfer student would be charged approximately \$600 in annual fees, with 3 fees being a one-time fee. The additional emergency fee monies would be included in the educational services trust fund and would be used to support academic programs at the College.

Trustee Clasby asked what effect Collective Bargaining would have on the present budget.

President Weller indicated that the three Collective Bargaining Agreements should have been signed by June 30th, but due to the present budget situation, progress in the negotiations for the Agreements had been very slow.

Trustee Clasby asked what effect the emergency fee would have on a student who is dependent upon financial aid.

President Weller stated that the College will do everything possible to identify ways in which students can benefit from financial aid.

Following further discussion,

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On motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: Regrettably and Unanimously ...to permit the College President to approve the institution of an Emergency Educational Services Fee to be added to the Students' bills beginning in July, 1989, and to be rescinded by Board action as soon as the Emergency Fee is no longer necessary, with the amount of the Fee determined by the extent of the Governor's Fiscal Year 1990 budget reduction according to the following schedule:

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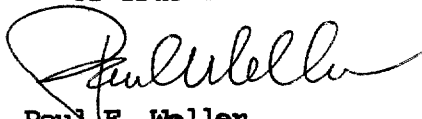
Chair Walker stated that the ad hoc Trustee Committee on Budget Crises and the Financial Status of the College had worked extremely hard in preparing its report to the Board. Contained in the report is a recommendation to establish an endowment fund for the College. To show sincere solidarity by all constituencies of the College, Chair Walker recommended that each Trustee consider contributing to the establishment of the endowment fund to demonstrate to the student body and the College that the Trustees, as the leaders of the College, care. Chair Walker asked each Trustee to please consider making such a voluntary, and important, contribution to the College.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barry J. Walker, Esquire  
Chair, Framingham State College Board  
of Trustees



Paul F. Weller  
Executive Secretary, Framingham State  
College Board of Trustees