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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, May 26, 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

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**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, May 26, 2021; 10:00 a.m.**

**Remote Meeting**

**Pursuant to the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting  
Law, G.L. c.30A, s.20 dated March 12, 2020**

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**AGENDA**

**A. Call to Order**

**B. Consideration of the Minutes of the Prior Meeting of the Committee**

- March 31, 2021(Open & Executive Session)

**C. Chair's Report**

**D. President's Report**

**E. Discussion Items**

1. Research Excellence in the Humanities and Performing Arts. Following on from our successful CASA discussion of applied science, we move the focus to ongoing scholarly work in the humanities and performing arts. Presentations from the provosts and from faculty from each campus will provide an opportunity for CASA members to broaden our acquaintance with faculty research in history, philosophy, literature, creative writing/poetry linguistics, music, and many other fields.
2. Student Trustee Presentations: A new, annual tradition, in which outgoing student trustees focus attention on issues of great interest to the students they represent. The focus this time will be on supporting first generation students and students from low income households.

**F. System Chancellor for Academic Programs Report**

**G. Action Items**

1. Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics, UMass Lowell
2. Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy, UMass Amherst
3. Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Amherst

**H. Executive Session**

1. Appointments with Tenure, UMass Amherst
2. Awards of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Boston, Lowell

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