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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Wednesday, September 21, 2022; 10:00 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**

Committee Members Present: Vice Chair Scheibel; Trustees Berry, Epstein, Lam, Lechowicz, Lewis (departed at 10:58 a.m.), Okwara, Osterhaus-Houle, Ramos Gagliardi, White; and Mr. Moreau, representing Trustee Peyser

Other Trustees: Trustees Burns

Committee Members Absent: Chair Paris Jeffries; Trustees Peters and Peyser

University Administration: President Meehan; General Counsel Leone; System Chancellor Newman; Chancellors Subbaswamy, Suárez-Orozco, Fuller, Chen and Collins; Provosts Serio, Berger, Huang, Hartman and Flotte

Faculty Representatives: Professors Hoagland, UMass Amherst and Kim, UMass Boston

Documents Used:

- Meeting Minutes: May 25, 2022 (Open & Executive Session)
- Employment, Earnings and Destinations of UMass Graduates, Doc. T22-043
- Appointments to Named Professorships and Endowed Chairs, UMass Amherst, Lowell, Chan Medical School, Doc. T22-044

Vice Chair Scheibel convened the meeting at 10:01 a.m. and stated that the Committee continues to meet remotely under the Governor's executive order issued on March 12, 2020 and extended until March 31, 2023. 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 Board 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 Board 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 Board.

She reminded the Committee members to unmute themselves and state their name when moving or seconding any action item.

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Consideration of Minutes of the prior meeting of the Committee

Vice Chair Scheibel stated that the Committee was provided with the draft minutes of the May 25, 2022 meeting's Open and Executive Session and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Vice Chair Scheibel announced the meeting's agenda: a discussion item, one action item, four items for action in Executive Session, and reports from President Meehan and System Chancellor Newman.

President's Report

President Meehan welcomed the Student Trustees to the Committee. Bethany Berry from the Medical School, Mina Lam from Lowell, Adam Lechowicz from Amherst, and Maxwell White from Dartmouth. He noted the UMassVotes initiative, which encourages UMass students to register to vote and to vote. A system-wide summit on voting will be held on October 3rd. He welcomed back to campus the nearly 75,000 students.

President Meehan noted tomorrow's groundbreaking for the rebuilding of the Robert and Donna Manning College of Information and Computer Sciences, which the Baker-Polito Administration committed \$75 million to the project. He noted the administration's announcement of \$73 million in capital funding for improvements to the Liberal Arts Building and Campus Center at UMass Dartmouth. He commented on the state budget, which more than funded the University's request and included targeted funding financial aid, mental health services, and the endowment incentive program.

President Meehan stated that System Chancellor Newman will discuss new data concerning the post-graduation lives of UMass students, and report on the early college initiative, and a system-wide, multi-campus, collaboration-driven effort to secure major National Science Foundation grants. He also noted the announcement of a Mass General Brigham (MGB) and UMass Global \$5 million initiative designed to prepare 1,000 unemployed and underemployed, individuals to serve as MGB front-line healthcare workers.

Vice Chair Scheibel welcomed the Student Trustees and Chancellor Chen.

System Chancellor for Academic Programs Report

System Chancellor Newman welcomed the new Provosts from UMass Amherst and Dartmouth, Tricia Serio and Hanchen Huang, to the Committee.

System Chancellor Newman reported on the pilot early college program, the Commonwealth Collegiate Academy of the University of Massachusetts and thanked the Baker-Polito administration, Secretary Peyser, and the legislature for their support and commitment. She thanked Chancellors Chen and Fuller, and their teams for launching the program. She also reported on the upcoming system-wide congress focused on student retention being held on the Amherst campus, and her team's engagement with all of the campuses in preparing National Science Foundation proposals for regional economic development engines.

Discussion Item: Employment, Earnings and Destinations of UMass Graduates, Doc. T22-043

Vice Chair Scheibel reported that the discussion focuses on Employment, Earnings and Destinations of UMass Graduates. She called on System Chancellor Newman to begin the discussion.

System Chancellor Newman provided the background for the discussion on the impact of a UMass education on the employment, earnings, and residency of UMass graduates over time. She then introduced Ismael Carreras, the Chief Data Strategist and Director for Academic Affairs and Economic Development, to present on the data for UMass students five years after graduation.

Mr. Carreras discussed the findings of the U.S. Census Bureau outcomes data focusing on the five-year data on the employment rate among UMass Graduates, earnings after graduation, and the percentage of UMass graduates working in the state, focusing on the 2010-2012 cohorts. Provost Flotte discussed data for bio sciences students. Brief discussion ensued.

Action Item #1: Appointments to Named Professorships and Endowed Chairs, UMass Amherst, Lowell, Chan Medical School, Doc. T22-044

Vice Chair Scheibel asked for a motion to approve the Appointments to Named Professorships and Endowed Chairs at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Lowell, and Chan Medical School. The motion was moved by Trustee Ramos Gagliardi and seconded by Trustee Lewis.

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Michael Zink for the title of Paros Professor of Geophysical Sensing Systems in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, contingent on the establishment at the September 21, 2022 Committee on Administration and Finance of the Paros Professor of Geophysical Sensing Systems in the College of Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor George Milne for the title of Edward D. Shirley '78 Endowed Professorship in the Department of Marketing at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the renewal appointment of Professor Carol Barry for the title of the Mark and Elisia Saab Endowed Professorship for two years at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

And further, To concur with the President in the renewal appointment of Associate Professor Gulden Camci-Unal for the title of the Robert and Gail Ward Endowed Professor in Biomedical Materials Development (Ward Professorship) for a two-year term at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

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- And further, To concur with the President in the renewal appointment of Associate Professor Comfort Enah for the title of the Donna Manning Endowed Chair for Nursing for a three-year term at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.
- And further, To concur with the President in the renewal appointment of Professor Joey Mead for the title of the David and Frances Pernick Endowed Nanotechnology Professor (Pernick Professorship) for a two-year term at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Sandra B. Richtermeyer to the inaugural Rist Family Foundation Endowed Deanship in the Manning School of Business at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.
- And further, To concur with the President in the renewal appointment of Professor James Sherwood for the title of the Howard P. Foley Endowed Professor for a two-year term at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.
- And further, To concur with the President in the renewal appointment of Professor Margaret Sobkowicz-Kline for the title of the James V. Dandeneau Endowed Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Andres Schanzer to the Cutler Chair in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, contingent on the establishment at the September 21, 2022 Committee on Administration and Finance of the Cutler Chair in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Sharon Cantor to the Gladys Smith Martin Chair of Oncology at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

Provosts Serio, Hartman and Flotte spoke to the appointments.

The Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Vice Chair Scheibel voted for the motion as did Trustees Berry, Epstein, Lechowicz, Okwara, Osterhaus-Houle, Ramos Gagliardi; and Mr. Moreau representing Trustee Peyser.

Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Scheibel asked for a motion to place the Action Item on a Consent Agenda for the Board meeting on September 22nd. The motion was moved by Trustee Ramos Gagliardi and seconded by Trustee Okwara to place the Action Items on a Consent Agenda.

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The Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Vice Chair Scheibel voted for the motion as did Trustees Berry, Epstein, Lechowicz, Okwara, Osterhaus-Houle, Ramos Gagliardi; and Mr. Moreau representing Trustee Peyser.

System Chancellor Newman acknowledged Sandra Torres from the Office of the General Counsel for her extraordinary work with the international/immigration programs for the University. Ms. Torres is leaving the University this week.

Executive Session Announcement

Vice Chair Scheibel 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, UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth; Awards of Tenure, UMass Chan Medical School; Transfer of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Dartmouth; and Honorary Degrees, UMass Amherst, Dartmouth, Lowell, and Chan Medical School. She announced that the Committee would not reconvene in open session. The motion was moved and seconded.

The Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Vice Chair Scheibel voted for the motion as did Trustees Berry, Epstein, Lechowicz, Okwara, Osterhaus-Houle, Ramos Gagliardi; and Mr. Moreau representing Trustee Peyser.

Vice Chair Scheibel 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 11:03 a.m.

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Secretary to the Board of Trustees