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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Tuesday, June 18, 2013; 4:00 p.m.  
University of Massachusetts Lowell  
Alumni Hall – North Campus  
84 University Avenue  
Lowell, Massachusetts**

**Trustees Present:** Chair Thomas; Vice Chair Furman; Trustees Buonomo, Collins, Geoffroy, Gomez, Johnston, Lee, Marvel, Mullan, Peters, Quattrochi and Xifaras

**Phone Participation:** Vice Chair King-Shaw

**Trustees Absent:** Trustees Campbell, Encarnacion, Fubini, Healy, Malone, Osterhaus-Houle, and Woolridge

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

**Faculty Representatives:** Professor Tirrell, UMass Boston; Professor Buzawa, UMass Lowell

**Documents Used:** -2012 System-wide Annual Report on Crime Statistics, Doc. T13-065  
-A President's Guide to the Cleary Act, Doc. T13-066

Chair Thomas convened the meeting at 4:10 p.m. and stated that Vice Chair King-Shaw will be participating by telephone pursuant to 940 CMR 29.10 (5)(e) as he is traveling and geographically distant making it unreasonably difficult for him to attend in person.

Chair Thomas then stated that the Board had been provided with a copy of the minutes from the February 26, 2013 meeting. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

**Reports:**

**Chair's Report:**

Chair Thomas thanked Chancellor Meehan and UMass Lowell for hosting the Board of Trustees and reviewed the day's agenda.

**President's Report:**

President Caret remarked on the critical importance of the Clery Act in mandating the reporting information that was not accessible in the past.

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**Discussion Items:**

Jeff Hescok, Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Manager, provided an overview of the Clery Act and the **2012 UMass System-Wide Report on Crime Statistics**. Mr. Hescok described the relationship between the campuses and the system-wide effort, including five committees that focus on campus safety and security. Mr. Hescok provided a brief history of the Clery Act, its reporting requirements and its focus areas. He described a recent audit which provided several recommendations. Mr. Hescok discussed system-wide accomplishments and future goals, including defining Clery Act procedures, threat assessment trainings, online Campus Security Act training, and reporting standards.

James Kohl, Associate Dean of Student Affairs from UMass Lowell, UMass Dartmouth's Police Chief Fioravanti, and Mr. Hescok then participated in a panel discussion on crime prevention programs on campus. Associate Dean Kohl described the vital role that his office plays with regard to compliance with the Clery Act, including the Student Code of Conduct. Police Chief Fioravanti described working closely with federal, state and local emergency responders, the strong community policing philosophy on campus, and the collaboration across the system.

Trustee Lee inquired about the audit recommendations as well as the data in the 2012 report which implies that some campuses had no crime. There was a discussion about the data and the differences between campuses with residential housing and without. Vice Chair Furman asked about the low crime rate at the Lowell campus. Chancellor Meehan discussed the campus' community policing strategies and the cooperative relationship with students.

Trustee Johnston asked about the process for dealing with students with drug/alcohol abuse issues. Associate Dean Kohl described Lowell's approach to the issue, including campus initiatives like the Starfish Program and the STARS Program.

Trustee Marvel inquired about what the campuses are doing to create an environment that enables victims to feel comfortable reporting sexual offenses. Police Chief Fioravanti discussed outreach with student groups, anonymous reporting, campus education programs, among other things. Trustee Marvel also asked about the varying speeds of resolution on the part of the campus and law enforcement. Chancellor Subbaswamy noted that the first and foremost concern was that of the victim and Dean of Students Gelaye from the Amherst campus described the University's focus on keeping students engaged in the educational community.

Trustee Peters asked about the cooperation between the campus and local law enforcement on an urban campus. There was a discussion about the Lowell campus and the number of students living on campus.

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Trustee Mullan thanked Chair Thomas and President Caret for bringing the topic to the Board for discussion. Trustee Mullan also thanked the public safety professionals from the campuses and noted that data was only part of the story and that it was important to understand the numbers being reviewed.

Trustee Johnston asked several questions about budgetary issues including UMass' resourcing compared to its peers and, if under-resourced, the effect on students. Chief Fioravanti noted that everyone's budget was strained, but the campuses were holding their own despite competing with other entities for the same dollars. He remarked on the decrease in state funding in recent years.

Chancellor Grossman responded to Trustee Marvel's questions about the reporting of sexual offenses on campus. She spoke about creating a culture on campus that clearly defined unacceptable behavior and the importance of educating students. Dean of Students Milstone from Dartmouth also provided background on several programs on campus, including a Bystander Intervention Program.

Trustee Lee asked if every employee gets a CORI. Chief Fioravanti noted that most employees did not, but in the last five years, more and more are. There was a discussion on this topic. Trustee Lee also asked what campus-level issues rise to the Board's attention. Chair Thomas stated that it is the Chancellor's decision to bring an issue to the President, who then might decide to bring it to the Board.

Trustee Lee then asked if the system-wide working group was lacking anything it needed to help do its job. Mr. Hescoock noted that they were starting to do training in a more systematic way out of the system office and that centrally paying or offsetting costs is helpful to campuses.

Trustee Furman asked how they were working towards consistency across campuses. Mr. Hescoock stated that a variety of policies and procedures for best practices are being looked at. Chief Fioravanti noted that there were many similarities across the campuses with regard to policy. Associate Dean Kohl added that each campus was distinctly different and programs are tailored to the individual student bodies.

Chair Thomas thanked the panel and asked the Chancellors to introduce their campus police chiefs: John Horvath, UMass Amherst; James Overton, UMass Boston; Emil Fioravanti, UMass Dartmouth; Randy Brashears, UMass Lowell; John Luippold, UMass Worcester. Trustee Xifaras thanked the campus police chiefs for their work.

Chair Thomas asked how conduct unbecoming of an officer is dealt with on campus. Chief Fioravanti described the process, which includes investigating all complaints which can result in a range of outcomes.

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Vice Chair King-Shaw stated that he was impressed with the work being done across the system.

Police Chief Fioravanti then provided an **Overview of UMass Dartmouth's Response to the Aftermath of the Boston Marathon Tragedy**. Chief Fioravanti described how the campus was alerted and made the subsequent decision to evacuate and lock down the campus. Chancellor Grossman described how impressed she was with the campus' disaster management readiness. She thanked Chief Fioravanti as well as Vice Chancellor McLaughlin and Dean of Students Milstone for their leadership. Chancellor Grossman also thanked her fellow Chancellors and the President's Office for their support. Chancellor Grossman described the independent Task Force that is studying the campus' reaction to the event.

Chair Thomas stated that he was impressed with the professionalism and practices of the Dartmouth campus and with Chancellor Grossman's leadership.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned 6:11 p.m.

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