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

**Wednesday, November 19, 2014; 10:00 a.m.
Amherst Room
225 Franklin Street – 33rd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts**

Committee Members Present: Chair Lee; Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle; Trustees Freudson, Geoffroy, Gomez, Lowe, Miller, O'Brien, Xifaras; Chairman Thomas

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

University Administration: President Caret; General Counsel Heatwole; Senior Vice President Williams; Chancellors Subbaswamy, Motley, Grossman, Meehan and Collins; Mr. Cunningham, Chief Executive Officer, UMassOnline

Faculty Representatives: Professor May, UMass Amherst; Professor Tirrell, UMass Boston

Documents Used:

- Meeting Minutes, September 3, 2014 (Open Session)
- Meeting Minutes, September 3, 2014 (Executive Session)
- Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Worcester, Doc. T14-085
- Academic Quality Assessment and Development (AQAD), Doc. T14-076
- Periodic Multi-Year Review (PMYR), Doc. T14-077
- Fall 2014 Admissions and Enrollment Preliminary Report, Doc. T14-078
- Peers: The Process and Identification, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Doc. T14-079
- Veterans' Services on the Campuses, Doc. T14-080

Chair Lee convened the meeting at 10:19 a.m. and 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 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.

Chair Lee stated that the Committee was provided with draft minutes of the September 3, 2014 meeting and the Executive Session minutes of the September 3, 2014 meeting and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

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Reports:

President's Report

President Caret commented that it was the 15th annual International Education Week, highlighting the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. President Caret noted several statistics on international students studying in the Commonwealth and at UMass and commented on the fact that he attended an event for the U.S. Olympic Committee the day before.

President Caret highlighted University efforts on affordability and accessibility, noting the 50/50 funding plan and the various E&E efforts undertaken. President Caret also commented on the University's role in the social well-being of the Commonwealth, noting the Law School's Justice Bridge incubator. He commented on R&D and UMass Lowell's Center for Terrorism and Security Studies \$2 million grant from the Minerva Initiative; UMass Amherst's \$4.1 million EPA grant for drinking water systems; and UMass Medical School's \$7.5 million Paul Allen Foundation gift to address the issue of Ebola.

President Caret added that UMass' "Here for a Reason" and "Your UMass Gift Works" campaigns were underway, to positive feedback. He also noted the feature on UMass Boston in the *Boston Business Journal* and Chancellor Meehan's appointment to the new governor's transition team.

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 (AQAD), which consists of cycles of unit reviews, and the Periodic Multi-Year Review (PMYR), which aims to maximize the performance and productivity of tenured faculty. She also reported on the Fall 2014 Admissions and Enrollment Preliminary Report, noting growth in applications and enrollments.

Chair Lee commented on the impressive work of the tenured faculty.

Action Items:

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Worcester**. She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the background materials that were provided and 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 Katherine F. Ruiz de Luzuriaga to the UMass Memorial Health Care Chair in Biomedical Research (UMMHC

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Chair) at the University of Massachusetts Medical School contingent upon approval at the December 3, 2014 Committee on Administration and Finance of the establishment of the UMass Memorial Health Care Chair in Biomedical Research (UMMHC Chair) at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

And further,

To concur with the President in the appointment of Gyongyi Szabo to the Worcester Foundation for Biomedical Research Chair (WFBR Chair) at the University of Massachusetts Medical School contingent upon approval at the December 3, 2014 Committee on Administration and Finance of the establishment of the Worcester Foundation for Biomedical Research Chair (WFBR Chair) at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. (Doc. T14-085)

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

Information Items:

Chair Lee indicated that Information Items #1, #2, and #3 (the Academic Quality Assessment and Development/AQAD, Periodic Multi-Year Review/PMYR, and the Fall 2014 Admissions and Enrollment Preliminary Report) were available in the materials.

Chancellor Grossman then reported on **Peers: The Process and Identification, UMass Dartmouth**. She reviewed significant metrics and data for the Dartmouth campus and then reviewed the peer selection rationale and process undertaken on the campus. Chancellor Grossman reviewed the new peer group, including the comparison of various data points, and Dartmouth's goal of achieving DRU (Doctorate Research University) and the infrastructure needed for that achievement.

Mr. Cunningham, Chief Executive Officer, UMassOnline, reported on **Veteran's Services on the Campuses**, which was a result of meetings over the last two years. President Caret commended the students on the Student Forum for engaging in this topic. There was discussion on the new federal regulation around in-state tuition for veterans and their spouses.

Trustee Xifaras provided the **Taskforce on Online Education: Briefing Update**, noting the growth of certain online components to stay competitive and the expansion of faculty training. She asked Mr. Cunningham to explain the Interstate Licensing Issue. Mr. Cunningham reviewed the various issues surrounding reciprocity agreements for the licensing of online programs.

General Counsel Heatwole provided an **Update on Compliance Efforts**, noting that the system has engaged an outside partner which consisted of reviews, meetings and comprehensive training sessions for appropriate personnel. General Counsel Heatwole also noted the "It's on Us" campaign and the work of the Board of Higher Education to share information and best practices on compliance across Massachusetts public higher education.

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Chair Lee noted that it was useful for the Board to hear the feedback on the consistency of reporting across the campuses.

Chair Lee then asked for a motion to put Action Item #1 on a Consent Agenda for the Board meeting and explained that the Board can approve this item by a single vote, and that no discussion will be permitted.

It was moved and seconded to place the above matter on a Consent Agenda. The Chair asked for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Thomas then provided remarks on the noteworthy highlights from the campuses, including Dartmouth's technology for 3D pictures of molecules; Lowell's Raytheon partnership; Boston's 50th Anniversary Celebration, the Medical School commitment to the front lines in the Ebola epidemic, and Amherst's significant grant from the EPA for water systems research.

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, Dartmouth, Lowell, Worcester, Awards of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Worcester** 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 and Trustees Geoffroy, Gomez, Lowe, Xifaras and Chairman Thomas.

The time was 11:27 a.m.

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