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ON UMASS AMHERST CHANCELLOR SEARCH/ALUMNI**

**Tuesday, November 29, 2011; 6:00 p.m.
UMass Club
225 Franklin Street, 33rd Floor, Boston, MA**

Members Present:

M. Williams, R. Grasso

Witt/Kieffer Search Firm:

Lucy Leske

Alumni:

Nick Triano
Helen Brady
Madeleine Noland
William Noland
Michael Fox
Dan Wagner
Michael Borkum
Henry Ragin
Leslie Saltzberg
Richard Saltzgerg
Brendan Tower

Handouts:

The ad for the newspapers
Questionnaire for evaluating candidates

Marcie Williams chaired the meeting since Chair Johnston was unable to attend. Ms. Williams introduced herself and thanked everyone for coming and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. She stated that the committee was looking for their perspectives on what characteristics they should be looking for in a new Chancellor and the challenges facing UMass Amherst.

A discussion followed about the duties of the Chancellor and Ms. Williams explained about the five-campus University system and UMass Amherst being the flagship. A discussion continued about the

relationship between the President and the Chancellors, and how the President and Vice Presidents work very closely with all the campuses.

A discussion followed about what characteristics and qualities they were looking for in a new Chancellor. Attendees suggested the following points: leadership qualities, character, experience, management skills, a fundraiser, needs to have interpersonal skills, a sales person. Ms. Leske stated they're not ruling out anybody and they should focus on what major goals and challenges are facing the campus.

A discussion occurred about *The Times of London* and how UMass is ranked 19th in the world. Discussion continued about what characteristics the attendees were looking for and suggested someone who can build a strong relationship between students and the administration, someone who is on the good side of a lot of different constituencies, someone who understands the culture of UMass, someone from the inside, and who can instill student pride. There were comments about athletics and how important football is to the campus. Attendees talked about how the campus needs someone to strengthen what's already been accomplished and who will rally the UMass community.

Ms. Williams and Mr. Grasso thanked everyone for coming and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.