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

Wednesday, June 5, 2013; 11:00 a.m.

Amherst Room

225 Franklin Street – 33rd Floor

Boston, Massachusetts

Committee Members Present: Chair Lee; Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle; Trustees Carpman, Encarnacion, Furman, Geoffroy, Marvel, Peters, Quattrochi, Xifaras; Chairman Thomas; Ms. Lee (representing Trustee Malone)

Other Trustees: Trustee Buonomo

Committee Members Absent: Trustees Healy, King-Shaw, and Malone

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

Faculty Representatives: Professor Adrion, UMass Amherst; Professor Buzawa, UMass Lowell

Documents Used:

- M.A. in Global Inclusion and Social Development AND Ph.D. in Global Inclusion and Social Development, UMass Boston (Doc. T13-038)
- Honors College, UMass Boston (Doc. T13-039)
- Request for Certain Actions Related to the Nomenclature of Schools and Colleges, UMass Amherst (Doc. T13-040)
- Appointment to Named Professorship, UMass Amherst (Doc. T13-047)
- Appointment of the First Holder of the Myles J. McDonough Chair in Rheumatology, UMass Worcester AND Appointment of the First Holder of the Celia D. Rumsey Chair in Diabetes Research, UMass Worcester (Doc. T13-056)
- Revisions to the Student Conduct Code, UMass Amherst, Lowell (Doc. T94-059, as amended)
- In-Depth Doctoral Program Review, UMass Amherst (Doc. T13-041)
- Peers: The Process and Identification, UMass Lowell (Doc. T13-042)

Chair Lee convened the meeting at 11:42 a.m. and expressed gratitude for having the opportunity to attend the UMass Boston and Dartmouth graduation ceremonies. Chair Lee also acknowledged Professor Rick Adrion from UMass Amherst for his years of service as a faculty representative.

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Chair Lee then stated that due to a full 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 and not stray into areas that are not part of the agenda.

Chair Lee stated that the Committee was provided with draft minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting and the Executive Session minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Reports:

President's Report:

President Caret reported on attending five graduation ceremonies, which were symbolic of the University's work. He also noted that UMass Strong was ever-present among faculty, students and staff.

President Caret highlighted significant campus achievements by students and faculty. His highlights included UMass Worcester's Katherine Luzuriaga's designation as one of *Time Magazine's* 100 Most Influential People; Amherst graduate student in economics Thomas Hendron, who identified flaws in studies that were used as the framework for austerity policies across the U.S. and internationally; the award of five Fulbrights to Boston faculty and students; Dartmouth's Fifth Annual Civic Engagement Summit; Lowell's Frozen Four appearance; and undergraduate students from across the system participating in the 19th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference sponsored by Commonwealth Honors College.

Senior Vice President's Report:

Senior Vice President Williams congratulated the new alumni of the University and made remarks on the synergistic relationship between the faculty and students which has enabled the University to reach ever expanding heights in reputation, innovation and excellence.

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

Trustee Xifaras noted that Committee on Academic and Student Affairs was often voting to add new programs and she inquired about the process of removing programs.

Action Items:

Provost Langley requested approval of the **M.A. in Global Inclusion and Social Development AND Ph.D. in Global Inclusion and Social Development**. Chair Lee asked for questions or discussion. Chair Lee inquired about the online element of the program. It was moved and seconded:

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To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the M.A. in Global Inclusion and Social Development AND the Ph.D. in Global Inclusion and Social Development at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T13-038.

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

Provost Langley requested approval of the **Honors College, UMass Boston**. Chair Lee asked for questions or discussion. Trustee Xifaras asked if each campus had honors programs and if they had similar financial packages. Senior Vice President Williams stated that each program fit the individual campus' strategic priorities; she then detailed the history of Commonwealth College at UMass Amherst, noting that the system's honors programs were at varying levels of development. Trustee Marvel expressed her support for the Honors College. Chair Lee requested the peer reviews and asked if much additional funding was needed. Trustee Peters asked if an appropriation for a building would be the next request. Trustee Buonomo asked if there were certain system-wide benchmarks and criteria for honors programs. It was moved and seconded:

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the creation of the Honors College at the University of Massachusetts Boston. (Doc. T13-039)

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

Provost Staros requested approval for **Certain Actions Related to the Nomenclature of Schools and Colleges, 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 request for certain actions related to the nomenclature of Schools and Colleges at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as contained in Doc. T13-040.

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

Provost Staros requested approval of **Appointments to Named Professorship, UMass Amherst**. Chair Lee asked for questions or discussion. It was moved and seconded:

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

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To concur with the President in the appointment of Timothy Anderson as Distinguished Professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. (Doc. T13-047)

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

Deputy Chancellor/Provost Flotte requested approval of the **Appointment of the First Holder of the Myles J. McDonough Chair in Rheumatology, AND Appointment of the First Holder of the Celia D. Rumsey Chair in Diabetes Research, UMass Worcester.** Chair Lee asked for questions or discussion. Trustee Peters extended congratulations to Chancellor Collins and Deputy Chancellor/Provost Flotte. Trustee Quatrocchi concurred. It was moved and seconded:

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Ellen M. Gravalles as the first holder of the first holder of the Myles J. McDonough Chair in Rheumatology at the University of Massachusetts Worcester, contingent on the establishment at the June 12, 2013 Committee on Administration and Finance of the Myles J. McDonough Chair in Rheumatology at the University of Massachusetts Worcester.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Silvia Corvera as the first holder of the Celia D. Rumsey Chair in Diabetes Research at the University of Massachusetts Worcester, contingent on the establishment at the June 12, 2013 Committee on Administration and Finance of the Celia D. Rumsey Chair in Diabetes Research at the University of Massachusetts Worcester. (Doc. T13-056)

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

Vice Chancellor Kim and Dean Gelaye requested approval of the **Revisions to the Student Conduct Code, UMass Amherst.** Dean Siegel and Associate Dean Kohl requested approval of the **Revisions to the Student Conduct Code, UMass Lowell.** Chair Lee asked for clarification on parental notification. Ms. Lee asked how the changes would be communicated to the community. Trustee Xifaras asked if the Student Conduct Code was part of the orientation for new students. Trustee Encarnacion asked how it was made more “readable”. There was a discussion on how the student conduct code was communicated to students. Chair Lee also inquired about how each student code varied across campuses. General Counsel Heatwole noted that as a public institution, all students were entitled to due process and the codes all meet that requirement. Chairman Thomas asked if there should be common denominators. There was a discussion on best practices and the national organizations that guide such codes of conduct. Trustee Xifaras added that it was critical to have commonality and students involved.

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There was discussion about the inclusion of students during the revision process at the Lowell campus. 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.

And further, To approve the revisions to the Code of Conduct at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell as contained in Doc. T94-059, as amended.

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

Information Items:

Vice Provost McCarthy provided an overview of the process for conducting an **In-Depth Doctoral Program Review, UMass Amherst**, including a review of the data, the faculty buy-in and the peer group. Senior Vice President Williams described it as the first such review. Deputy Chancellor/Provost Flotte described the different set of goals and objectives used by the Medical School. Trustee Xifaras expressed that she was impressed by the Medical School's mentor program.

Chair Lee then asked for a motion to place the above action items #1-6 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.

Chancellor Meehan provided an overview of **Peers: The Process and Identification, UMass Lowell**. Provost Abdelal further explained the process, the peers and aspirants, and their characteristics and key indicators.

Chair Lee indicated that the Committee received the reports from the **Athletic Task Force** and the **Law School Task Force**.

Senior Vice President Williams announced that this was Interim Provost Alex Fowler's last meeting and commended and thanked him for his excellent work as Interim Provost.

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 Amherst, Boston, Lowell** and **Awards of Tenure, UMass**

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Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Worcester and Transfers of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Dartmouth.

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 Quattrochi and Xifaras; and Chairman Thomas.

The time was 1:56 p.m.

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