

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS  
AMHERST BOSTON DARTMOUTH LOWELL WORCESTER**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUB COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC INPUT  
UMASS AMHERST CHANCELLOR SEARCH:**

**UMass Amherst Foundation**

**Beechwood Hotel  
363 Plantation Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts  
Tuesday, November 15, 2011**

**Present:** Chairman Philip Johnson, Ron Grasso,

**Guests:** Lucy Leske,

**Alumni Association Members:** Andy MacDougall, Sean LeBlanc, Joe Moro, Tom Campbell, Andy Hochberg, Deb Goodhind, Konstantin Danilov, Petra v.Z. Davenport, Carole Mansur, Adam Martignetti, Ron Spicer, Kim Sherman

**The meeting convened at 6:06 pm**

Chair Johnston thanked all participants for their interest in the Amherst chancellor search process and reminded all conference call participants that they could listen to the meeting discussion but would not be recognized to speak due to open meeting law requirements.

Chair Johnston led a discussion of suggestions for candidate evaluation criteria. Attendees suggested the following points:

- Commitment to stay in position for 5 – 10 years
- Desire to elevate flagship campus to its highest potentially nationally
- Academic background would be helpful, but not necessary
- Strong management and collaboration skills
- Proven fundraising experience and success
- Ability to generate new revenues and decrease reliance on state funding
- Ability to promote and increase visibility of UMass Amherst
- Ability to engender pride and enthusiasm about institution across campus, in the State House, and throughout the Commonwealth
- Political savvy

**The Chair then asked for what matters need to be considered by the new chancellor, and attendees suggested the following points:**

- The geographic location of campus in Western MA
- Whether the campus has limited clout on Beacon Hill and with the Boston media outlets
- Alumni affinity has been weak in years past but is improving through student and young alumni engagement and education initiatives
- Alumni base is a sleeping giant and could be an incredibly strong asset to the chancellor and campus

The Chair thanked all the participants for their views and **the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm**