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

Wednesday, February 13, 2013; 11:00 a.m.
Amherst Room
225 Franklin Street – 33rd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts

Committee Members Present: Chair Lee; Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle; Trustees Carpmann, Furman, Geoffroy, Peters and Quattrochi; Ms. Lee (representing Trustee Malone)

Committee Members Absent: Trustees Encarnacion, Healy, King-Shaw, Xifaras, and Marvel

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

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

Documents Used:

- M.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences AND Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences, UMass Lowell, Doc. T13-015
- Designation of the Department of Criminal Justice as the School of Criminology & Justice Studies, UMass Lowell, Doc. T13-005
- Designation of the Department of Nursing as the School of Nursing AND Renaming of the School of Health and Environment to its Original Name as the College of Health Sciences, UMass Lowell, Doc. T13-006
- Designation of the Department of Earth, Environment, and Ocean Sciences as the School for the Environment housed within the College of Science and Mathematics, UMass Boston, Doc. T13-007
- Appointment of Named Professorships, UMass Amherst, Doc. T13-008
- Appointment of the First Holder of the Dr. Eileen L. Berman and Stanley I. Berman Foundation Chair in Biomedical Research, UMass Worcester, Doc. T13-016

Chair Lee stated 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. 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).

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Chair Lee acknowledged Ms. Paige Gibbs from Dartmouth and stated that this Committee meeting would be her last as faculty representative, after 20 years of service.

Chair Lee stated that the Committee was provided with draft minutes of the November 28, 2012 meeting and the Executive Session minutes of the November 28, 2012 meeting and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Reports:

President's Report:

President Caret reported on the tuition classification policy guidance that the University has received from the Board of Higher Education regarding DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).

President Caret also highlighted significant campus achievements by students and faculty. His highlights included Worcester's Summer Undergraduate Research Experience Program; the collaboration of Lowell researchers with Mass General and Harvard Medical School to use nanotechnology and light to fight cancer cells; the national recognition of Dartmouth faculty and students from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering; Boston's "Living Lab" on Nantucket; and Amherst's \$1.6M grant from NIH to further research on computerized disaster-management response systems.

Senior Vice President's Report:

Senior Vice President Williams noted the opening of the Albert Sherman Center and remarked on comments made at the ceremony by Nobel Laureate Craig Mello, who analogized the war to be waged there against disease and sickness as Lincoln had entreated the gathering at Gettysburg to be dedicated to the work that they who had fought and died there had advanced. The rebuilding of the nation then, as now, is advanced by the Land Grant Morrill Act signed by President Lincoln in 1862. The hallmark of the land grant covenant was then and continues to be the successful integration of the practical and the applied with the liberal arts and sciences. She remarked that from the Morrill Act has emerged the University's mission to provide 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 of the Commonwealth, the nation and the world.

Chair Lee then provided an overview of the day's agenda and action items.

Action Items:

Provost Abdelal requested approval of the **M.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences, UMass Lowell**. Chair Lee asked for questions or discussion.

Trustee Peters commended the collaboration amongst the campuses. Trustee Carpmann inquired about the location of programs that students currently attend. Chair Lee inquired about

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the core curriculum of the program. Trustee Quattrocchi remarked on the current collaboration between the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and the Medical School and asked how this program fits within that context. Ms. Lee asked about workforce development programs and connecting with industry. It was moved and seconded:

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the M.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences AND the Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T13-015.

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

Provost Abdelal requested approval of the **Designation of the Department of Criminal Justice as the School of Criminology & Justice Studies, UMass Lowell**. 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 recommendation of the President and approve the designation of the Department of Criminal Justice as the School of Criminology & Justice Studies at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. (Doc. T13-005)

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

Provost Abdelal requested approval of the **Designation of the Department of Nursing as the School of Nursing AND Renaming of the School of Health and Environment to its Original Name of the College of Health Sciences, UMass Lowell**. 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 recommendation of the President and approve the designation of the Department of Nursing as the School of Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Lowell;

And Further, To approve the renaming of the School of Health and Environment to its original name as the College of Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. (Doc. T13-006)

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

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Provost Langley requested approval of the **Designation of the Department of Earth, Environment, and Ocean Sciences as the School for the Environment housed within the College of Science and Mathematics at the University of Massachusetts Boston.** 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 recommendation of the President and approve the designation of the Department of Earth, Environment, and Ocean Sciences as the School for the Environment housed within the College of Science and Mathematics at the University of Massachusetts Boston. (Doc. T13-007)

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

Provost Staros requested approval of **Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Amherst.** 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 appointment of Elizabeth Vierling as Distinguished Professor in the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Elsbeth Walker to the Constantine J. Gilgut Professorship in Plant Biology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. (Doc. T13-008)

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

Deputy Chancellor/Provost Terry Flotte requested approval of the **Appointment of the First Holder of the Dr. Eileen L. Berman and Stanley I. Berman Foundation Chair in Biomedical Research, 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 appointment of Professor Dale L. Greiner as the first holder of the Dr. Eileen L. Berman and Stanley I. Berman Foundation Chair in Biomedical Research at the University of Massachusetts Worcester, contingent on the establishment at the February 6, 2013 Committee on Administration and Finance of the Dr. Eileen L. Berman and Stanley I. Berman Foundation Chair in Biomedical Research at the University of Massachusetts Worcester. (Doc. T13-016)

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

Chair Lee then asked for a motion to place the above items on a consent agenda for the Board meeting and explained 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.

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.**

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 Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle and Trustees Carpman, Furman, Peters, Quattrochi, and Ms. Lee (representing Trustee Malone).

The time was 12:26 p.m.

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