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

**Tuesday, June 17, 2014; 4:00 p.m.
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Woodland Commons
285 Old Westport Road
North Dartmouth, Massachusetts**

Trustees Present: Chair Thomas; Vice Chair Furman; Trustees Buonomo, Campbell, Fubini, Geoffroy, Gomez, Johnston, Kingston, Lee (by phone), Mullan, Murphy, O'Brien, Osterhaus-Houle, Peters, Woolridge and Xifaras

Trustees Absent: Trustees Collins, Carpman, King-Shaw, Lowe and Malone

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

Documents Used: -Meeting Minutes, February 25, 2014
-Enterprise Risk Council Update; University of Massachusetts System Wide Risk Assessment; VAWA (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act) New Requirements Summary (Doc. T14-075)

Chair Thomas convened the meeting at 4:13 p.m. and stated that Trustee Lee will be participating by telephone pursuant to 940 CMR 29.10(5)(e), since she is geographically distant from Dartmouth making it unreasonably difficult for her to attend the meeting in person. Chair Thomas then stated that the Board had been provided with a copy of the minutes from the February 25, 2014 meeting. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Reports:

Chair's Report

Chair Thomas thanked Chancellor Grossman and the Dartmouth campus for hosting the Board of Trustees and commended her leadership. Chair Thomas then reviewed the agenda for the meeting and its focus on the life sciences.

President's Report

President Caret commented on the life sciences as critical to the future of the nation and the Commonwealth. He summarized the University's original life sciences strategy, which helped to garner \$250 million in state resources for the University. President Caret also commented on the convening of the second Life Sciences Task Force to build a new strategy moving forward.

Discussion Items:

Chancellor Collins introduced the discussion item, **Update on the Life Sciences Task Force**. He reviewed the history of the Life Sciences Task Force, including the original plan, which crafted an aspirant vision for the University in life sciences and promoted intercampus collaboration. Chancellor Collins reviewed the resulting campus projects, goals and outcomes. Chancellor Collins summarized the reconvening of the Task Force charged with developing a new strategic plan, which incorporates the major shifts in the economy, healthcare, and R&D funding.

Chancellor Collins then reviewed the process of developing the strategic goals, including talent development, research and external engagement and innovation.

Chancellor Collins introduced the panelists: Michael Malone, Vice Chancellor for Research & Engagement, UMass Amherst; Andrew Grosovsky, Dean, College of Sciences & Mathematics, UMass Boston; Tesfey Meressi, Associate Provost for Graduate Studies, UMass Dartmouth; Julie Chen, Vice Provost for Research, UMass Lowell; Executive Deputy Chancellor/Provost/Dean Terry Flotte, Medical School; and Tom Chmura, Vice President for Economic Development.

Executive Deputy Chancellor Flotte described the intercampus collaboration of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science.

Vice Chancellor Malone described what was learned during Amherst's research on the campus' industry-university partnerships in the life sciences.

Vice President Chmura described the process of extending Amherst's learning for the next conception of the life sciences strategy, including talent, research and entrepreneurship.

Vice Provost Chen described the University's unique equipment and capabilities and the opportunity these core research facilities provide to connect with industry.

Associate Provost Meressi described how the Life Sciences Task Force envisions a competitive grant program to support innovation through multi-campus life sciences projects.

Dean Grosovsky described the conceptual framework for the talent strategy.

Trustee Mullan commended the work of the Task Force and highlighted the importance of the University educating the workforce. He requested metrics on the University's contributions to this industry over the past several years.

Trustee Xifaras commented on the upcoming change of administration and the importance of keeping all candidates briefed on the topic.

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Vice Chair Furman commented on the importance of internships and maximizing opportunities with industry partnerships at the system-level. There was further discussion about internship programs at the various campuses and opportunities for intercampus learning on best practices.

Trustee Fubini asked if a University-wide faculty appointment would help attract top faculty. There was a discussion about dual appointments and Senior Vice President Williams described the Commonwealth Professorship.

There was further discussion on system-wide student success programs, R&D funding after sequestration, internship opportunities on the task forces themselves, and alumni engagement in the talent initiative. Trustee Mullan asked about the relevance of this work to other University sectors of interest.

Trustee Murphy suggested that internship development be responsive to the regional economies and enable students from other campuses to take advantage of internships.

Chair Thomas thanked Chancellor Collins and the panel.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

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