

October 25, 2019

To: Grinnell College Community

From: David Maxwell '66, Chair, Board of Trustees  
Raynard S. Kington, President

The College's Board of Trustees met in Grinnell on Oct. 2-5, 2019. The following list outlines some of the Board's work and activities while on campus.

- 1) The Board participated in a full day retreat on Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and discussed board governance, philanthropic responsibility and other ways to be engaged with the College;
- 2) The Board members dined on Thursday evening with the faculty members in the Humanities Division and were joined by several retired and Life Trustees;
- 3) Trustees approved the list of eligible candidates to receive the bachelor of arts degree in December, 2019;
- 4) Trustees hosted two listening sessions with students regarding potential expansion of the UGSDW;
- 5) President Kington shared that the College had been awarded a \$1 million Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for "Humanities in Action: Curriculum, Community, Careers" and additionally, he described the positive impact that assigning an advisor from the Center for Careers, Life and Service is having on incoming students;
- 6) The Chair of the Board led a discussion on the board's strategic priorities for the coming year;
- 7) Joe Bagnoli, Vice President for Enrollment and Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, shared information regarding the National Association for College Admission Counseling's change in recruitment rules;
- 8) The Trustees approved the auditors' report of the College's FY19 financial statements;
- 9) The Trustees approved the recommendation from the Academic Affairs Committee to award tenure to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, Anne Harris;
- 10) The Board discussed the College's residence halls and the idea of a new residence hall building located on campus or in the Zone of Confluence downtown;
- 11) The Board received an update on the comprehensive campaign, heard a progress report on environmental sustainability at Grinnell, and learned about the recently acquired Salisbury House Collection;
- 12) The Board attended the kick-off for the comprehensive campaign and applauded the work of the Development and Alumni Relations staff in regard to it.

The Board's Committees, ad hoc Student Life and Enrollment, ad hoc Academic Affairs, ad hoc Facilities, ad hoc Advancement, Audit and Assessment, Governance, Exit 182 LLC, and Finance, also met.