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

Wednesday, January 25, 2012; 12:00 noon
Amherst Room
225 Franklin Street – 33rd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts

Committee Members Present: Chair Thomas; Vice Chair DiBiaggio; Trustees Baldassarre, Carpman, Lee, Osterhaus-Houle, Schock, Tarr, Weismann and Xifaras; Ms. Lee, Secretary Reville's Representative

Committee Members Absent: Trustees Furman, Kennedy, King-Shaw, Peters and Reville

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

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

Documents Used: Graduate Student Senate Constitution, Doc. T12-001
Appointment to Named Professorship, UMass Boston, Doc. T12-002
M.S. in Information Technology, UMass Lowell, Doc. T12-003
B.A. in Communication, UMass Boston, T12-008
Student Life: Health, Wellness and Support Issues and Initiatives,
Doc. T12-004

Chair Thomas convened the meeting at 12:11 p.m. and 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 November 16, 2011 meeting of the Committee and the Executive Session minutes of the November 16, 2011 meeting.

Reports:

Chair Thomas welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda that includes three action items and a discussion item. The Chair will then ask for a vote for the Committee to enter into Executive Session to consider Appointments with Tenure, UMass Boston, UMass Lowell, Award of Tenure, UMass Worcester and Transfer of Tenure, UMass Lowell.

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President's Report:

The President reported the University's engagement in multiple assessment initiatives, including Complete College America and the LEAP state proposal to be submitted by the Department of Higher Education. These are illustrations of how the University is satisfying its mission to produce an educated citizenry. President Caret noted that each of the campuses have multiple examples of excellence in education, research and service and cited instances from each campus.

Chair Thomas then noted that the Department of Higher Education has approved the UMass Lowell programs which had been under review.

Senior Vice President's Report:

Senior Vice President Wilson addressed the Committee and reported on her successful trip to Liberia where she represented the University at the second Presidential Inauguration of Nobel Prize winner, Madame Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf. The Senior Vice President described how the efforts of faculty from UMass Worcester and UMass Boston have contributed greatly to capacity building in Liberia, earning those campuses large USAID grants to continue their work.

Action Items:

Vice Chancellor Kim, UMass Amherst, requested the **Approval of the Graduate Student Senate Constitution, 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 approve the Graduate Student Senate Constitution of the University of Massachusetts Amherst as contained in Doc. T12-001.

Provost Langley, UMass Boston, requested the **Appointment to a Named Professorship, UMass Boston**. 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 John Krolewski to the Alton J. Brann Distinguished Professorship in Science and Mathematics at the University of Massachusetts Boston. (Doc. T12-002).

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Provost Abdelal, UMass Lowell, requested the **Approval of the M.S. in Information Technology (MSIT), UMass Lowell.** 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 M.S. in Information Technology (MSIT) at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T12-003.

Provost Langley, UMass Boston, requested the **Approval of the B.A. in Communication, UMass Boston.** Chair Thomas asked for questions or discussion. A motion was made to amend the vote to spell Communication without the “s”. This was seconded, and approved, and it was then moved, seconded and

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

To approve the B.A. in Communication at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T12-008.

Discussion Item:

Student Life: Wellness and Support Issues and Initiatives

Chair Thomas reminded the Committee that this item was requested by himself and Trustee Weismann at the last Committee meeting.

Presenters: Chancellor Holub, Vice Chancellor Kim, UMass Amherst; Chancellor Motley, Vice Chancellor Day, UMass Boston; Chancellor MacCormack, Associate Vice Chancellor Milestone, UMass Dartmouth; Chancellor Meehan, Dean Siegel, UMass Lowell.

The presentations included information about the services each campus provides to support students' health and well-being, especially in challenging circumstances. Students at UMass reflect national patterns in terms of stress and the need for counseling and other support services. Each campus has deployed its resources as best suits the student body. General themes include prevention, shared responsibilities and education and awareness.

Chair Thomas suggested that Presentations by Chancellor Collins and Associate Dean Rogoff, UMass Worcester, as well as the discussion portion of this item be continued at the next meeting.

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 Boston, UMass Lowell, Award of Tenure, UMass Worcester and Transfer of Tenure, UMass Lowell.**

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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, Lee, Osterhaus-Houle, Schock and Tarr; Representative for Secretary Reville, Lee.

The time was 1:55 p.m.

Barbara F. DeVico
Secretary to the Board of Trustees