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

Wednesday, November 18, 2015; 10:00 a.m.

**Amherst Room
One Beacon Street – 32nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts**

Committee Members Present: Chair Lee; Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle; Trustees Carpman, Furman, Miller, O'Brien, O'Neil, Peters, Peyser and Xifaras

Committee Members Absent: Trustees Robinson, Roh and Thomas

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

Faculty Representatives: Professor Buzawa, UMass Lowell

Documents Used:

- Meeting Minutes: September 2, 2015 (Open Session)
- Meeting Minutes: September 2, 2015 (Executive Session)
- Ph.D. in Integrative Biosciences, UMass Boston, Doc. T15-066
- Ph.D. in Computational Science, UMass Boston, Doc. T15-067
- Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Amherst, Boston, Lowell, Medical School, Doc. T15-089
- Performance Measurement System: AQAD & PMYR, Doc. T15-090
- Academic Quality Assessment & Development/AQAD, Doc. T15-109
- Periodic Multi-Year Review/PMYR, Doc. T15-110
- Fall 2015 Admissions and Enrollment Preliminary Report, Doc. T15-091

Chair Lee convened the meeting at 10:10 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 that wished to speak do so through the Chair, noting that all speakers will be limited to three minutes.

Chair Lee stated that the Committee was provided with draft minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting and the September 2, 2015 Executive Session minutes and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Reports:

Chair's Report

Chair Lee provided an overview of the day's agenda. She noted that the Committee would consider three action items, one discussion item, three information items, and three items for action in Executive session.

President's Report

President Meehan provided an overview of UMass Initiatives, focusing on those relating to the University's trademarked phrase "Global Reach, Global Impact," in light of the recent tragic events worldwide. He commented on the importance of the role of students in promoting positive change and encouraging diversity on a global scale.

President Meehan then announced the hiring of new faculty of color and increasing community scholarships on the Amherst campus, and also recognized Chancellor Subbaswamy for engaging in discussion where nearly 250 UMass Amherst students, faculty and administrators expressed their concerns about racial inclusivity and racism amid protests that continue to happen across universities and colleges nationwide.

UMass Boston's 'Think College National Coordinating Center for Students with Intellectual Disability' was awarded a \$10 million grant by the Federal Government to support its work.

The School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST) at UMass Dartmouth broke ground in October in collaboration with the state Division of Marine Fisheries in New Bedford. The expansion will not only bring more than 150 faculty, students, and staff together to engage in education, research and policy related to commercial fishing, coastal preservation and ocean observation, but as the largest research entity in the entire South Coast region, will create jobs and economic activity in both the existing and new industry.

UMass Lowell continues to make history with five ribbon cuttings in 8 days during the month of October. The Medical School, along with their academic partners, received a 2-year \$20 million grant for the Medical School led ACCEL Group to continue its Ebola relief work in Liberia.

Senior Vice President's Report

Senior Vice President Williams reported on the Terra Dotta Risk Management System, a web-based software tool that provides a single university enterprise repository of initial information, such as personal, travel, and emergency information for students, faculty, staff and others travelling domestically or abroad on behalf of the University. The system would be used in conjunction with the University's Managed Travel and Emergency Preparedness program. The Paris attacks made more urgent the need to ensure the ongoing integration of the software notification emergency systems.

Senior Vice President Williams stated that the benefits of this program would include the ability to send text/SMS or email to at risk users; location of emergency contact information

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instantly; collection of travel documents prior to travel; and real time travel warnings among other features.

Action Items:

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **Ph.D. in Integrative Biosciences, 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 reported that the need for the program is in alignment with UMass Boston's mission and builds on the priorities of the Commonwealth. It also enhances the mission and partnership the campus has with healthcare institutes such as Beth Israel Deaconess, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Harvard. Provost Langley stated that the purpose of the program is to produce independent researchers with the ability to apply interdisciplinary approaches to solving problems in the rapidly developing fields of Biochemistry, Biophysics and Bioinformatics.

Trustee Peters asked whether UMass Boston would be collaborating with the UMass Medical School, as well as their current partnerships with surrounding medical facilities. Provost Langley commented that the Medical School is very close in partnership with the program and there is substantial collaboration between the two campuses.

Chair Lee expressed her concern for funding to support the program and travel needs. Trustee Carpmann expressed his concern of the need and student demand for the program. Provost Langley and Dean Grosovsky commented that the program has had years of research from a programmatic perspective and that subsequently the interest from students and the surrounding community is prevalent.

It was moved and seconded.

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the Ph.D. in Integrative Biosciences at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T15-066.

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

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **Ph.D. in Computational Science, 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 reported on the purpose and need for the program. He commented that the program complements the Ph.D. in Integrated Biosciences, and is in alignment with Commonwealth and Federal requirements and that of programs such as the National Academy of Engineering.

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Dean Grosovsky commented that students interested in attending the University of Massachusetts Boston are interested in doing research at the doctoral level. The program speaks to the specific program needs of the students seeking an education on their campus.

It was moved and seconded.

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the Ph.D. in Computational Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T15-067.

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

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Amherst, Boston, Lowell, Medical School**. 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 Traci Hess to the Douglas and Diana Berthiaume Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Carole Jurkiewicz to the Sherry H. Penney Professorship in Leadership in the School of Management at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Sue Kim to the Nancy Donahue Professorship in the Arts at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Jayant Kumar to the Sukant Tripathy Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of David Paydarfar to the Neuroscience Research Chair at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Katherine Fitzgerald to the Worcester Foundation for Biomedical Research Chair (WFBR Chair) at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

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And further To concur with the President in the appointment of Joel Richter to the Arthur F. Koskinas Chair in Neuroscience at the University of Massachusetts Medical School contingent upon approval at the December 2, 2015 Committee on Administration and Finance of the establishment of the Arthur F. Koskinas Chair in Neuroscience at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. (Doc. T15-089)

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

Discussion Items:

Senior Vice President Williams reported on the **UMass Performance Measurement System: AQAD and PMYR**. Discussion ensued and Trustees inquired about the data relative to the data presented in the Annual Indicator reports at previous meetings. Provosts Newman, Langley, Karim, Pierson and Flotte discussed how AQAD is linked to the strategic priorities, financial planning, and research initiatives at each campus.

Chair Lee then asked for a vote to place Action Items #1-3 on a Consent Agenda for the Board meeting.

It was moved and seconded to place Action Items #1-3 on a Consent Agenda. Chair Lee asked for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Lee informed the Committee that they had been provided with a copy of the Information Items: the Academic Quality Assessment & Development/AQAD Report; the Periodic Multi-Year Review/PMYR Report; and the UMass Fall 2015 Preliminary Admissions and Enrollment Report.

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** and **Awards of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Medical School** and **Transfers of Tenure, UMass Massachusetts Boston**.

Chair Lee announced that the Committee 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 in Executive Session for those purposes listed. Chair Lee voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle; Trustees Carpman, Furman, O'Brien, O'Neil, Peters, Peyser and Xifaras.

The time was 12:16 p.m.

Christina Kelley
Assistant Secretary to the Board