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**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE
FOR THE CHANCELLOR OF UMASS AMHERST**

Thursday, December 15, 2011; 11:05 a.m.

Massachusetts Room, Mullins Center

University of Massachusetts

Amherst, Massachusetts

Members Present:

Chair Johnston, R.Adrian, J.Bartolomeo, M.Billings, S.Brena, Z.Broughton, P.Clarkson, J.MacCormack, M.Mangaliso, P.Reville, S.Homei, M.Williams

Participating by telephone: R. Grasso; J. Mullan

The members convened in executive session at 11:05 a.m. to discuss potential candidates for the position of Chancellor. The Chair asked the members participating by telephone, Mr. Grasso and Mr. Mullan, to state for the record that they were alone, and/or that their conversations in executive session could not be overheard by any other persons, in accordance with 940 CMR 29.10 7(d). Mr. Grasso and Mr. Mullan each confirmed that they were alone and could not be overheard by others.

Chair Johnston asked Ms. Leske to initiate the discussion and she gave an update on the status of nominations for the position. She provided the members with the names and limited information concerning the backgrounds of a number of persons who might have potential interest in the position. The members suggested additional persons who might be interested, and shared information on potential prospects, or persons who might be contacted about prospects. These discussions were only preliminary in nature, the members were brainstorming about possibilities, and offering various suggestions about indentifying potential candidates; no votes were taken. The members suggested names of persons they knew, as well as some they only knew by reputation, some who are in current administrative or faculty positions at higher education institutions as well as some who are in business or governmental positions.

Ms. Leske stated that she has had conversations with some people who say they're interested in the position and that the search firm will contact all who have been formally nominated. Ms. Leske stated that at future meetings she may have resumes available for review by the committee. Ms. Leske stated that the majority of applications will likely come in after the holidays.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.