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

Wednesday, November 20, 2013; 10:00 a.m.

**Amherst Room
225 Franklin Street – 33rd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts**

Committee Members Present: Chair Lee; Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle; Trustees Carpman, Geoffroy, Gomez, Kingston, Murphy, O'Brien, Peters and Xifaras; Ms. Lee (representing Trustee Malone)

Phone Participation: Chairman Thomas

Committee Members Absent: Trustees Furman, King-Shaw, Lowe and Malone

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

Faculty Representatives: Professor Kurose, UMass Amherst; Professor Tirrell, UMass Boston; Professor Buzawa, UMass Lowell

Documents Used:

- B.A. in Community Development, UMass Boston, Doc. T13-098
- B.A. in Global Affairs, UMass Boston, Doc. T13-099
- B.S in Public Health AND M.P.H. in Public Health, UMass Lowell, Doc. T13-100
- Appointment to Named Professorship, UMass Amherst, Doc. T13-101
- Academic Quality Assessment and Development/AQAD, Doc. T13-103
- Periodic Multi-Year Review/PMYR, Doc. T13-104
- Fall 2013 Admissions and Enrollment Preliminary Report, Doc. T13-105
- Peers: The Process and Identification, UMass Worcester, Doc. T13-106
- Academic Efficiency & Effectiveness Update, Doc. T13-110

Chair Lee convened the meeting at 10:09 a.m. and stated that Chairman Thomas will be participating by telephone pursuant to 940 CMR 29.10(5)(e), since he is geographically distant from Boston making it unreasonably difficult for him to attend the meeting in person. Chair Lee then 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 and not stray into other areas that are not part of the agenda.

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Chair Lee stated that the Committee was provided with draft minutes of the September 4, 2013 meeting and the Executive Session minutes of the September 4, 2013 meeting and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Reports:

President's Report

President Caret commented on the 14th Annual International Education Week, highlighting the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. He noted several statistics on international students studying in the Commonwealth and at UMass. President Caret also commented on international opportunities as a means for students to gain the skills, self-confidence, and world-view necessary to compete in the global economy.

President Caret highlighted University accomplishments, which emphasized international education, including eight UMass Amherst scholars who will participate in the prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program; UMass Boston students who took part in the interdisciplinary summer course held on eight islands in the Caribbean; UMass Dartmouth's \$250,000 NSF grant to engage undergraduates at the physics MAX-lab research facility in Lund, Sweden; UMass Lowell's Biology major Rachel Paquette '14, who interned at the South Australian Aquatic Sciences Center in Adelaide last summer; and the thirty clinical-year students at UMass Worcester who study abroad.

President Caret added that the University continues to strive to increase the numbers of students who engage in opportunities abroad, and reciprocally, increase the number of students from abroad who study at the University.

President Caret acknowledged the significant disaster in the Philippines.

Senior Vice President's Report

Senior Vice President Williams commented on the wisdom of predecessors in office, both administrators and trustees, who created an infrastructure of sound policy ensuring that UMass continues to thrive as a world class institution. Senior Vice President Williams reviewed several of the information items on the agenda, including the Academic Quality Assessment and Development, which consists of cycles of unit reviews, and the Periodic Multi-Year Review, which aims to maximize the performance and productivity of tenured faculty.

Chair Lee commented on the efficiency of AQAD and PMYR and its usefulness as a tool. She then welcomed the new student Trustees to the Committee and thanked Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle for chairing the September meeting.

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Action Items:

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **B.A. in Community Development, UMass Boston.** She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the background materials that were provided and asked for questions or discussion.

Provost Langley described the B.A. in Community Development, including its local and national application. Trustee Xifaras commented on its importance. Chair Lee asked about the articulation agreements. Professor May from the Amherst campus asked where it was housed. It was moved and seconded.

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the B.A. in Community Development at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T13-098.

The Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no: Chair Lee voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle; Trustees Carpman, Gomez, Murphy, O'Brien, Peters, Xifaras; and Ms. Lee.

At 10:38 Chairman Thomas ends phone participation.

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **B.A. in Global Affairs, UMass Boston.** She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the background materials that were provided and asked for questions or discussion. Provost Langley described the B.A. in Global Affairs. It was moved and seconded:

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the B.A. in Global Affairs at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T13-099.

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

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **B.S. in Public Health AND the M.P.H. in Public Health, UMass Lowell.** She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the background materials that were provided and asked for questions or discussion. Provost Abdelal described the programs and the significant needs that they will fill in the Merrimack Valley.

Chair Lee asked about the living and learning communities on campus. It was moved and seconded:

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To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the B.S. in Public Health AND M.P.H. in Public Health at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T13-100.

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

Chair Lee requested approval of the **Appointment of Named Professorship, UMass Amherst**. She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the background materials that were provided and asked for questions or discussion. Provost Staros described the accomplishments of Professor Jane E. Fountain. It was moved and seconded:

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To concur with the President in the appointment of Jane E. Fountain as Distinguished Professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. (Doc. T13-101)

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

Chair Lee then asked for a motion to put the above matters on a Consent Agenda for the Board meeting, which 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.

Information Items:

Senior Vice President Williams noted that Information Items #1, #2, and #3 were provided in the materials. The Academic Efficiency & Effectiveness Update would be posted on BoardVantage after the meeting.

Chancellor Collins provided an overview of the **Peers: The Process and Identification, UMass Worcester**. Deputy Chancellor/Provost Flotte reviewed the process by which the campus engaged in identifying its peers. Trustee Peters inquired about the importance of Commonwealth Medicine. Trustee Carpman asked if the peer identification process included campus visits and further inquired about Vanderbilt's unique features. Professor May asked about the key takeaways for Trustees given how disparate some peers appear to be. Trustee Peters commented on UMass Worcester's fundraising success, despite its small alumni base.

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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 **Award of Tenure, UMass Worcester, Transfers of Tenure, UMass Dartmouth, Lowell** and **Honorary Degrees, UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Worcester**.

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; Trustees Carpman, Gomez, Murphy, O'Brien, Peters, Xifaras and Ms. Lee.

The time was 11:34 a.m.

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