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

**Wednesday, September 5, 2012; 12:00 noon
Amherst Room
225 Franklin Street – 33rd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts**

Committee Members Present: Chair Lee; Trustees Carpman, Encarnacion, Furman, Healy, Marvel, Osterhaus-Houle, Peters, and Quattrochi; Ms. Lee (representing Trustee Reville)

Committee Members Absent: Vice Chair DiBiaggio, Trustees Geoffroy, King-Shaw, Reville, and Xifaras

University Administration: President Caret; Senior Vice President Williams; Chancellors Collins, Grossman, Meehan, Motley and Subbaswamy; General Counsel Heatwole

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

Documents Used:

- M.A. in Security Studies AND M.S. in Security Studies, UMass Lowell, Doc. T12-052
- Ph.D. in Sociology, UMass Boston, Doc. T12-053
- Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics, UMass Boston, Doc. T12-058
- Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Worcester, Doc. T12-050
- Revisions to Graduate Student Senate Constitution, UMass Amherst, Doc. T12-001

Chair Lee convened the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

Chair's Report:

Chair Lee welcomed the new Student Trustees: Jennifer Healey, UMass Amherst; Alexis Marvel, UMass Boston, Joshua Encarnacion, UMass Dartmouth, and Brian Quattrochi, UMass Worcester. Chair Lee thanked the students for taking on this commitment and stressed the important role that they play on the Board.

Chair Lee also commented on the deeper understanding that she has gained in the last year regarding the work, effort and rigor required to prepare the materials for presentation to this Committee.

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Chair Lee stated that the Committee had been provided with draft minutes for the May 23, 2012 meeting and the Executive Session minutes of the May 23, 2012 meeting and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Reports:

President's Report:

President Caret welcomed everyone to the beginning of a new academic year and congratulated Chair Lee as the new Chair of the Committee. President Caret also welcomed new Chancellors Grossman and Subbaswamy and the new Student Trustees.

President Caret presented highlights of the new academic year. He reported that there were over 68,000 applications for first-year and transfer students which translated into a Fall 2012 incoming class of over 13,000 freshmen, reflecting the highest enrollment in history with the highest quality students. Further, he added that the new academic year is an excellent time to remind the Committee of the mission of the University: 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 in the Commonwealth, the nation and the world.

President Caret celebrated the remarkable faculty of the campuses including the work of Eleni Christofa, Assistant Professor in Civil and Environmental Engineering, UMass Amherst; Ana Lindsay, Associate Professor in the Department of Exercise and Health Science, UMass Boston; Bo Dong, Assistant Professor in Mathematics, UMass Dartmouth; Kate Saenko, Assistant Professor in Computer Science, UMass Lowell; and Michael Green, Professor in Molecular Medicine, UMass Worcester.

Senior Vice President's Report:

Senior Vice President Williams welcomed the new Trustees and congratulated Trustee Lee on her assignment as new Chair of CASA. She also welcomed new and returning students and faculty to the University and extended a special welcome to Chancellor Divina Grossman and Chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy.

Senior Vice President Williams added that with the new school year brings the hope and promise of all of the University's students who are able to experience the benefits of a research intensive environment, and its dynamic faculty and facilities, to become better citizens of the world. She added that students can find inspiration in the work of assistant professor Caitlyn Shea Butler on the Amherst campus, who has created "green latrines" to provide adequate sanitation in places like Ghana as well as the work on ALS done by Dr. Robert Brown.

Chair Lee then indicated that due to a full Board agenda and the need to keep the meeting moving forward in a constructive manner, any members of the Committee or others who wish to speak please do so through the Chair, noting that all speakers will be limited to three minutes.

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She also noted that Board of Trustees meeting guidelines restrict comments to specific agenda items (not straying into other areas that are not part of the agenda).

Action Items:

Provost Abdelal requested approval of the **M.A. in Security Studies AND the M.S. in Security Studies, UMass Lowell**. Chair Lee asked for questions or discussion. Trustee Furman asked how many other similar programs there were in the country and how the potential revenues were calculated. Provost Abdelal responded that many of the courses were already in place for other programs and that they had been adding significant faculty over the last four years and therefore no additional faculty needed to be added. Professor James Forest, Director of the proposed program, directed Trustee Furman to page 47 of the materials for other prominent programs nationwide. Chair Lee commended Professor Forest on his thorough and thoughtful responses to the comments from the outside review. It was moved and seconded:

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the M.A. in Security Studies AND the M.S. in Security Studies at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T12-052.

The Chair asked for a vote and the motion was passed unanimously.

Provost Langley requested approval of the **Ph.D. in Sociology, UMass Boston**. Chair Lee asked for questions or discussion. Ms. Lee (representing Trustee Reville) asked about the partnership with Salem State University. Provost Langley replied that they seek collaborations where appropriate and during the development of this program, Salem State expressed interest as a partner. Professor Russell Schutt, Chair of the Sociology Department, also responded that this builds on other partnerships throughout with other universities and state agencies, such as Public Health and Mental Health.

Chair Lee inquired as to whether or not the issue of expanded access to appropriate journals was settled. Provost Langley replied that it had been settled. It was moved and seconded:

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Massachusetts as contained in Doc. T12-053.

The Chair asked for a vote and the motion was passed unanimously.

Provost Langley requested approval of the **Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics, UMass Boston**. Chair Lee asked for questions or discussion. It was moved and seconded:

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To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics at the University of Massachusetts as contained in Doc. T12-058.

The Chair asked for a vote and the motion was passed unanimously.

Deputy Chancellor/Provost Terry Flotte requested approval of **Appointments to named Professorships, UMass Worcester**. Chair Lee asked for questions or discussion. It was moved and seconded:

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To concur with the President in the appointments of Allan S. Jacobson to the Gerald L. Haidak and Zelda S. Haidak Distinguished Professorship in Cell Biology at the University of Massachusetts Worcester.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Robert H. Brown, Jr. to the Leo P. and Theresa M. LaChance Chair in Medical Research at the University of Massachusetts Worcester. (Doc. T12-050)

The Chair asked for a vote and the motion was passed unanimously.

Vice Chancellor Kim requested that the Committee approve **Revisions to the Graduate Student Senate Constitution, UMass Amherst**. Chair Lee asked for questions or discussion. It was moved and seconded:

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the revisions to Graduate Student Senate Constitution at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as contained in Doc. T12-001, as amended.

The Chair asked for a vote and the motion was passed unanimously.

The Chair then asked for a motion to place the above matters on a Consent Agenda for the Board meeting. This means that the Board can approve all these items by a single vote, and that no discussion will be permitted.

It was moved and seconded to place the above matters on a Consent Agenda. The Chair called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

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Information Items:

Provost Staros from UMass Amherst reported on the **Change in Federal Rules for Reporting Diversity**. The presentation included information on the changes in categories of self-identification for reporting campus diversity, including new allowable combination categories. Provost Staros presented 2009 and 2010 data and highlighted where the new categories may be misleading when comparing the two years.

Trustee Peters provided a **Report from the Athletics Task Force** which included information on the Amherst Football team's ticket sales, revenues, and information on the new stadium. President Caret added that there have been questions regarding the Penn State situation and that he has discussed the seriousness of the topic with the Chancellors. He added that the Executive Summary from the Freeh Report on the failings at Penn State was available on BoardVantage.

Chair Lee presented the **Report from the Online Education Task Force**, on behalf of Trustee Xifaras, which included information on a recent external program review of UMassOnline. The review found it to be a strong brand and recommended reorganization for more efficiency in areas such as marketing, business model and governance.

Chair Lee 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 Dartmouth, UMass Lowell and Awards of Tenure, UMass Amherst, UMass Worcester and Transfer of Tenure, UMass Amherst.**

It was moved and seconded and the Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no to enter into Executive Session for those purposes listed: Chair Lee voted for the motion as did Trustees Carpman, Furman, Healy, Osterhaus-Houle, Peters, Quattrochi and Ms. Lee (representing Trustee Reville).

The time was 1:42 p.m.

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