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

**Tuesday, May 30, 2023; 10:30 a.m.**

**Remote Meeting via Zoom**

**Pursuant to the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the  
Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §20 dated March 12, 2020, and subsequently updated  
and extended by the Governor and their staff**

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Paris Jeffries; Trustees Berry, Epstein, Lam, Lechowicz, Lewis, Maguire Keches, Scheibel (departed at 11:44 a.m.) and Tutwiler

**Other Trustees Present:** Trustee Burns

**Committee Members Absent:** Vice Chair Ramos Gagliardi; Trustees Delgado, Okwara and White

**University Administration:** President Meehan; General Counsel Leone; Chancellors Subbaswamy, Fuller, Chen and Collins; Provosts Serio, Berger, Huang, Hartman and Flotte

**Faculty Representatives:** Professor Haroon, UMass Boston

**Documents Used:**

- Meeting Minutes: December 8, 2022 (Open & Executive Session)
- Early College: University of Massachusetts Commonwealth Collegiate Academy, Doc. T23-027
- Appointments to Named Professorships and Endowed Chairs, UMass Amherst, Chan Medical School, Doc. T23-032
- Amendment to the Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution, UMass Dartmouth, Doc. T23-036, as amended

Chair Paris Jeffries convened the meeting at 10:09 a.m. and welcomed everyone. He stated that the Committee continues to meet remotely under the Governor's executive order issued on March 12, 2020 and extended until March 31, 2025. The Committee will address all necessary and required Action Items for Board vote in open session and where required in Executive Session.

Any member of the public wishing to address the Committee regarding an agenda item or issue related to the agenda, or to make an audio or video recording of the open public session of the Committee meeting, was provided notice by the Secretary of the Board through a posting indicating that such written requests needed to be received no later than 24 hours prior to the Committee meeting. Under the law, the Chair has complete discretion in granting or denying the request to speak, and may limit the duration that the public has to address the Committee.

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He reminded the Committee members to unmute themselves and state their name when moving or seconding the action items.

**Consideration of Minutes of the prior meeting of the Committee**

Chair Paris Jeffries stated that the Committee was provided with the draft minutes of the December 8, 2022 CAAED meeting's Open and Executive Session and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Chair Paris Jeffries announced the meeting's agenda: a Discussion Item, two Action Items and three items for action in Executive Session. President Meehan will also provide a report and lead the discussion item on the University of Massachusetts Early College Program, the Commonwealth Collegiate Academy.

**President's Report**

President commented on the University's Class of 2023 (nearly 20,000 graduates), speaking of the impact they will have on the Commonwealth. He highlighted the campus commencement ceremonies including the \$500-\$1,000 gifted to the 2,500 UMass Boston graduates by honoree Rob Hale, Granite Telecommunications founder and CEO. Briana Scurry, UMass Amherst alumna and two-time Olympic soccer champion and Hall of Famer addressed the campus' graduating class. Trustee Paris Jeffries, CASA Chair and Executive Director of Embrace Boston spoke at UMass Lowell. UMass Dartmouth featured student speakers. On Sunday, the UMass Chan Medical School will hold its 50<sup>th</sup> commencement.

President Meehan announced that Chancellor Subbaswamy will join his senior leadership team as the Interim Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and Equity, and Nef Walker as Deputy Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and Equity in the President's Office. He commented on Chancellor Reyes transition process. The Chancellor starts his new role on July 1<sup>st</sup>. President Meehan noted the conversation with Dr. Nathan Grawe on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and thanked the Board members, Chancellors, and campus staff who attended the event.

**Discussion Item: Early College: University of Massachusetts Commonwealth Collegiate Academy, Doc. T23-027**

President Meehan stated that Dr. Judy Evans, the Director and architect of the Commonwealth Collegiate Academy (or CCA), the University's System-wide Early College Initiative, and the campus Early College Program Coordinators would present on the discussion item. The President acknowledged and thanked Dr. Evans for her efforts in building an innovative program that allows students across Massachusetts to earn college credit while still in high school. He thanked the campus partners, especially the Dartmouth and Lowell campuses, for agreeing to pilot the Commonwealth Collegiate Academy this year. He spoke of the program's potential to be a major component of the University's strategy to keep a UMass education affordable.

Dr. Evans provided an overview of the Commonwealth Collegiate Academy's (or CCA) progress since the program was established. She highlighted the benefits of the program for underserved students in the Commonwealth and across the country: increased affordability and access to secondary education, reduced remediation rates and costs, higher enrollment in postsecondary

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education and increased diversity, building career pathways, and improved job prospects. She discussed UMass' 2022-23 Early College Programs, noting the initial campus pilots (Dartmouth and Lowell campuses), UMass Boston's designated program, and UMass Amherst plan to join the CCA in fall 2024. She discussed the purpose of the program, registration and projected enrollment, it's academic progress, planned summer 2023 programs, funding efforts, and reflected on the first year.

Dr. Evans introduced Professor Michael Goodman to present on the impact of the CCA and early college program on UMass Dartmouth. Professor Goodman acknowledged the team at UMass Dartmouth for their work. He noted the campus' partners (Fall River-Durfee High School, New Bedford High School, Taunton High School, and Brockton High School), and discussed the pathways focus, course offerings, and the outcomes for academic year 2022-23. He spoke to the opportunity that early college presents to advance UMass Dartmouth's access mission and to boost enrollment.

Dr. Evans introduced Provost Hartman to provide highlights of UMass Lowell's CCA program. Provost Hartman noted a successful year for the program and discussed the course offerings for fall 2022 and spring 2023; enrollment for the year; its high school partners (Billerica High School, Dracut High School, Greater Lowell Technical High School, and Methuen High School), as well as expected enrollment for fall 2023.

Dr. Evans introduced Provost Berger to discuss UMass Boston's program and congratulated the campus on its goals, and its 3 partnerships. Provost Berger discussed the launching of UMass Boston's Early College program and noted that the campus remains open to participating in the CCA program in the future. He thanked the Boston team for their work. He highlighted its partnership pilot schools (Fenway, New Mission, BCLA/McCormack). He discussed the career pathways, the importance of the Early College student experience, enrollment, course offering, and future growth. He highlighted the programs first year successes which included Early College designation with all three high schools receiving state designation, a grant received from the Smith Family Foundation to support Early College, and staff hirings.

Dr. Evans thanked Professor Goodman and Provosts Hartman and Berger for their presentations and then summarized the benefits of the Early College program which supports goals related to enrollment; equity, inclusion, and diversity; college readiness/identity building; college affordability, state and federal funding access; and Innovation.

Chancellor Chen inquired about the state's designation and Dr. Evans provided an update on the efforts underway for Dartmouth and Lowell. President Meehan noted his meeting to discuss the importance of designation. Trustee Epstein expressed his concern that UMass Boston was not a part of the CCA to which Dr. Evans and Provost Berger commented on the campus' involvement.

Chair Paris Jeffries turned to the Action Items and reminded the Committee members to unmute themselves and state their name when moving or seconding the items.

**Action Item #1: Appointments to Named Professorships and Endowed Chairs, UMass Amherst, Chan Medical School, Doc. T23-032**

Chair Paris Jeffries asked for a motion to approve the Appointments to Named Professorships and Endowed Chairs at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Chan Medical School. The motion was moved by Trustee Epstein and seconded by Trustee Scheibel.

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Mary Andrianopoulos for the title of Terrence Murray Commonwealth College Honors Professorship for the term of two years at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Colin Gleason for the title of Armstrong Professional Development Professorship for a term of three years at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Jane Kent for the title of Distinguished Professor in the Department of Kinesiology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Michael Knodler for the title of William W. Boyer Professorship for a term of five years at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Matthew Lackner for the title of Chair in Renewable Energy in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Young Min Moon for the title of Distinguished Professor in the Department of Art at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Orlando Richard for the title of Earl Stafford Endowed Professorship for a term of five years at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Muzaffer Uysal for the title of Carney Family Endowed Professorship for a term of five years at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Baoshan Xing for the title of Distinguished Professor in the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

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And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Michael A. Brehm for the title of Harvey A. Shultz Chair in Diabetes at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

Provosts Serio and Flotte spoke to the appointments.

Chair Paris Jeffries asked for questions or comments. With none, the Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chair Paris Jeffries voted for the motion as did Trustees Berry, Epstein, Lechowicz, Lewis, Scheibel and Tutwiler. Trustee Keches' vote was not heard.

**Action Item #2: Amendment to the Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution, UMass Dartmouth, Doc. T23-036, as amended**

Chair Paris Jeffries asked for a motion to approve the Amendment to the Student Government Association (SGA) Constitution at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. The motion was moved by Trustee Epstein and seconded by Trustee Lewis.

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the amendments to the Student Government Association Constitution at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

Vice Chancellor Scott spoke to the Constitution's amendment.

Chair Paris Jeffries asked for questions or comments. With none, the Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chair Paris Jeffries voted for the motion as did Trustees Berry, Epstein, Lechowicz, Lewis and Tutwiler. Trustee Keches' vote was not heard.

**Consent Agenda**

Chair Paris Jeffries asked for a motion to place the Action Items on a Consent Agenda for the Board meeting on June 9, 2023. The motion was moved by Trustee Epstein and seconded by Trustee Lewis to place the Action Items on a Consent Agenda.

Chair Paris Jeffries asked for questions or comments. With none, the Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chair Paris Jeffries voted for the motion as did Trustees Berry, Epstein, Lechowicz, Lewis and Tutwiler. Trustee Keches' vote was not heard.

**Executive Session Announcement**

Chair Paris Jeffries asked the Committee for a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 75, Section 4, for the purpose of considering Appointments with Tenure at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, and Chan Medical School; Awards of Tenure at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Boston, Lowell, and Chan Medical School; and Transfer of Tenure at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He announced that the Committee would not reconvene in open session. The motion was moved by Trustee Epstein and seconded by Trustee Lewis.

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Chair Paris Jeffries asked for questions or comments. With none, the Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chair Paris Jeffries voted for the motion as did Trustees Berry, Epstein, Lechowicz, Lewis and Tutwiler. Trustee Keches' vote was not heard.

Chair Paris Jeffries announced that the Zoom meeting will be closed by the host and instructed those participating in the Executive Session to join that Zoom meeting with the specific link that was provided.

The time was 11:49 a.m.

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Secretary to the Board of Trustees