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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, February 15, 2005; 11:30 a.m.**  
**University of Massachusetts**  
**Board Room, Second Floor, Cumnock Hall**  
**One University Avenue**  
**Lowell, Massachusetts**

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Austin; Vice Chair Cassel; Trustees Armstrong, DiBiaggio, Kennedy, Moseley, Murphy and Pham; Chair Karam

**Committee Members Absent:** Trustees Boyle, Labrecque, Sheridan and White

**University Administration:** President Wilson; General Counsel O'Malley; Associate Vice President Harrington; Vice Presidents Chmura, Gray, Lenhardt and Williams; Chancellors Lombardi, Motley, MacCormack, Hogan and Lazare; Provosts Fonteyn, Esposito and Wooding; Vice Chancellor Scheid

**Faculty Representatives:** Professor Schwartz, UMASS Boston

Chair Austin convened the meeting at 11:35 a.m. and welcomed Marcellette Williams, Ph.D. to the meeting. He announced that Marcie Williams will serve as Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and International Relations effective July 1.

The next item was the **President's Report**. President Wilson welcomed Vice President Williams. He reported that he recently attended the American Council on Education meeting.

President Wilson reported that the Intercampus Graduate School of Marine Sciences and Technology will graduate its first two students, Yuko Hasegawa of UMASS Lowell, and Christine Buzzell of UMASS Dartmouth. Ms. Buzzell is now employed at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, and Ms. Hasegawa at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

President Wilson reported that the University's Role in the Economic Development of the Commonwealth will be discussed at today's meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

In November, the University of Massachusetts was honored with a State-wide Strategic Asset Award from the Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development.

The University is participating in a Coalition of Business and School Leaders developing a plan to address a number of issues in secondary education.

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UMASS Amherst received a \$500,000 NSF grant to provide scholarships for students who wish to enter the math/science teaching fields; UMASS Amherst and UMASS Lowell have used NSF funding to develop an on-line science education program to provide a master's degree in science education.

UMASS Boston received one of four University/High School Partnership Awards from Nellie Mae to continue their work at the Dorchester Educational Complex, and a grant will be directed towards maximizing the number of students who complete high school and continue on to earn degrees from UMASS and other colleges. The partnership with UMASS Boston and the Dorchester Educational Complex was also honored by Boston's Mayor Thomas Menino who presented an Inaugural City of Boston Higher Education Partnership Award to the Boston campus.

At UMASS Worcester, Dr. Deborah Hines, Associate Vice Chancellor for School Services was recently named 2004 Outstanding School Partner by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees; UMASS Memorial received a \$12.5M gift for the Emergency Care Campaign.

UMASS Lowell received \$5M from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, the first award for research authorized under the 2004 Economic Stimulus Bill.

UMASS Dartmouth opened its 1200 bed Resident Student Complex on January 7.

In addition to the traditional Admission Application Process, UMASS Amherst will offer an Early Actions Admissions Program for students who have identified the campus as their top choice beginning with the class of 2010.

Chair Austin asked for a motion to **Consider the Minutes of the Prior Meeting of the Committee.**

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the October 19, 2004 meeting of the Committee.

Chair Austin announced that in-light-of today's full agenda the discussion on the University's Role in the Economic Development of the Commonwealth was moved to the Committee of the Whole. The discussion will highlight the University's multi-faceted role in addressing the economic development needs of the Commonwealth.

Associate Vice President Harrington then introduced the first item for action, **Ph.D. Programs in Nursing, UMASS Amherst and UMASS Worcester.** Associate Vice President Harrington reported that the Ph.D. in Nursing Collaborative Program at UMASS Amherst and UMASS Worcester is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year of existence. The Collaborative Program has been

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committed to serving the Commonwealth by providing an excellent doctoral program to students pursuing the discovery and dissemination of new nursing knowledge. The best way to continue to serve the Commonwealth is to separate the collaborative program into two independent programs.

The UMASS Amherst and UMASS Worcester Ph.D. Coordinating Council agreed jointly to proceed with plans to develop independent Ph.D. programs on each campus. The decision reflects the continued evolution of the nursing programs at both campuses, and a process that has led to a divergence of research interest and educational philosophies as well as a growing list of administrative issues that sometimes interfere with the education process. Separate programs will allow for greater flexibility and individualized doctoral program plans for the students.

Dean Eileen Breslin from UMASS Amherst, Vice Chancellor Scheid and Dean Doreen Harper from UMASS Worcester then provided a brief overview of the process for developing the proposed program.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the Ph.D. Programs in Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and the University of Massachusetts Worcester as contained in Doc. T05-002.

The next item for action was **Master of Public Policy, UMASS Dartmouth**. Associate Vice President Harrington reported that the purpose of the Master of Public Policy is to build public management and policy-making capacity in Southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod, particularly at the state, local, and regional level. The program will maintain a special focus on policy issues that concern state, regional, and municipal officials in Massachusetts and New England.

UMASS Dartmouth's Master of Public Policy will be the only degree of its type offered in Southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod. The Program is also establishing an exchange and course-sharing partnership with Kassel University in Germany, anticipating three students annually going to Germany and three coming to study at UMASS Dartmouth.

Provost Esposito, Dr. Clyde Barrow, Director of the Center for Policy Analysis, and Dr. Philip Melanson, Director of Policy Studies Program then provided a brief overview of the process for developing the proposed program.

It was moved, seconded and

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**VOTED**: To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the Master of Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth as contained in Doc. T05-003.

The next item for action was **M.S. in Accounting, UMASS Boston**. Philip Quaglieri, Dean of the College of Management provided a brief overview of the process for developing the proposed program.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED**: To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the M.S. in Accounting at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T05-005.

The next item for action was **M.A. in Historical Archaeology, UMASS Boston**. The proposal is a request to form independent degree status for an already existing program. The program has been jointly administered by the departments of History and Anthropology with degree granting authority resting within the History department.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED**: To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the M.A. in Historical Archaeology at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T05-006.

The next item for action was **Appointment to Named Professorship, UMASS Amherst**. Chancellor Lombardi reported that Dr. Arthur Keene is an outstanding candidate and will serve as the first incumbent to the Terrance Murray Commonwealth College Honors Professorship.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED**: To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To concur with the President in the appointment of Arthur S. Keene as the first incumbent of the Terrance Murray Commonwealth College Honors Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. (Doc. T05-022)

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The next item for action was **Appointments to Named Professorships, UMASS Boston, UMASS Worcester**. Provost Fonteyn reported that Dr. Roderick Jensen is a graduate of Princeton University, and has held tenured positions at Yale University and Texas A&M. He will serve as the first incumbent of the Alton J. Brann Endowed Distinguished Professorship.

Vice Chancellor Scheid reported that Dr. Azra Raza is a recent recruit of the Medical School. She is an expert in Myeloid Diseases, and an outstanding scientist with a strong track record in clinical science.

Vice Chancellor Scheid reported that the Joy McCann Professorship for Women in Medicine is a new professorship established from a gift to the Medical School. Dr. Linda Weinreb of the Family Medicine Department was selected as the first incumbent after a rigorous review process. Dr. Weinreb is well-known for her service to the underserved and is an outstanding role model and educator.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To concur with the President in the appointment of Roderick V. Jensen as the first incumbent of the Alton J. Brann Endowed Distinguished Professorship in Science and Mathematics at the University of Massachusetts Boston;

And further,

To concur with the President in the appointment of Azra Raza as the incumbent of the Gladys Smith Martin Chair in Oncology at the University of Massachusetts Worcester;

And further,

To concur with the President in the appointment of Linda Weinreb as the first incumbent of the Joy McCann Professorship for Women in Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Worcester. (Doc. T05-004)

The next item for action was **Revisions to the Residence Hall Contract, UMASS Amherst**. Chancellor Lombardi reported that the revisions are designed to clarify any ambiguous language in the Residence Hall Contract, and change the language for students who want to sign up for the Residence Halls.

Associate Vice President Harrington noted the request to delegate to each campus the authority to approve Residence Hall Contracts and revisions in the future.

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It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED**: To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the revisions to the Residence Hall Contract at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as contained in Doc. T79-034, as amended.

And further,

To delegate to the Chancellor of each campus the authority to approve Residence Hall Contracts and revisions as necessary.

The next item for action was **Revisions to the Honorary Degree Policy**. Chair Austin indicated that the Honorary Degree Policy was discussed at the prior meeting of the Board, and this Committee was asked to review the policy for recommending Honorary Degrees.

There was a discussion on the eligibility of candidates being nominated for multiple degrees at the various UMASS campuses. It was agreed that “any person receiving an Honorary Degree from one campus shall not be eligible for five years from the date of the initial award. After the expiration of the five year period of ineligibility, nominations are nevertheless discouraged and will be approved only in special cases.”

There was also a discussion on the list of individuals nominated for Honorary Degrees, and the criteria for selecting those nominees.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED**: To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the revisions to the Honorary Degree Policy as contained in Doc. T93-060, as amended, effective February 17, 2005.

Chair Austin then announced that the Committee would into **Executive Session** to consider **Awards of Tenure, UMASS Amherst, UMASS Worcester; Appointments with Tenure, UMASS Boston, UMASS Worcester; Appointment with Tenure, UMASS Worcester; Transfers of Tenure, UMASS Boston and Transfers of Tenure, UMASS Worcester.**

He indicated that the Committee would not reconvene in open session.

It was moved, seconded and

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**VOTED:** To enter into **Executive Session** for the purpose of considering **Awards of Tenure, UMASS Amherst, UMASS Worcester; Appointments with Tenure, UMASS Boston, UMASS Worcester; Appointment with Tenure, UMASS Worcester; Transfers of Tenure, UMASS Boston and Transfers of Tenure, UMASS Worcester.**

Chair Austin voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Cassel, and Trustees Armstrong, DiBiaggio and Kennedy. Chair Karam also voted for the motion. The time was 1:23 p.m.

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