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

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

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Thomas; Vice Chair DiBiaggio; Trustees Furman, Kennedy, Osterhaus-Houle, Peters, Reville, Schock and Weismann

**Committee Members Absent:** Trustees Baldassarre and King-Shaw

**University Administration:** President Caret; Senior Vice Presidents Gray and Williams; Chancellors Holub, Motley, MacCormack, Meehan and Collins

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

**Document Used: Alcohol Initiatives: Campus Prevention, Education and Response Plans,**  
**Doc. T11-010.**

Chair Thomas convened the meeting 12:06 p.m. He welcomed all to the new academic year and specifically welcomed each of the four new student Trustees. He noted that this was the first Committee on Academic and Student Affairs meeting for President Caret.

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 May 25, 2011 meeting of the Committee.

President Caret then addressed the Committee and noted the excitement connected with the start of a new academic year. He emphasized his interest in both student success and the student experience. He asked each Chancellor to speak about the themes of their new student orientations and convocations underway or just completed on the campuses. The Chancellors summarized the events and programs held on their respective campuses.

Senior Vice President Williams then addressed the Committee. She welcomed students and faculty and returning students and faculty to the 2011/2012 academic year. She noted that research extensive public universities, in particular, must demonstrate once again a return on the public's investment, ensuring the nation's economic and intellectual competitiveness and sustained growth for the long term. Senior Vice President Williams stated that faculty at the

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University of Massachusetts are scholars, innovators and problem solvers who also care deeply about their students and they inculcate in students habits of mind for exploring new knowledge and for imaginative problem-solving which will prepare them to contribute more fully to the Commonwealth.

Trustee Reville addressed the Committee with respect to the Secretary's and Governor's Offices. Trustee Reville welcomed President Caret and noted the announced retirement following many years of excellent service by Jean McCormack as Chancellor of the Dartmouth campus and her many prior years of important work. He noted that September is designated as Education Month by Governor Patrick and that six new Trustees have been appointed by the Governor.

Chair Thomas then asked the Provosts to present the agenda's action items.

Provost Staros requested the **Appointment of Professor Leonce Ndikumana as the First Holder of the Andrew Glyn Professorship in Economics, UMass Amherst.** Chair Thomas asked for questions or discussion and 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 Leonce Ndikumana as of the First Holder of the Andrew Glyn Professorship in Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. (Doc. T11-060)

Provost Abdelal spoke on behalf of the **Appointment of Professor Arno Rafael Minkkinen to the Nancy Donahue Professorship in the Arts at, UMass Lowell.** Chair Thomas asked for questions or discussion.

Provost Flotte spoke in support of three **Appointments to Named Professorships at UMass Worcester,** including: Professor Julia Andrieni to the Joy McCann Professorship for Women in Medicine; Professor Jeremy Luban to the David J. Frelander Memorial Professorship in Aids Research; and Professor Melissa J. Moore to the Eleanor Eustis Farrington Chair in Cancer Research.

Chair Thomas asked for questions or discussion and it was moved, seconded, and

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

To concur with the President in the appointments of Professor Arno Rafael Minkkinen to the Nancy Donahue Professorship in the Arts at UMass Lowell and, at UMass Worcester, Professor Julia Andrieni to the Joy McCann Professorship for Women in Medicine, Professor Jeremy Luban to the David J. Frelander Memorial Professorship in Aids Research, and Professor Melissa J. Moore to the

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Eleanor Eustis Farrington Chair in Cancer Research (Doc. T11-064)

Deputy Chancellor/Provost Flotte explained the need for **Revisions to the Graduate Medical Education Personnel Policy at UMass Worcester** to permit transfer students entering in year three to be given six months from entry to pass the USMLE Step 3 requirement.

Chair Thomas asked for questions or discussion. It was moved, seconded, and

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

To approve the revisions to the Graduate Medical Education Personnel Policy as contained in Doc. T00-024, as amended.

Chair Thomas next provided his remarks on **Alcohol Initiatives: Campus Prevention, Education and Response Plans** (Doc. T11-010) by Student Affairs representatives from the campuses. He noted that services to the whole student are vital to their persisting and graduating and his interest in having student issues presented to this Committee. The prevention of misuse of alcohol, educated responsible use, and appropriate responses to incidents are important as students thrive and become alums and good citizens.

Presenters Associate Dean for Student Affairs Mai-Lan Rogoff, UMass Worcester; Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs David Milstone UMass Dartmouth; Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Patrick Day, UMass Boston; Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life Jean Kim, UMass Amherst described their comprehensive approaches to this national issue tailored to their specific student demographics by sharing components of mandatory education, student life programming, and best practice activities. The accompanying document provided significant information and data regarding these issues.

Chair Thomas then asked the Committee to 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, UMass Boston, UMass Worcester, Awards of Tenure, UMass Amherst, UMass Worcester, and Consideration of Executive Committee Minutes from May 25, 2011.**

It was moved and second and the Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no to an Executive Session for those purposes as listed: Chair Thomas and Vice Chair DiBiaggio voted for the motion as did Trustees Furman, Osterhaus-Houle, Peters, Reville and Schock.

The time was 2:09 p.m.

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Barbara F. DeVico  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees