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

Tuesday, October 21, 2003; 8:00 a.m.

Board Room

One Beacon Street - 26th Floor

University of Massachusetts

Boston, Massachusetts

Committee Members Present: Chair White; Vice Chairs Boyle and Sheridan; Trustees Austin, Bukhari, Fatemi, Giblin, Kennedy, Marcalo and Reed

Committee Members Absent: Trustee Mahoney

University Administration: President Wilson; General Counsel O'Malley; Vice Presidents Chmura, Gray, Julian and Lenhardt; Ms. Layton, former Associate Vice President; Ms. Harrington, Associate Vice President; Chancellors Lombardi, Gora and MacCormack; Provosts Seymour, Fonteyn, Esposito and Wooding; Vice Chancellor Scheid, UMASS Worcester

Faculty Representatives: Professor Desu, UMASS Amherst

Guests:

UMASS Amherst: William Israel, Professor of Journalism; Robert Nakosteen, Professor of Finance and Operations Management; Eileen Breslin, Dean, School of Nursing and School of Public Health and Health Sciences

UMASS Boston: Alan Clayton-Matthews, Professor of Public Policy; Susan Opotow, Professor of Dispute Resolution; Kristine Alster, Interim Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences; Professor James Green, College of Public and Community Service

UMASS Dartmouth: Thomas Puryear, Professor of Art History; Nancy Dluhy, Adult and Child Nursing

UMASS Lowell: Joyce Taylor-Gibson, Associate Professor of Education, and Co-Director of the Center for Family, Work and Community; Stephen McCarthy, Co-Director and Professor, Institute for Plastics Innovations

UMASS Worcester: Carol Bova, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Graduate School of Nursing; Doreen Harper, Dean, School of Nursing

Chair White convened the meeting at 8:08 a.m. and introduced the first item on the agenda
Consideration of Minutes of the Prior Meeting of the Committee.

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It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the July 22, 2003 meeting of the Committee.

The next item was the **President's Report**. President Wilson reported on recent University achievements. Highlights included:

- UMASS Amherst is the recipient of a \$40 million grant for the Engineering Research Center;
- UMASS Worcester entered into a major licensing agreement for its RNAi technology, which will enhance the campus' role as a leader in the RNAi field and generate millions in revenue;
- UMASS Worcester received a \$17 million grant from the National Institute of Health for a Center for Translation Research on Immunology and Biodefense;
- UMASS Dartmouth will receive a \$7 million grant for the establishment of a center to study the botulism toxin. Dr. Bal Ram Singh, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry will lead the efforts;
- The cranberry research by Catherine Neto, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at UMASS Dartmouth has been accepted for publication and presentation by the American Chemical Society;
- The National Endowment for the Humanities recently awarded a \$102,654 grant to Dr. Gerard Koot, Chair and Professor of the History Department at UMASS Dartmouth to offer a seminar in England on the Historical Interpretation to the Industrial Revolution;
- The National Endowment for the Humanities recently awarded a \$72,000 grant to Dr. Lew Kamm, Professor of Foreign Languages and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UMASS Dartmouth.

President Wilson then announced that the Lowell campus is hosting a conference on Education for Sustainable Development on October 23rd and 24th. The role played by universities in educating students about issues on sustainability will be featured as well as the role played by utilizing expertise to address the issues of community and regional development.

President Wilson then briefed the Committee on the preliminary enrollment data for fall 2003: the University enrolled 9% more first-year students in 2002 and 2003; the Amherst campus saw a significant decrease in applications because of the change in the admissions process; SAT scores increased significantly for the Amherst, Dartmouth, and Lowell campuses;

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out-of-state enrollments increased by 9% at Amherst over the last year, while the other campuses experienced a decline. President Wilson commended the admissions staff of the campuses for a job well done.

President Wilson announced that this is the last committee meeting for Daphne Layton, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. She is leaving the University to take on a position as Associate Dean at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Kate Harrington has been named Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

President Wilson also announced that David Gray has been appointed Acting CEO of UMassOnline.

The next item was the **Vice President's Report**. Ms. Harrington reported on admissions procedures for the campuses. In light of the Supreme Court's decision on the Michigan case, several discussions have taken place with the Admissions Directors on the campuses. Admissions procedures for the Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell campuses have been reviewed extensively and are in compliance. Procedures for the Amherst campus are under review. The General Counsel's office will review the procedures to ensure that it is in compliance with the recent Supreme Court decision.

Ms. Layton indicated that it has been a tremendous privilege and honor working for the University. She then reported that each year in October a report is brought before the Committee on Academic Quality and Development Review (AQAD) and Periodic Multi Year Review (PMYR). The reviews entail self-studies by departmental units followed by an external review, leading to recommendations and action plans endorsed by the deans and the provost. AQAD focuses on five criteria: programs, goals, objectives, link to campus mission, and strategic priorities. PMYR was initiated at the Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth and Lowell campuses in fall of 1999. The reviews contain suggestions for immediate improvements in teaching, research, and outreach. Further information on AQAD and PMYR can be obtained from Kate Harrington.

Ms. Layton then noted that the University must keep a close focus on the decline in the number of tenured faculty. As of December 2003, the University will be down 14-15% of its faculty, which is about 300 people. This includes recent and past retirements.

Chair White thanked Daphne Layton for her service to the University, and welcomed Carolina Marcalo, student Trustee from UMASS Dartmouth, to the Committee.

The next item on the agenda was the presentation of the **Public Service Awards**. President Wilson indicated that Public Service Awards are being presented to recognize faculty members who have dedicated their lives to teaching, discovery and service to society. Each of the honorees is truly representative of the powerful impact the University has on the economic and social landscape of the state.

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Chair White indicated that the Public Service Awards is important because it shows off what the University is and should be about – service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He noted that the work of the honorees enhances their teaching, enlivening the educational experience of the students, making learning more meaningful and inspired. What distinguishes the University’s faculty is that they put their ideas to work in the community, for the good of the community and the people who live there.

President Wilson and Chair White then presented the Public Service Awards to the following award winners:

Carol Bova, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Graduate School of Nursing, UMASS Worcester. Dr. Bova Directs the Positive Life Skills Program for HIV-infected women in Central Massachusetts. She has focused her public service on improving community-based clinical care for HIV and HCV-infected persons and their families, particularly those with the co-morbid conditions of depression and substance abuse.

Joyce-Taylor Gibson, Associate Professor of Education and Co-Director of the Center for Family, Work and Community, UMASS Lowell. Professor Taylor-Gibson has provided leadership for a variety of UMASS Lowell’s outreach efforts, including: the Family School Partnership Project, the CIRCLE program (leadership development for new immigrants), and GEAR-UP (a program to promote college attendance of inner city, poor and minority children).

William Israel, Professor of Journalism, UMASS Amherst. Professor Israel led the Amherst campus’ effort to develop an information technology (IT) minor for non-technical students across the campus as part of the Commonwealth Information Technology Initiative (CITI), and provided a model curriculum for adoption by other UMASS, state and community college campuses.

Susan Opotow, Professor of Dispute Resolution, UMASS Boston. Professor Opotow has led a collaborative “action research” project with Boston City schools to develop effective interventions to deal with the problem of class-cutting, and conducted research on negotiating environmental conflicts in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Thomas Puryear, Professor of Art History, UMASS Dartmouth. Professor Puryear has promoted the understanding of the cultural history of New Bedford and the South Coast of Massachusetts. He has produced materials on architectural preservation, developed walking tours of New Bedford, supported the establishment of the NB Museum, and promoted the understanding of local history and a sense of place in New Bedford.

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Alan Clayton-Matthews, Assistant Professor of Public Policy, UMASS Boston and Robert Nakosteen, Professor of Finance and Operations Management, UMASS Amherst. Professor's Clayton-Matthews and Nakosteen have provided leadership in the development of Massachusetts Benchmarks, the University's quarterly economic journal produced in collaboration with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Dr. Clayton Matthews serves as co-editor, while Dr. Nakosteen serves as Executive Editor. Both have played a critical role in the development of the journal's stature and influence and in positioning UMASS as the state's leading academic source of high quality economic information and analysis.

President Wilson thanked the honorees for their outstanding commitment to the University and the Commonwealth.

President Wilson announced that the Committee would break for ten minutes. The time was 8:56 a.m.

The Committee reconvened at 9:13 a.m.

Chair White introduced the discussion item, **Impact of Academic Programs on Regional Economic and Social Development**. President Wilson reported that today's discussion will focus on the health sciences and its impact on the economic and social development of the Commonwealth. He noted that the impact of research on the Commonwealth would be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 4.

President Wilson introduced Eileen Breslin, Dean, School of Nursing and School of Public Health and Health Sciences, UMASS Amherst; Kristine Alster, Interim Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, UMASS Boston; Nancy Dluhy, Adult and Child Nursing, UMASS Dartmouth; Stephen McCarthy, Co-Director and Professor, Institute for Plastics Innovations, UMASS Lowell; and Doreen Harper, Dean, School of Nursing, UMASS Worcester.

Dean Harper briefed the Committee on the Graduate School of Nursing program and its impact on the nursing shortage.

Dean Alster briefed the Committee on the nursing program and its link to workforce development.

Ms. Dluhy briefed the Committee on the nursing program and its link to workforce development.

Dean Breslin briefed the Committee on the nursing program and its collaborative partnerships to address workforce development.

Professor McCarthy briefed the Committee on the links between plastics engineering and health sciences.

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Chair White and President Wilson thanked the participants.

There was then a brief discussion on the University's response to the recent Red Sox celebrations...“riots” on the Amherst and Dartmouth campuses. President Wilson indicated that he was pleased by the active efforts by the Chancellors to manage the situation.

Trustee Boyle expressed his concern over the continued rioting on the Amherst campus and the need to expel the students involved in such acts from the University.

Chancellor MacCormack and Provost Seymour indicated that a number of students have been through the campus' judiciary process. Provost Seymour thanked the campuses for their support and indicated that the Amherst campus has adapted a “zero tolerance” theme in response to the rioting situation.

Trustee Fatemi suggested that the University educate incoming students on the consequences for rioting and damaging University property.

Chair White thanked everyone for participating in the discussion. Chair White encourages the Chancellors' efforts to resolve this issue.

Chair White then introduced the first item for action **B.A. in Community Studies, UMASS Boston**. Chancellor Gora reported that the B.A. in Community Studies is a multi-disciplinary, experiential learning-based program with an applied learning approach to the study of human communities. This is the second program of its kind in the country.

Professor Green reported that this is a new initiative for faculty on the Boston campus. The program brings academic expertise to a community setting, and trains students for the workforce. He indicated that the program would enhance UMASS Boston's reputation and further its urban mission. Professor Green thanked Chancellor Gora and Provost Fonteyn for their support of the program.

It was moved, seconded and

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

To approve the B.A. in Community Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T03-060.

The next item for action was **Appointment to Named Professorship, UMASS Worcester**. Vice Chancellor Scheid reported that Dr. Mello was awarded tenure earlier this year in recognition of his contributions to the field of science and the co-discovery of RNAi.

It was moved, seconded and

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

To concur with the President in the appointment of Craig C. Mello to the Blais University Chair in Molecular Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Worcester. (Doc. T03-066)

Chair White then announced that the Committee would enter into **Executive Session** to consider **Appointments with Tenure, UMASS Boston, Worcester** and **Awards of Tenure, UMASS Amherst, Dartmouth, Worcester** and **Transfer of Tenure, UMASS Amherst**. He indicated that the Committee would not reconvene in open session.

It was moved, seconded and

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

Chair White voted for the motion as did Vice Chairs Boyle and Sheridan; Trustees Austin, Bukhari, Giblin, Kennedy and Marcalo. The time was 10:25 a.m.

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