

News from the Board of Trustees

March 25, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Trustees

This is a news bulletin from the Board of Trustees of the Stevens Institute of Technology. While all Board and Board Committee deliberations are confidential, in the spirit of transparency and shared governance, the Board will issue bulletins from time to time in order to provide non-confidential information to the Stevens community.

The Board held a meeting by videoconference on March 25, 2021. Following is a summary of matters discussed at the meeting:

University Updates

- The President provided an update on the status of student enrollment, faculty hiring, research, the University's finances, development activities and facilities matters and discussed the challenges faced by the Stevens community over the past year due to the pandemic. He also presented a benchmarking report using data collected for the University's academic peers and comparing the University in various areas including enrollment and student success. Highlights included:
 - Stevens is doing relatively well given the challenges of the pandemic and is poised to make a strong comeback barring any unforeseen obstacles. Preparations are being made for a full return to normal campus operations by Fall '21;
 - Plans are underway for multiple in-person Commencement ceremonies May 25 through May 27, 2021. (See [Commencement 2021](#) for more information);
 - Excellent progress has been made on the construction of the University Center Complex, currently on target for opening to students in the spring of 2022;
 - Workday Student was successfully launched in early March, with registration of students expected to begin on April 6th; and
 - The [President's Task Force on Equity and Inclusive Excellence](#) has issued a draft report with findings and recommendations on matters of diversity, equity and inclusion at Stevens.

For more information, please see the [Presidential News Brief for 2021](#).

Faculty Matters

- The Board heard a presentation from the Provost regarding faculty workload guidelines, an area of strategic focus for the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.
- The Board approved an Amendment to the Faculty Handbook regarding voting eligibility for non-tenure stream faculty.
- Following the successful conclusion of the faculty promotion and tenure review process required by Stevens' Faculty Handbook, the Board approved nominations for the promotion and tenure of faculty. Congratulations are extended to: Associate Professor Svetlana Malinovskaya for her promotion to Professor, and Assistant Professors Stefano Bonini, Theresa MacPhail, Christopher Manzione, Somayeh Moazeni and Alex Wellerstein for their promotions to Associate Professor and awards of tenure.

Alumni Matters

- The Stevens Alumni Association (SAA) President announced that planning is underway for a Virtual Alumni Weekend and the Annual Meeting of the SAA in June 2021.
- The Chairman of the Alumni and Development Committee announced that several Trustees have generously volunteered to sponsor fundraising challenges to be held in the coming months to encourage alumni giving participation.

Other Reports and Updates

- The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that the Committee reviewed the preliminary FY22 budget for the University and is satisfied that the budget is on track for approval at the May 2021 meeting of the Board.
- The Board reviewed and approved Stevens' IRS Forms 990 and 990T for fiscal year 2020, which will be filed with the IRS and, once filed, available on the website of the [Division of Finance](#).
- The Board approved the commissioning of a new campus police officer, Edward Martinez.
- Following approval by the Faculty, the Board approved the issuance of degrees to students who completed their relevant course of study as of January 31, 2021.

Questions regarding Board matters should be directed to the Secretary to the Board of Trustees at Kathy.Schulz@stevens.edu.