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

**Wednesday, June 4, 2014; 10:00 a.m.  
Amherst Room  
225 Franklin Street – 33<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts**

**Committee Members Present:** Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle; Trustees Carpman, Furman, Geoffroy, Gomez, Kingston, Lowe, Murphy and Peters; Chairman Thomas

**Committee Members Absent:** Chair Lee, Trustees King-Shaw, Malone, O'Brien and Xifaras

**University Administration:** President Caret; General Counsel Heatwole; Senior Vice President Williams; Chancellors Subbaswamy, Motley, Grossman and Meehan; Deputy Chancellor/Provost Flotte

**Faculty Representatives:** Ms. Billings, UMass Amherst; Professor Buzawa, UMass Lowell

**Documents Used:**

- M.S. in Finance, UMass Lowell, Doc. T14-026
- Ph.D. in Education, UMass Lowell, Doc. T14-031
- Ph.D. in Applied Psychology and Prevention Science, UMass Lowell, Doc. T14-032
- Ph.D. in Chemistry and Biochemistry, UMass Dartmouth, Doc. T14-035
- M.S. in Healthcare Management, UMass Dartmouth, Doc. T14-036
- B.S. AND M.S. in Data Science, UMass Dartmouth, Doc. T14-027
- Ph.D. in Applied Physics, UMass Boston, Doc. T14-034
- Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Amherst, Worcester, Doc.T14-037
- Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct, UMass Boston, Doc. T94-059
- UMass Boston/IBM Collaborative Innovation Center, Doc. T14-006

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle convened the meeting at 10:06 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 and not straying into other areas that are not part of the agenda.

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle stated that the Committee was provided with draft minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting and the Executive Session minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

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**Reports:**

**President's Report**

President Caret commented on the palpable energy on the campuses during the recent commencements. He then noted the passing of the Memorial Day holiday and commented on the high percentage of veterans on the UMass campuses. President Caret commented that the student Trustees chose veterans as the first discussion topic for the Student Life Forum.

President Caret then highlighted several programs and examples that provide UMass students with a top quality education and experience, such as the Sidekicks Program at the Medical School, which pairs School of Medicine students with pediatric cancer patients at UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center. At UMass Lowell, Assistant Professor Meg Sobkowicz-Kline is the recipient of a \$400K NSF CAREER award over 5 years. This is a highly competitive distinction that honors the nation's best young university faculty scholars. Two assistant professors—Kathryn Kavanaugh and Vanni Bucci at UMass Dartmouth have had papers published in the high impact journal, *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*. UMass Boston and IBM have recently partnered on a multi-million dollar new research initiative to develop accessible technology solutions for people with disabilities, the growing elderly population, and others that may well include some of our own veterans.

President Caret also mentioned the UMass@UMass initiative on the Amherst campus which had become a model across the country for other campuses. He saluted the campus for its pioneering leadership around such critical issues as the misuse of alcohol or other drugs, sexual assault, bullying, hazing, harassment, depression, violence and suicide.

**Senior Vice President's Report**

Senior Vice President Williams extended congratulations to all of the recent UMass alumni and expressed what a joy it was to experience the commencement celebrations with students, their families and friends.

Senior Vice President Williams reported on AQAD—the Academic Quality Assessment and Development process. She commented on the process that reviews programs in each department, looking at the enrollment and degrees awarded statistics and, when new programs are considered, the questions of pertinence to mission, need and audience, as well as the resource questions raised to ensure that consideration is given to the effect of any new offering on the grouping of programs that already exist. She noted that this semester an inventory of all our graduate programs and certificates captured a 10-year retrospective on enrollment and degrees awarded at both the masters and doctoral level. Senior Vice President Williams explained that this ongoing processes help us guarantee, to the extent possible, relevant, current, vibrant, and rigorous programs that advance the mission of the University and, therefore, prepare UMass graduates to contribute and compete successfully in the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world.

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**Action Items:**

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle requested the approval of the **M.S. in Finance, UMass Lowell**. She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the 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 approve the M.S. in Finance at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T14-026.

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

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle requested the approval of the **Ph.D. in Education, UMass Lowell**. She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the 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 approve the Ph.D. in Education at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T14-031.

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

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle requested the approval of the **Ph.D. in Applied Psychology and Prevention Science, UMass Lowell**. She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the 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 approve the Ph.D. in Applied Psychology and Prevention Science at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T14-032.

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

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle requested the approval of the **Ph.D. in Chemistry and Biochemistry, UMass Dartmouth**. She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the 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 approve the Ph.D. in Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth as contained in Doc. T14-035.

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

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle requested the approval of the **M.S. in Healthcare Management, UMass Dartmouth**. She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the 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 approve the M.S. in Healthcare Management at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth as contained in Doc. T14-036.

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

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle requested the approval of the **B.S. AND M.S. in Data Science, UMass Dartmouth**. She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the 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 approve the B.S. in Data Science AND M.S. in Data Science at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth as contained in Doc. T14-027.

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

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle requested the approval of the **Ph.D. in Applied Physics, UMass Boston**. She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the 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 approve the Ph.D. in Applied Physics at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T14-034.

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

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle requested the approval of the **Appointments to named Professorships, UMass Amherst, Worcester**. She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the 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 Christopher Agolia as Richard H. Simpson Endowed Professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

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And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Walter B. Denny as Distinguished Professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Hossein Kazemi as Michael & Cheryl Philipp Distinguished Professor in Finance at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of John F. Keaney, Jr. to the Mary C. DeFeudis Chair in Biomedical Research at the University of Massachusetts Worcester contingent upon approval at the at the June 11, 2014 Committee on Administration and Finance of the change in name and purpose of the Mary C. DeFeudis Endowed Chair in Cancer Care and Research at the University of Massachusetts Worcester.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Tiffany Moore Simas to the Joy McCann Professorship for Women in Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Worcester. (Doc. T14-037)

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

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle requested the approval of the **Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct, UMass Boston**. She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the 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 approve the revisions to the Code of Student Conduct at the University of Massachusetts Boston, Doc. T94-059, as amended.

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

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle then asked for a motion to put the above matters 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 Vice Chair asked for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle thanked Senior Vice President Williams and the campus staff for their hard work and dedication.

President Caret noted that the votes and materials have all been extensively vetted before being brought before the Board of Trustees.

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**Discussion Item:**

Senior Vice President Williams introduced the discussion item, **UMass Boston/IBM Collaborative Innovation Center**. Provost Winston Langley noted the Center and introduced the panel: William Kiernan, Dean of the Global School of Inclusion, UMass Boston; Frances West, Director, IBM Human Ability and Accessibility Center; and James Lee, UMass Boston student.

Ms. West summarized the collaborative program between UMass Boston and IBM and provided program highlights. She noted that the overall vision of the partnership is to embed technology as the foundation of the academic world, and through technology provide people with recreational and workplace opportunities that they may not have had before.

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle 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, Dartmouth, Worcester** and **Awards of Tenure, UMass, Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Worcester** and **Transfer of Tenure, UMass Dartmouth**. The meeting will not reconvene in open session.

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. Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle voted for the motion as did Trustees Carpman, Furman, Gomez, Murphy, Peters; and Chairman Thomas.

The time was 10:55 a.m.

Sheila Regan  
Assistant Secretary to the Board