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

**Wednesday, May 25, 2011; 12:00 p.m.**  
**Amherst Room**  
**225 Franklin Street – 33rd Floor**  
**Boston, Massachusetts**

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Thomas; Vice Chair DiBiaggio; Trustees Braceras, Fox, Furman, Lampert, Peters, Reid, Reville and Woolridge

**Committee Members Absent:** Trustees Johnston, King-Shaw, Osterhaus-Houle, Santos and Tocco

**University Administration:** President Wilson, Senior Vice Presidents Gray and Williams, General Counsel Heatwole; Dr. Udas, CEO, UMassOnline; Chancellors Holub, Motley, MacCormack, Meehan and Collins; Provosts Langley, Garro and Abdelal; Vice Provost Martin, UMass Amherst; Executive Deputy Chancellor/Provost Flotte; Associate Vice President Harrington; Dean Gelaye

**Faculty Representatives:** Professors Adrion and May, UMass Amherst; Professor Tirrell, UMass Boston; Ms. Gibbs, UMass Dartmouth; Professor Buzawa, UMass Lowell

Chair Thomas convened the meeting at 12:04 p.m. and congratulating those who have or will be graduating, particularly the student Trustees.

Chair Thomas then asked for a motion to **Consider the Minutes of the Prior Meeting of the Committee.**

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To approve the minutes of the February 9, 2011 meeting of the Committee.

The next item was **The President's Report.** President Wilson noted that this would be his last meeting and thanked the Committee and the Chair for the outstanding job it has done. The President remarked that he had been through two graduations ceremonies so far this year, with three more to go. He felt that this year's graduations have been the best that he has experienced.

The President congratulated the Class of 2011. The President noted that the agenda had a number of tenure cases for consideration. The tenure cases speak to the fact that faculty are first

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class. It is most timely and fitting to acknowledge the extraordinary faculty with whom our graduates have studied and who have contributed significantly to UMass being designated as #19 in the Times of London Higher Education reputational rankings in teaching and research.

President Wilson again thanked students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends for contributing to making The University of Massachusetts an even better place for all who come after you. The faculty of The University of Massachusetts are exceptional, and our students are the beneficiaries of learning with these engaged, passionate, pioneering research scholars. We appreciate the support of our Alumni, staff and Friends of the University and celebrate the accomplishments of our students and faculty. Thank you all for making the University of Massachusetts an even better place for all who come after you.

**Senior Vice President Williams Opened her Remarks** by adding her congratulations to the new alumni. We pledge to be good stewards for your alma mater. Our #19 reputational ranking and #56 comprehensive ranking are both significant indicators of demonstrated excellence.

At the beginning of the last decade, the University experienced a low point in the cycle of its growth due to external and internal pressures. In response, it developed a set of priorities designed to guide its recovery and growth. Among those priorities was a commitment to enhance the student learning experience and a determination to renew the faculty. With a firm commitment to rebuild the faculty and strive for strategic growth, the University has, indeed, enjoyed tremendous advancement in its profile and its indicators in almost every dimension.

The University's mission is to provide an affordable and accessible education of high quality and to conduct programs of research and public service that advance knowledge and improve the lives of the people of the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world.

Chair Thomas asked Trustee Reville to share a few words with respect to the Secretary's and Governor's office. Trustee Reville said that they have been preoccupied with the budget which is not what we would hope for but seems to be manageable. We are particularly interested in the Performance Management fund that tracks with the Vision Project. The Governor continues to push for health care reform to free up resources that can be spent on other areas such as education. There is joint work going on between sectors. There is a focus on early literacy with focus on literary proficiency by grade 3. We are also doing work on college and career readiness. The vision project itself is going forward and being well received. We are also working hard on connection between community colleges and current and potential employers. The readiness centers are receiving funding from the Race to The Top grant that will link public higher education and K-12 system.

Chair Thomas then reviewed the agenda.

The first action item was the **Appointment to Named Professorship, UMass Amherst**. Vice Provost Martin commented on Professor Gerstel's qualifications for the position.

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It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Naomi Gerstel as Distinguished Professor, Department of Sociology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. (Doc. T11-048)

The next item was **Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct, UMass Amherst.** Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students Enku Gelaye reviewed the changes made and the process followed for the revision.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the revisions to the Code of Student Conduct at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as contained in Doc. T94-059, as amended.

Executive Deputy Chancellor/Provost Flotte presented the **Student Government Alliance Constitution and By-Laws, UMass Worcester.** When Worcester took students in 1970, there was only one school and one student representative body. There are now three schools and each school has a student body group but there was not an overarching student governance group. The Student Government Alliance oversaw the latest election of student Trustee for next year and for the first time, the student Trustee will be from a school other than the School of Medicine.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the Student Government Alliance Constitution and By-Laws at the University of Massachusetts Worcester as contained in Doc. T11-033.

The next item was **BA in Linguistics and Spanish and a BA in Linguistics and Portuguese, UMass Amherst.** Vice Provost Martin discussed the quality of the Linguistics Department, regarded by peers around the world as one of the best programs. The proposed Linguistics programs address key goals for the campus and the system.

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It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the BA in Linguistics and Spanish at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as contained in Doc. T11-034.

And further, To approve the BA in Linguistics and Portuguese at the University of Massachusetts as contained in Doc. T11-034.

The next item was **Master of Public Policy, UMass Amherst**. This is a graduate focus program keeping with the campus goal of increasing graduate students. It is a common degree at world class universities.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the Master of Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as contained in Doc. T11-016.

The next item was **PhD in Business Administration, UMass Boston**. Provost Langley reported that this program looks at business in the context of change.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the PhD in Business Administration at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T11-036.

The next item was **PhD in Global Governance and Human Security, UMass Boston**. Provost Langley and Professor Craig Murphy spoke of the demand from those who have Master's degrees and are teaching outside the United States and want a degree in the United States.

Trustee Reville had a question about the balance between developing a cadre of global leaders and researchers who can inform global governance. Provost Langley responded that there is a focus on both but developing scholar leaders to help re-shape societies in which we find ourselves.

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It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the PhD in Global Governance and Human Security at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T11-037.

The next item was **BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering, UMass Boston.** Provost Langley reported that this is a program basic to the University; the campus has wanted to move in this direction over the years.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T11-038.

The next item was **MS and PhD in Engineering and Applied Sciences, UMass Dartmouth.** Provost Garro stated that this program is an important component of the campus strategic plan and will bring faculty from 8 departments together.

Vice Chair DiBiaggio asked if there is an assumption that the program will cover itself? Provost Garro responded that it is not totally budget neutral but is part of the strategic investment in growing doctoral programs; Chancellor MacCormack concurred.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the MS and PhD in Engineering and Applied Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth as contained in Doc. T11-039.

The next item was **PhD in Business Administration, UMass Lowell.** Provost Abdelal reported that this program and the Global Studies program is part of a strategy to think of programmatic development in portfolio approach. Some bring small dollar amounts but others bring higher revenues.

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It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the PhD in Business Administration at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T11-040.

The next item was **PhD in Global Studies, UMass Lowell**. This program is complimentary to the program at UMass Boston. The Lowell faculty met with colleagues from Boston and saw the strengths in each program.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the PhD in Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T11-041.

The next item was **MS in Autism Studies, UMass Lowell**. This program is a very important need and critical area for training in behavioral interventions and should be a significant revenue generator.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the MS in Autism Studies at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T11-042.

The next item was **MS in Accounting, UMass Lowell**. This program will be a revenue generating degree and will help students become a certified public accountant.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the MS in Accounting at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T11-043.

There was an Informational Item, the Final Report of the Study Commission on the Pharmacy School. President Wilson and three of the Provosts have been actively involved with this issue. The Report is positive toward the establishment of certain pharmacy programs at the University. The Report has gone to the Legislature but no response is expected.

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Professor May questioned the financial implications of this program. Due to no new national demand for pharmacists, why are we investing in this one? Chancellor Meehan complimented the Provosts on the collaborative spirit involved and stated that there is a valid economic argument to be made about this program.

Chancellor Holub noted that financial aid has increased at the campus level due to the economic situation but this may not be as necessary in the future to give 33% to financial aid. Fees and tuition are paying for the faculty but you have to build the administration and faculty before you can begin admitting students.

Senior Vice President Williams commented that the Commission Group was complimentary of Dr. Pat Plummer in staffing the Group; President Wilson concurred.

Chair Thomas then announced that the Committee would enter into **Executive Session** pursuant to MGL Chapter 75, Section 4, to consider **Appointments with Tenure, UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Worcester, Awards of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Worcester and Transfer of Tenure, UMass Amherst and Dartmouth.**

The Committee will not reconvene in Open Session; the Secretary will call the Roll.

It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** To enter into **Executive Session** pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, s. 21(6), for the purpose of considering **Appointments with Tenure, UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Worcester, Awards of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Worcester and Transfer of Tenure, UMass Amherst and Dartmouth.**

Chair Thomas voted for the motion as did Vice Chair DiBiaggio, Trustees Braceras, Fox, Lampert, Peters, Reville and Woolridge.

The time was 2:11 p.m.

Barbara F. DeVico  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees