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

**Tuesday, August 22, 2006; 1:30 p.m.  
Massachusetts Room, Mullins Center  
University of Massachusetts  
Amherst, Massachusetts**

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Austin; Vice Chair Cassel; Trustees Armstrong, Carlin, DiBiaggio, Endich, Kennedy, Kulenovic, Leiblum, Makrez, Pearl and Sheridan; Chair Karam

**Other Trustees:** Trustees King-Shaw, O'Shea and White

**Committee Members Absent:** Trustees Albano and Boyle

**University Administration:** President Wilson; Interim General Counsel Bench; Senior Vice President Williams; Associate Vice President Harrington; Chancellors Lombardi, Collins, MacCormack, MacKenzie and Lazare Provosts Seymour, Fonteyn, Esposito, Garro and Wooding; Vice Chancellor Scheid

**Faculty Representatives:** Professors May and O'Connor, UMASS Amherst; Professor Tirrell, UMASS Boston; Professor Carter, UMASS Lowell

**Guests:** UMASS Boston: Philip Quaglieri, Dean, College of Management; Jose Oscar Gutierrez, Associate Dean College of Management; Jean-Pierre Kuilboer, Associate Professor, Management Science and Information Systems; Patrick Day, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dean David Wegman, UMASS Lowell

Chair Austin convened the meeting at 1:34 p.m. He indicated that the Committee had a full agenda and announced that any persons wishing to address the Committee must do so through the Chair.

The first item for Discussion was the **Doctorate of Nursing Practice Degree, UMASS Amherst.** Trustee Pearl reported that at the May 23 meeting of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs the Committee approved the creation of the Doctorate of Nursing Practice Degree (DNP) at the Amherst campus and further discussion is needed to consider some of the broader issues related to the training of nurses at a time of a major nursing shortage.

Senior Vice President Williams thanked Trustee Pearl for her interest in this program.

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Provost Seymour then read a statement describing the process that led up to the DNP program proposal. Remarks were then followed by Vice Chancellor Scheid, on the process for the Worcester campus. Dean David Wegman from UMASS Lowell; Provost Fonteyn from UMASS Boston; and Provost Garro from UMASS Dartmouth offered their support as well.

Chair Austin thanked Trustee Pearl, Senior Vice President Williams, and the Provosts for their dedication to this issue.

The next item was **Consideration of the Minutes of the Prior Meeting of the Committee.**

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the May 23, 2006 meeting of the Committee.

The next item was the **President's Report.** President Wilson reported on the campus' initiatives that have supported the agenda of the University Trustee Priorities.

**Enhancing the Student Learning Experience:**

In December 2005, eight first- and second-year medical students came together to revive the International Health Interest Group with the goal of finding a way to become involved with "field work" beyond meeting and talking about international health. The students not only raised enough money to cover their unmet travel expenses, but also collected nearly 1,000 pounds of donated medical supplies, medicine and other humanitarian aid.

What began as a shared interest in international health among a small group of UMass medical students was transformed into a medical mission to the Dominican Republic that touched hundreds of lives.

**Maintain and Improve Affordability and Access; Continue a Focus on Diversity and Positive Climate:**

- 100 students were enrolled in the Urban Scholars Program, a seven-week program offering academic classes in the morning and enrichment activities in the afternoon;
- Another 50 students were enrolled in the seven-week Health Careers Opportunity Program which is designed to prepare students for healthcare careers;
- Project REACH enrolled about 30 students for five weeks, providing classes and college and career awareness;
- GEAR-UP involved another 30 students who took classes that prepare them for the SAT college board test;
- The Upward Bound and Math/Science Upward Bound programs also served Dorchester students.

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Strengthen the Research Enterprise:

- Researchers at the UMass Lowell campus' Work Environment Department were awarded \$5 million, five-year grant from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) for the creation of the Center for the Promotion of Health in the New England Workplace;
- A \$1.75 million was awarded to UMass Dartmouth for a Transition to Teaching Program from the Department of Education. The grant will fund the SouthCoast Teacher Corps Partnership which is a collaboration among UMass Dartmouth, Fall River Public Schools, New Bedford Public Schools, and the SouthCoast Education Compact.

Develop a First-Rate Infrastructure:

- UMass Amherst has acquired financing for an Integrated Science Building;
- Planning for a Nano- and Biomanufacturing building at UMass Lowell is underway. It will be outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment, research and production assistance, and prototype manufacturing space in partnership with industry.

Increase the Endowment:

- The UMass Amherst campus has received a \$2.5 million gift to establish the Eugene M. and Ronnie Isenberg Professorship in Integrative Environmental Science. In addition, Ronnie and Eugene Isenberg fulfilled their \$500,000 pledge toward the Isenberg Professorship in Engineering, bringing their gift total to date to \$9 million.

Develop a Leadership Role in Public Service:

- The Learning Commons on the UMass Amherst campus is generating interest at other colleges and universities in the U.S. In recent months, the Library has hosted tours for librarians and faculty from Boston University, Brandeis University, Dartmouth College, Framingham State College, Harvard Business School, Lesley University, the Naval War College and Northeastern University, among others.

Renew the Faculty:

- Each of the campuses is engaged in the recruitment and hiring of new, dynamic faculty whose research is innovative and often pioneering and whose commitment to student learning is unparalleled.

Under the **Vice President's Report** Senior Vice President Williams read a statement on the mission of The Office of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and International Relations. She

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noted that the Office serves as the quality control for the core of the University on matters of tenure, student codes of conduct, new or amended programs, and international understanding. There is an ongoing firm commitment to the University and to the students and the local and global communities it serves. As The Office of Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and International Relations looks forward to even more dynamic partnerships this year, it is appropriate to reflect on the many achievements on each of the campuses, and collectively and consistently use that information as a firmer, broader base to achieve further successes together.

Chair Austin then welcomed David MacKenzie, new Acting Chancellor at UMass Lowell; Dr. Anthony Garro, new Provost at UMass Dartmouth; and student Trustees: Heather Makrez who was re-elected from UMass Lowell; Tamara Endich from UMass Dartmouth; Aleksandar Kulenovic from UMass Boston; Marisha Leiblum from UMass Amherst; and Alfred Albano, from the Medical School (not in attendance).

There was then a brief discussion on *The Princeton Review* ranking of the Amherst campus as the number seven party school in the country. Senior Vice President Williams indicated that the President's Office will work in collaboration with the Chancellors and communications officers to address the report and emphasize the University's strengths.

The next **Informational Item** was the **K-12 Outreach Pipeline Programs**. The informational materials provided to the Committee was the commitment made by the Subcommittee on the Tabled Motion which was to do an inventory of the campuses and provide some information on what is being done with regards to pipeline.

Senior Vice President Williams reported that at the February 14 meeting of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Trustee Louis presented a motion focused on increasing access and affordability. The motion was tabled and the Committee approved a new motion to appoint a subcommittee to review the tabled motion. The Subcommittee including several Trustees and campus staff met on April 19<sup>th</sup> to review the 12 resolutions contained in the tabled motion. There was then a brief discussion on the inventory of the pipeline activities from the campuses.

President Wilson's presentation at the Committee of the Whole meeting will further discuss pipeline issues.

The next item for action was **M.S. in Information Technology, UMASS Boston**. Philip Quaglieri, Dean of the College of Management reported that the proposed program has been designed in collaboration with corporations and other stakeholders that have expressed their interest in and requirements for a graduate IT program. UMass Boston's position in the Commonwealth locates it in the midst of a service-oriented hub with high demand for employees who operate in a knowledge-intensive and technology-driven environment in innovation, healthcare, high-tech, non-profit and government organizations. The curriculum has been carefully designed to equip students with the essential knowledge and skills for success in such professional careers.

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It was moved, seconded and

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

To approve the M.S. in Information Technology at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T06-034.

The next item for action was **Revisions to the Constitution of the Student Government Association, UMASS Boston.** Chancellor Collins introduced Patrick Day, new Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Vice Chancellor Day then provided an overview of the Revisions to the Constitution of the Student Government Association.

The revisions to the Constitution include:

- The Steering Committee was renamed as the Executive Committee;
- The Executive Committee's membership changed to only include the President, Vice President, and Committee Chairs.
- The Executive Committee is also vested with the Executive Authority of the Senate, including veto of a Senate decision by 2/3 majority of the committee;
- The President is still the Chair of the Executive Committee, and vested with those powers not requiring a 2/3 vote of the committee when the committee is not in session;
- Rewording the power that allowed the Senate to appoint students to campus-wide committees to allow for recommendations on the creation, charge and composition of any committees affecting undergraduate interests;
- Granting limited authority to student-initiated college-level governments.

Trustee Armstrong asked for clarification on the revised Constitution allowing the Senate to appoint students to committees and boards set by the Administration. General Counsel Bench indicated that the University's Governance document allows the student governance bodies to make recommendations to the Chancellor who makes appointments.

It was moved, seconded and

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

To approve the revisions to the Constitution of the Student Government Association at the University of Massachusetts Boston. (Doc. T98-059, as amended)

The next item for action was **Revisions to the Governance Document, UMASS Medical School.** Vice Chancellor Scheid reported that the Governance Document was reviewed in August 2003. The revisions include substantive changes and necessary updates to the descriptions of several committees to reflect their current composition and functioning.

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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 Governance Document of the University of Massachusetts Medical School as contained in Doc. T03-035, as amended.

The next item for action was **Revisions to the Academic Personnel Policy, UMASS Worcester.** Vice Chancellor Scheid reported that the Policy was last reviewed in 1996 and represented a substantive and long overdue revision.

It was moved, seconded and

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

To approve the revisions to the Academic Personnel Policy of the University of Massachusetts Worcester as contained in Doc. T95-022, as amended.

The next item for action was **Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct, UMASS Amherst.** Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students Jo-Anne Vanin reported that the revisions of the Code of Student Conduct are to clarify some of the language in the Code, and to improve procedures regarding minor violations and allow for sanction hearings to occur. The recommended changes have been endorsed by the Student Affairs Judicial Committee and reviewed by Counsel Brian Burke.

It was moved, seconded and

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

To approve the revisions to the Code of Student Conduct at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. (Doc. T94-059, as amended)

The next item for action was **Appointments to Named Professorships, UMASS Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth.** Provost Seymour from the Amherst campus reported that Dr. Robert Rothstein's credentials, as related to teaching and research, are a perfect match for the Walter Raleigh Amesbury, Jr. and Cecile Dudley Amesbury Professorship for Teaching and Research of the Polish Language, Literature and Culture at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Provost Fonteyn from the Boston campus reported that Padraig O'Malley is world renowned and an excellent scholar. He earned a Bachelor of Commerce and Diploma in Public

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Administration from University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland. Padraig O'Malley has made contributions through his eight written or edited books, seven book chapters, and several articles in scholarly journals. One of his books, *Bitting at the Grave: The Irish Hunger Strike and the Politics of Despair* was chosen by the *New York Times Review of Books* as one of six best books published in 1990.

Provost Garro from the Dartmouth campus reported that Dr. Brian Rothschild is an outstanding marine fisheries biologist. He has edited or co-edited over 110 journal articles/book chapters. His contributions to fisheries science were recognized by receipt of the Outstanding Achievement Award from the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists (AIFRB). According to AIFRB, "he is one of the mostly widely cited fishery scientists in North America."

It was moved, seconded and

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

To concur with the President in the appointment of Robert Rothstein to the Walter Raleigh Amesbury, Jr. and Cecile Dudley Amesbury Professorship for Teaching and Research of the Polish Language, Literature and Culture at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further,

To concur with the President in the appointment of Padraig O'Malley to the John Joseph Moakley Chair in International Peace and Reconciliation at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

And further,

To concur with the President in the appointment of Brian Rothschild as the first holder of the Montgomery Charter Chair in Marine Science and Technology in the School for Marine Science and Technology at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. (Doc. T06-035)

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

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 **Appointments with Tenure, UMASS Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell** and **Awards of Tenure, UMASS Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Worcester** and **Transfers of Tenure, UMASS Dartmouth**.

Chair Austin voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Cassel, Trustees Armstrong, Carlin, DiBiaggio, Endich, Karam, Kennedy, Makrez, Pearl and Sheridan. The time was 3:04 p.m.

Zunilka Barrett  
Assistant Secretary to the Board