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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, November 15, 2005; 4:00 p.m.

University of Massachusetts

Massachusetts Room

Mullins Center

Amherst, Massachusetts

Trustees Present: Chair Karam; Trustees Armstrong, Austin, Carlin, Cassel, DiBiaggio, Dubilo, King-Shaw, Longo, Louis, Mahoney, Makrez, O'Shea, Pearl and Silver

Trustees Absent: Vice Chair White; Trustees Boyle, Hyppolite, Kennedy, McCarthy, Rainey and Sheridan

University Administration: President Wilson; General Counsel O'Malley; Vice Presidents Chmura, Gray, Julian, Lenhardt and Motley; Senior Vice President Williams; Associate Vice President Harrington; Chancellors Lombardi, Collins, MacCormack, Hogan and Lazare; Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Hatch

Faculty Representatives: Professors May and O'Connor, UMASS Amherst; Professors Ashrafi and Tirrell, UMASS Boston; Ms. Gibbs, UMASS Dartmouth; Professor Carter, UMASS Lowell

Guests: Robert Brandon, Principal, SDA Consulting Firm; Larry Chan and Patrick Tedesco, Chan Krieger & Associates; Ed Tsoi, Principal, Tsoi/Kobus & Associates

Chair Karam convened the meeting at 4:32 p.m. and asked for the **President's Report**. In consideration of the late hour President Wilson dispensed of his remarks.

Chair Karam introduced today's agenda item, **Facilities Master Plans, UMASS Amherst, Dartmouth and Worcester**. Vice Chancellor Hatch from the Amherst campus reported on the contract that is underway with SDA Consulting Firm to help the campus update its Master Plan. She then introduced Robert Brandon, Principal, SDA Consulting Firm to brief the Committee on the Master Plan for the Amherst Campus.

Mr. Brandon reported on the plans for the Amherst campus. Since 1993 there has been a continuum of master plan studies with a number of common themes: there needs to be better definitions of campus gateway, a need to intensify land use particularly in the core of the campus, a need to minimize particular pedestrian conflicts, and there is a need to improve upon open spaces and the parking issue on campus. A positive result from the plan which began in the 1990's is that the campus now has definitive guidelines for site planning. The current campus landscaping improvement plan (CLIP) has several key goals: 1) to create a safe and efficient

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vehicular pedestrian environment; 2) to update the previous Land Use Plan; and 3) to provide an overall physical and landscape environment that attracts the finest faculty, students, and staff possible.

Chancellor MacCormack reported that the Dartmouth campus has not had a Facilities Master Plan for the past thirty years. Developing a Facilities Master Plan has been a two-year process. A Facilities Master Plan is a compilation of the facility-related needs and aspirations of the campus; it is an analysis of the existing buildings, roads, parking, and the landscaping in the system that report on the state of your facility. It is also a set of guiding principles.

Chancellor MacCormack indicated that the priorities for the Dartmouth campus are research building extension, expanding academic space by consolidating the facilities operations into one building freeing up space for academic purposes, major classroom renovation projects and lab renovation projects, systems upgrades; health safety and compliance issues must also be addressed. Chancellor MacCormack then introduced Larry Chan and Patrick Tedesco from Chan Krieger & Associates.

Mr. Chan of Chan Krieger & Associates provided a summary of the Master Plan for the Dartmouth campus noting that growth and technology are elements that impact a facility, and there are various standards of assessing a facility over time.

Chancellor Lazare reported that Worcester's master plan is for the main campus. Mr. Ed Tsoi, Principal, Tsoi/Kobus & Associates reported on the master plan for the Worcester campus noting that there are three parts to a master plan: 1) understanding the amount of square footage needed for each of the uses on the campus; 2) obtaining land to build on; and 3) the phasing and timing of a plan are critical.

Chair Karam asked the Chancellors to provide their top four or five campus priorities, and provide their five to seven year campus priority outlook. He asked President Wilson to follow-up with the Chancellors and to report back to the Board their list of priorities.

Trustee Carlin asked about an update on the Recreation Center at the Amherst campus. Chair Karam indicated that a presentation on the Recreation Center will take place at tomorrow's breakfast meeting.

Chair Karam then announced that the Committee would enter into **Executive Session** to consider a matter of **Litigation**.

He indicated that the Committee would not reconvene in Open Session.

It was moved, seconded and

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VOTED: To enter into **Executive Session** for the purpose of considering a matter of **Litigation.**

Chair Karam voted for the motion as did Trustees Armstrong, Austin, Carlin, Cassel, DiBiaggio, Dubilo, King-Shaw, Mahoney, O'Shea and Pearl.

The time was 5:53 p.m.

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