Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
Board of Trustees
University of Massachusetts

At the request of the President and approval by the Chair, a meeting of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs is hereby called to convene on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for the University of Massachusetts. The meeting will be held remotely pursuant to the Governor’s Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §20 dated March 12, 2020.

An agenda is attached.

Zunilka Barrett
Secretary to the Board of Trustees
AGENDA

A. Call to Order

B. Consideration of the Minutes of the Prior Meeting of the Committee
   • November 18, 2020
   • November 18, 2020 (Executive Session)

C. Discussion Item
   NEXT: Applied Science Research Initiative
   The University of Massachusetts, the Commonwealth’s public research university, has internationally renowned researchers across its five campuses. In the applied sciences, UMass is one of the largest research enterprises in the state, playing a crucial role in promoting economic recovery, human capital creation, and job generation in areas that are crucial for our state’s prosperity. With the end of the COVID19 pandemic in sight, UMass scientists and technology experts are re-doubling their focus on “what’s next?” building on current and past breakthroughs and innovations to boldly move into the post-pandemic future. Rejuvenation and purposeful growth in the firms and the employee base that support our knowledge-based economy is a prerequisite for post-COVID prosperity. And that is a mission to which the five campuses of the University of Massachusetts have a great deal to contribute.

D. Chair’s Report

E. President’s Report
F. **System Chancellor for Academic Programs Report**

G. **Public Speaker**
   - Professor Robert Lublin, UMass Boston

H. **Action Items**
   1. Bachelor of Science in Quantitative Economics, UMass Lowell
   2. Ph.D. in Earth System Science, UMass Lowell
   3. Appointments to Named Professorships including Chairs, UMass Amherst, Medical School

I. **Executive Session**
   1. Appointments with Tenure, UMass Amherst and Dartmouth
   2. Awards of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Dartmouth, Medical School
   3. Honorary Degrees, UMass Lowell

*The above listings of matters before the UMass Board of Trustees are those reasonably anticipated by the Senior Staff, Secretary and Chair of the Board, and intended to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed due to circumstances not known in time to provide an adjustment to the publicly available agenda, and other items that are not listed, may also be brought up for discussion, to the extent such is permitted by law.*