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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, May 5, 2008; 12:30 p.m.
The Fine Dining Room
225 Franklin Street – 33rd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts**

Trustees Present: Chairman Manning; Vice Chair King-Shaw; Trustees Boyle, Braceras, Carlin, Collins, DiBiaggio (via conference call), Johnston, Lawton, Nath, Osterhaus-Houle (via conference call), Pearl, Rego, Thomas and Tocco

Trustees Absent: Vice Chair Karam; Trustees Beatrice, Endich, Kulenovic, MacAfee, O’Shea and Thompson

University Administration: President Wilson; General Counsel Bench; Chancellors Cole, Motley, MacCormack, Meehan and Collins; Executive Vice President Julian; Senior Vice President Williams; Vice Presidents Connolly, Lenhardt and Smith; Associate Vice President Harrington; Mr. MacKenzie, Executive Director, Building Authority

Faculty Representatives: Professor May, UMass Amherst; Ms. Gibbs, Librarian, UMass Dartmouth

Guest: Dr. Robert C. Holub

Chairman Manning convened the meeting at 12:35 p.m. and thanked the Trustees for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend today’s special meeting.

Chairman Manning called on President Wilson for the **President’s Report**. President Wilson reported on his intention to recommend that Robert C. Holub be nominated and approved as the next Chancellor of UMass Amherst.

Dr. Holub is both a renowned scholar and a proven administrator, and has the intelligence, vision, and skills to lead the flagship campus at Amherst and is a distinguished academic well-suited to lead the vibrant community of faculty scholars at UMass Amherst.

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Before assuming his current post as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Tennessee flagship in Knoxville, Dr. Holub spent more than 20 years at UC Berkeley, where he served as the Dean of the Undergraduate Division of the College of Arts and Letters. Before accepting the post of Dean, he chaired the German Department. Under his leadership, the department was ranked the best in its field by the National Research Council. He has published and lectured extensively and will be at home among Amherst's scholars, researchers, scientists and students.

Dr. Holub's leadership at UC Berkeley speaks to his mastery of large complex organizations. While there he led initiatives to increase access for undergraduate students to senior faculty and improve advising. Dr. Holub also facilitated dialogue about mutual accountability for faculty, students, and staff at Berkeley. He has been a vigorous advocate for graduate education and research.

As Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Dr. Holub is the chief academic officer of one of the nation's highly-regarded, nationally ranked public universities. He has reporting to him nine academic colleges on the Knoxville campus, the instructional programs of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the University Library, the Success Center, Enrollment Services, and the Chancellor's Honors Program. He has initiated a rigorous strategic planning initiative for the campus and has focused the UT community on important issues including retention, access, and diversity.

The University has found a chancellor candidate who is passionate about public higher education, serious about his commitment to access and accountability, and ready to bring the flagship campus to new heights.

The Search Committee, led by Trustee and UMass Amherst alumna Jennifer Braceras did a truly outstanding job, not only in selecting highly qualified candidates, but also in seeking wide-ranging consultation from so many constituencies during this process.

The Committee held an unprecedented number of public input sessions with faculty, staff, students and administrators, as well as other UMass stakeholders. They heard from alumni and donors, elected officials, and community leaders, and their participation helped inform the Committee's thinking and strengthened the search process.

President Wilson thanked Trustee Braceras and the other members of the Search Committee, including Kathleen Mitchell, Vice Chair of the Committee and President of the Amherst Alumni Association and in attendance today, for their hard work and dedication and read their names into the record so that they can be publicly acknowledged for their hard work and diligence. In addition to Jennifer Braceras, the membership included:

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Vice Chair: Kathleen Mitchell, President, UMass Amherst Alumni Association; UMass Amherst Class of 1979
Marilyn Billings, Chair, Faculty Rules Committee, Library
Professor John Brigham, Political Science
Paul J. Carney, UMass Amherst Class of 1982. UMass Amherst Foundation Board
Dean Priscilla Clarkson, Dean of Commonwealth College
A. Edward Cutting, Doctoral Candidate, School of Education, UMass Amherst Class of 2009
John A. DiBiaggio, Trustee, University of Massachusetts
Grace K. Fey, UMass Amherst Foundation Board
Heriberto Flores, UMass Amherst Class of 1973, 1991 M.Ed
Dr. Mary Grant, President, Massachusetts College of the Liberal Arts
Eugene M. Isenberg, UMass Amherst Class of 1950, President, University of Massachusetts Foundation
James R. Julian, Jr., Executive Vice President, University of Massachusetts
James J. Karam, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, University of Massachusetts, Class of 1971 UMass Dartmouth
Ruben J. King-Shaw, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, University of Massachusetts
Dr. Aaron Lazare, Chancellor Emeritus, University of Massachusetts Medical School
Robert B. McCarthy, Trustee Emeritus, Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts
Professor Barbara A. Osborne, Veterinary and Animal Sciences
Professor Max Page, President Massachusetts Society of Professors, Art
Robert K. Sheridan, Trustee Emeritus, University of Massachusetts Foundation member and UMass Building Authority member
Professor Shaw Hsu, Polymer Science
Joseph C. Sullivan, UMass Amherst Class of 1981
Henry M. Thomas, III, Trustee and Chair of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
Ruth Thompson, Student Trustee, UMass Amherst Class of 2008
Dr. Marcellette G. Williams, Senior Vice President Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and International Relations, University of Massachusetts

There was then a round of applause.

President Wilson concluded his report by expressing his admiration and heart-felt gratitude to Chancellor Thomas Cole, who has been a seasoned, steady, and successful leader for UMass during these past eight months. The University owes Chancellor Cole tremendous thanks, and asked the University to join him in extending our sincere appreciation for his service. We will be honoring him for his contributions in the coming weeks.

Under the **Chair's Report**, Chairman Manning expressed his confidence that Dr. Holub will work to bring the highest standards and the very best practices to the Amherst campus, citing his academic and research excellence.

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He thanked the members of the Search Committee and Trustee Braceras for leading the search with grace, dignity and professionalism. There was a round of applause.

Chairman Manning called on Trustee Braceras who thanked the members of the Search Committee and praised the process and the outcome. Trustee Braceras expressed particular gratitude for the hard work of Assistant Vice President and UMass Amherst alumna Susan Kelly who staffed the Search. Trustee Braceras stressed that Ms. Kelly is a valuable and important asset to the University.

It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: Upon recommendation of the President, to appoint Robert C. Holub as Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Amherst at a salary with terms to be determined by the President in consultation with the individual members of the Compensation Committee.

And further,

To commend and thank the Chairman and members of the Chancellor's Search Committee for their time and effort and commitment in the search for a Chancellor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst:

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Chancellor-Elect Holub joined the meeting to a round of applause and thanked the Search Committee, the Search Firm, President Wilson, the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Cole. He indicated that it is a great honor to be the incoming Chancellor of the Amherst campus and stressed the importance of public higher education.

Dr. Holub stated that an investment in public higher education is a great investment for any state to make and the returns are numerous. He described the Amherst campus as the best public research campus in New England and intends to take it to a higher level of excellence.

He asked for the support of the Board, the President, the Chancellors, donors, legislators, the Governor and the citizens of the Commonwealth and thanked the Board for their confidence in his ability to do the job.

There was another round of applause and the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Barbara F. DeVico
Secretary to the Board of Trustees