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

**Wednesday, May 23, 2012; 12:00 noon
Amherst Room
225 Franklin Street – 33rd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts**

Committee Members Present: Chair Thomas; Vice Chair DiBiaggio; Trustees Baldassarre, Carpman, Kennedy, Lee, Osterhaus-Houle, Reville, Tarr, Weismann and Xifaras

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

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

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

Documents Used:

- M.S. in Exercise and Health Sciences AND Ph.D. in Exercise and Health Sciences, UMass Boston, Doc T12-023
- School for Global Inclusion and Social Development, UMass, Boston, Doc T12-029
- Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Amherst, Doc T12-024
- Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct, Doc. T94-059, as amended
- Rescind the Establishment of the Intercampus Graduate School of Marine Sciences and Technology AND Revision to Joint M.S. and Ph.D. in Marine Sciences and Technology, UMass Amherst, UMass Boston, UMass Dartmouth and UMass Lowell, Doc. T12-030

Chair Thomas convened the meeting at 12:14 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 January 25, 2012 meeting of the Committee and the Executive Session minutes of the January 25, 2012 meeting.

Reports:

Chair's Report:

Chair Thomas congratulated Trustees Kennedy and Tarr on graduating and for their service to the Board wishing them continued success.

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Chair Thomas reported that on May 14 a Welcome Breakfast/Business Leadership Reception was held for newly appointed Chancellor Subbaswamy. The Chair co-hosted the event with President Caret and was proud and excited at the intellectual energy and leadership styles exhibited as they communicated a shared vision of UMass going forward. He added that he was very proud of Dr. Divina Grossman, the newly appointed Chancellor of the Dartmouth campus.

Chair Thomas thanked Chancellor MacCormack for her hard work and many accomplishments as Chancellor, and also expressed his gratitude to Chancellor Holub for the leadership he brought to UMass Amherst.

Secretary of Education's Report:

Secretary Reville welcomed the two new Chancellors, Dr. Kumble Subbaswamy and Dr. Divina Grossman. He reported that the Governor is focusing on a good education budget and commented on the "Gateway City" program, explaining how it helped build better career paths for younger children. He added that college prep and career prep are not mutually exclusive. This is a high priority and these types of programs are needed. Governor Patrick also wished to express his excitement at the arrival of Drs. Grossman and Subbaswamy.

President's Report:

President Caret reported that two searches are underway: the search for a Vice President of Advancement, and the search for a Senior Vice President of Administration. He announced that UMass Online CEO Ken Udas is departing from the University; John Cunningham will assume the role of Interim CEO. The President reflected on some of the various initiatives undertaken by the UMass community; the 18th annual undergraduate research conference; UMass Dartmouth will take part in the "Community Engagement Summit," a distinction for their community service; UMass Lowell was awarded a \$1.6 million grant for the "You Teach" program, a program for students considering a career in teaching; UMass Worcester, developed an LNC program.

President Caret further stated he continued his "selling and telling" at various events; Merrimack Valley, Mass Medics, and the AIM event. He congratulated all graduates and thanked all faculty and staff for their continued hard work.

At the conclusion of the President's Report, Trustee Xifaras thanked Secretary Reville for bringing his message to the community about the "Gateway Cities" program. She inquired about the governance structure of community colleges, and if their governance impacted the UMass system. Secretary Reville responded that there was no impact on UMass. He reported that the community college system in Massachusetts is one of the most highly de-centralized in the nation.

Chair Thomas reported that he established an Ad Hoc Committee on Athletics, which falls under the purview of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs. The intent of this Committee is to stay abreast of compliance issues and pay attention to Title IX, as well as to

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address new issues in Athletics. The members of this committee are Trustee Peters, Chair; Trustees Lee, Osterhaus-Houle, and Chairman Karan; Chair Thomas will serve as ex-officio.

Vice President's Report:

Senior Vice President Williams expressed congratulations to the student Trustees graduating this spring, and asked that they pledge to be good stewards of their alma mater.

Action Items:

Provost Langley requested approval of the **M.S. in Exercise and Health Science AND the Ph.D. in Exercise and Health Sciences, UMass Boston**. Chair Thomas asked for questions or discussion. It was moved and seconded:

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the M.S. in Exercise and Health Sciences AND the Ph.D. in Exercise and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts as contained in Doc. T12-023.

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

Provost Langley requested approval of the **School for Global Inclusion and Social Development, UMass Boston**. Chair Thomas asked for questions or discussion. It was moved and seconded:

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To concur with the recommendation of the President and establish the School for Global Inclusion and Social Development at the University of Massachusetts Boston. (Doc. T12-029)

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

Provost Staros requested approval of **Appointments to named Professorships – UMass Amherst**. Chair Thomas 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 appointment of Molly Fitzgerald-Hayes to the Terrance Murray Commonwealth College Honors Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Steven Floyd as the

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Eugene Isenberg Professor of Integrative Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Sheldon Goldman as Distinguished Professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. (Doc. T12-024)

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

Dean Gelaye requested that the Committee approve **Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct, UMass Amherst**. Chair Thomas asked for questions or discussion. It was moved and seconded:

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.

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

Senior Vice President Williams requested approval to **Rescind the Establishment of the Intercampus Graduate School of Marine Sciences and Technology AND Revision to Joint M.S. and Ph.D. in Marine Sciences and Technology – UMass Amherst, UMass Boston, UMass Dartmouth and UMass Lowell**. Chair Thomas asked for questions or discussion. It was moved and seconded

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To rescind Doc. T00-005 to discontinue the School of Marine Sciences (named the Intercampus Graduate School of Marine Sciences and Technology when established in 2000);

And further,

To revise Doc. T01-006 by striking all text after the word “Lowell”, so that the Document as revised shall read:

“To approve the M.S. and Ph.D. in Marine Sciences and Technology as joint degree programs of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth and Lowell”. (Doc. T12-030)

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

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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.

Discussion Item:

Student Life: Wellness and Support Issues and Initiatives

Chair Thomas reminded the Committee that this was a continuation of the discussion from the last Committee meeting.

Presenters: Chancellor Collins, Dean Rogoff, UMass Worcester.

The presentation included information about the campus' outstanding enrichment services to support a healthy student experience as well as an emphasis on challenging circumstances. The Worcester campus is undergoing a campus-wide online security initiative related to social media sites and suicides.

Trustee Carpman stated that he could personally attest to the excellence at the Wellness Center at the Worcester campus.

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

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, Reville, Tarr and Xifaras.

The time was 2:10 p.m.

Zunilka Barrett
Assistant Secretary to the Board