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

**Wednesday, November 16, 2011; 11:00 a.m.**  
**Amherst Room**  
**225 Franklin Street – 33rd Floor**  
**Boston, Massachusetts**

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Thomas; Vice Chair DiBiaggio; Trustees Baldassarre, Carpman, Furman, Kennedy, Lee, Peters, Schock, Tarr, Weismann and Xifaras; Chairman Karam

**Committee Members Absent:** Trustees Osterhaus-Houle, Reville and King-Shaw

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

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

**Documents Used:** Graduate Student Senate Constitution, UMass Dartmouth, Doc. T11-065.  
AQAD, Doc. T11-081.  
PMYR, Doc. T11-082.  
Fall, 2011 Admissions and Enrollment Preliminary Report, T11-083.

Chair Thomas convened the meeting at 11:17 a.m. He welcomed Trustees Carpman, Lee and Xifaras to the Committee and stated that Academic Affairs and Student Affairs are given equal attention on the Committee.

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 September 12, 2011 meeting of the Committee.

President Caret then addressed the Committee and reported on recent conversations with Commissioner Freeland and Secretary Reville about the amount of new programs that appear to be duplicates of existing programs. President Caret explained that the programs were based on need and were complementary, not competing.

President Caret then noted that it is International Education Week and asked each Chancellor to give an example of International activities on each campus. The Chancellors provided examples of international programs and events on their respective campuses.

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Trustee Weisman addressed the Committee with a request for an information item about the social and psychological support systems offered by the campuses. Chair Thomas requested that a report from student affairs offices at the campuses be provided at a future meeting.

Associate Provost for Graduate Studies, Alex Fowler requested the Approval of the Graduate Student Senate Constitution, UMass Dartmouth. Chair Thomas asked for questions or discussion and it was moved, seconded and

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

To approve the Graduate Student Senate Constitution, UMass Dartmouth. (Doc. T11-065)

Chair Thomas then requested that Senior Vice President Williams provide her remarks on the Academic Quality Assessment and Development/AQAD (T11-081) and the Periodic Multi-Year Review/PMYR (T11-082). Senior Vice President Williams stated that there are policies and procedures in place to ensure ongoing quality of faculty. She asked the Provosts to discuss the use and role of AQAD and PMYR on their campus.

Provost James Staros, UMass Amherst; Provost Winston Langley, UMass Boston; Provost Anthony Garro, UMass Dartmouth; Provost Ahmed Abdelal, UMass Lowell; and Provost Terrence Flotte, UMass Worcester, each explained the purpose of these reports and the value for the faculty and campus in terms of quality control and assessment practices. The background documents provided a summary of the information and data provided in the reports.

Chair Thomas then requested that Senior Vice President Williams provide her remarks on the information item: Fall 2011 Admissions and Enrollment Preliminary Report (Doc. T11-083). Senior Vice President Williams reminded the Committee that the report was preliminary and cautioned that IPEDs recent change of category definitions may make some numbers for the current year appear drastically different than the preceding year.

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 Dartmouth, Transfers of Tenure, UMass Dartmouth, Honorary Degrees, UMass Amherst, UMass Boston, UMass Dartmouth, UMass Lowell, and UMass Worcester, and Consideration of Executive Session Committee Minutes from May 25, 2011.

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It was moved and second and the Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no to enter into Executive Session for those purposes as listed: Chair Thomas and Vice Chair DiBiaggio voted for the motion as did Trustees Carpman, Furman, Lee, Peters, Schock, Tarr and Xifaras and Chairman Karam.

The time was 1:08 p.m.

Barbara F. DeVico  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees