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

Area College Presidents

FOR THE CHANCELLOR OF UMASS AMHERST

Campus Center

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Amherst, MA 01003

Friday, November 4, 2011 – 8:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Chair Johnston, J. Bartolomeo, D.Fubini, J.Kennedy, M. Mangaliso, M. Williams

Administration:

Vice President Connolly

Area College Presidents

Carol Crist

Neil Abraham

Witt/Kieffer Search Firm:

Lucy Leske

John Thornburgh

Handouts:

The ad for the newspapers

Questionnaire for evaluating candidates

Chair Johnston thanked everyone for coming, introduced himself and asked everyone present to introduce themselves. He then introduced Lucy Leske and John Thornburgh from Witt/Kieffer Search Firm. Chair Johnston mentioned that the committee has met with key individuals and groups who have a stake in the campus. The Chair asked what kind of person the attendees thought the search committee should be looking for in a new Chancellor. Attendees suggested someone who is willing to collaborate, a very strong leader, a real champion of the campus, strong, independent, collaborate within the system, the Legislature and community, ability to have weathered storms, with a powerful and forceful voice.

A discussion followed about the Five Colleges Consortium and how UMass is essential to the partnership. Everyone needs to be on board to make sure a new Chancellor succeeds.

Chair Johnston thanked everyone for coming and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

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Faculty

FOR THE CHANCELLOR OF UMASS AMHERST

Campus Center

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Amherst, MA 01003

Friday, November 4, 2011 – 9:15 a.m.

Members Present:

Chair Johnston, R.Adrian, J. Bartolomeo, M. Billings, D.Fubini, R. Grasso, J.Kennedy, M. Mangaliso,
J. MacCormack, M. Williams

Administration:

Vice President Connolly

Faculty

Ernie May

Ralph Whitehead

Scott Auerbach

Alice Harris

Steve Brewer

Ms. Cummings

Jocelyn Almeida

Professor Tyson

Witt/Kieffer Search Firm:

Lucy Leske

John Thornburgh

Handouts:

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Questionnaire for evaluating candidates

Chair Johnston thanked everyone for coming, introduced himself and asked everyone present to introduce themselves. The Chair stated that the committee is working closely with the Search Firm to identify leading candidates around the country. The committee is trying to reach out to everyone who has a stake in the campus. The Chair asked what kind of a person, from a faculty member's view, would they like to see as the new Chancellor. Some comments were: someone with a history of supporting Afro American Studies, history of support for diversity, someone who understands the campus and wants to fix it, who will listen to what people are saying and let good ideas merge, diplomatic skills, compassionate about students, risk taker.

There was a discussion on the relationship between UMass Amherst and Holyoke and Springfield. A discussion occurred on recruiting women and multi-racial candidates – the committee is committed to that.

Chair Johnston thanked everyone for coming and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Chairs and Department Heads

FOR THE CHANCELLOR OF UMASS AMHERST

Campus Center

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Amherst, MA 01003

Friday, November 4, 2011 – 10:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Chair Johnston, R. Adrion, J. Bartolomeo, M. Billings, R. Grasso, S. Hongmei, J. Kennedy, M. Mangaliso,
J. MacCormack, M. Williams

Administration:

Vice President Connolly

Chairs and Department Heads

David Coster

Chuck Dimare

Mary Lyn Bassidy

Peggy Speese

Gretchen Rosco

Elizabeth Shulton

Jay Bonner

Nancy Cohen

Witt/Kieffer Search Firm:

Lucy Leske

John Thornburgh

Handouts:

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Questionnaire for evaluating candidates

Chair Johnston thanked everyone for coming and introduced himself and asked everyone present to introduce themselves. The Chair asked about the challenges facing UMass and what kind of leader people on the campus were looking for. The Chair stated that they hired Witt/Kieffer Search Firm and they have a total commitment for a very diverse pool of candidates. The Committee is very committed to make sure that everyone has been heard.

A discussion followed about what characteristics the attendees were looking for in the new Chancellor. Some of the comments were: a very strong advocate for the campus, needs to understand the campus, take time to engage faculty. Their top priority is hiring faculty and finding the money to do so. Other comments were: management skills, fundraising skills, entrepreneurial skills, be able to collaborate with people and make tough decisions, have established connections with the philanthropic world, diversity of the faculty and students.

A discussion occurred about how the campus can be so much more for the Commonwealth and that they would like UMass to be a student's number one choice – it should be the jewel of the state. They commented that they need a Chancellor with that vision. The new Chancellor has to be willing to learn – whether from inside or outside, academic or non-academic.

Chair Johnston thanked everyone for coming and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.