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

**Wednesday, September 3, 2014; 10:00 a.m.  
Amherst Room  
225 Franklin Street – 33<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts**

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Lee; Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle; Trustees Carpman, Freudson, Gomez, Lowe, Miller, Peters and Xifaras; Chairman Thomas

**Committee Members Absent:** Trustees Furman, Geoffroy, King-Shaw, Malone and O'Brien

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

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

**Documents Used:**

- Meeting Minutes, June 4, 2014 (Open Session)
- Meeting Minutes, June 4, 2014 (Executive Session)
- M.P.A. AND Ph.D. in Global Comparative Public Administration, UMass Boston, Doc. T14-056
- M.S. in Urban Planning & Community Development, UMass Boston, Doc. T14-057
- Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education and Care, UMass Boston, Doc. T14-058
- Ed.D. AND Ph.D. in Leadership in Urban Schools, UMass Boston, Doc. T14-059
- M.S. in Technology Management, UMass Dartmouth, Doc. T14-060
- M.S. in Accounting, UMass Dartmouth, Doc. T14-067
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.), UMass Lowell, Doc. T14-061
- Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Amherst, Dartmouth, Lowell, Doc. T14-062
- Establishment and Appointment to Named Professorship, UMass Amherst, Doc. T14-063
- Revisions to Delegation of Authority for Athletic Coaches, Doc. T92-038, as amended
- Revisions to Honorary Degrees Policy, Doc. T93-060, as amended

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**Reports:**

**President's Report:**

President Caret provided an overview of the system in the new academic year, noting that the current class is the strongest to date. President Caret also welcomed the student Trustees.

President Caret highlighted accomplishments on each campus, including the ranking of the Visual and Performing Arts department at UMass Dartmouth; the ranking of 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation in primary care of UMass Medical School; the Honors College at UMass Lowell; the ranking of the Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst and UMass Boston's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. President Caret added that twelve faculty members were named to the World's Most Influential Scientific Minds.

**Senior Vice President's Report:**

Senior Vice President Williams welcomed the new Trustees. She then described the mission of the University, including high quality education with access and affordability, research and public service. Senior Vice President Williams noted that faculty is recruited to carry out this mission. She also described the AQAD process, which is an externally reviewed process to consider new and old programs.

Chair Lee officially convened the meeting at 10:34 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 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 straying into other areas that are not part of the agenda.

Chair Lee stated that the Committee was provided with draft minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting and the Executive Session minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Chair Lee then reviewed the agenda.

**Action Items:**

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **M.P.A AND Ph.D. in Global Comparative Public Administration, 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 process by which a program comes before the Board. Trustee Carpman inquired about the results of the peer reviews in the content and course mix.

It was moved and seconded.

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

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To approve the M.P.A. in Global Comparative Public Administration AND the Ph.D. in Global Comparative Public Administration at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T14-056.

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

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **M.S. in Urban Planning & 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. It was moved and seconded.

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the M.S. in Urban Planning & Community Development at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T14-057.

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

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education and Care, UMass Boston**. 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 approve the Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education and Care at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T14-058.

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

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **Ed.D. AND Ph.D. in Leadership in Urban Schools, UMass Boston**. 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 approve the Ed.D. in Leadership in Urban Schools AND the Ph.D. in Leadership in Urban Schools at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T14-059.

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

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **M.S. in Technology Management, UMass Dartmouth**. 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.

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To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the M.S. in Technology Management at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, as contained in Doc. T14-060.

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

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **M.S. in Accounting, UMass Dartmouth**. 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 approve the M.S. in Accounting at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth as contained in Doc. T14-067.

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

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **Doctor of Pharmacy, UMass Lowell**. 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 approve the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T14-061.

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

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Amherst, Dartmouth, Lowell**. 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 Stellan Vinthagen as the first holder of the Chair in the Study of Nonviolent Direct Action & Civil Resistance at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Changsheng Chen as the Montgomery Charter Chair in Marine Science & Technology at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

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- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Gena Greher as the Nancy Donahue Professor in the Arts at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of David Kazmer as the James Dadeneau Professor in Plastics Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Sanjeev Manohar as the first holder of the Robert & Gail Ward Endowed Professorship in Chemical Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, contingent on the establishment at the September 10, 2014 Committee on Administration and Finance of the Robert & Gail Ward Endowed Professorship in Chemical Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Steve McCarthy as the Mark & Elisia Saab Professor in Plastics Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Joey Mead as the first holder of the David & Frances Pernick Endowed Nanotechnology Professorship in Plastics Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, contingent on the establishment at the September 10, 2014 Committee on Administration and Finance of the David & Frances Pernick Endowed Nanotechnology Professorship in Plastics Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of James Sherwood as the first holder of the Howard Foley Endowed Professorship in the College of Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, contingent on the establishment at the September 10, 2014 Committee on Administration and Finance of the Howard Foley Endowed Professorship in the College of Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. (Doc. T14-062)

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

Chair Lee requested approval of the **Establishment and Appointment to 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. It was moved and seconded.

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To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To concur with the President in the establishment of the W. Torrey and Doris Tilden Little Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and the appointment of Katherine Newman as the first holder of the W. Torrey and Doris Tilden Little Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. (Doc. T14-063)

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

Chair Lee requested approval of the **Revisions to Delegation of Authority for Athletic Coaches**. 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 amend the Delegations of Authority for athletic coaches, as set forth in document T92-038 by deleting the phrase: “as the President deems necessary”; and replacing it with: “upon a written request of a Chancellor stating the reasons therefore”.

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

Chair Lee requested approval of the **Revisions to Honorary Degrees Policy**. 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 approve the following amendments to the University of Massachusetts Policy for Awarding Honorary Degrees:

**PROCEDURES, section 5.**

To amend PROCEDURES, section 5. By adding *Honorary Degrees will be considered at the Board’s annual meeting.*

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

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Chair Thomas then welcomed everyone to the new academic year, and welcomed the new and returning student Trustees. He commended President Caret and noted that he was looking forward to a great year.

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, Dartmouth, Lowell, Worcester** and **Awards of Tenure, UMass Amherst, 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 Trustees Carpman, Gomez, Lowe, Peters, Xifaras, Osterhaus-Houle and Chairman Thomas.

The time was 11:01 a.m.

Kate Wilkinson  
Staff Assistant