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

**Wednesday, June 3, 2015; 10:00 a.m.
Amherst Room
225 Franklin Street – 33rd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts**

Committee Members present: Chair Lee; Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle; Trustees Carpman, Freudson, Gomez, Lowe, O'Brien, Peters, Thomas and Xifaras

Committee Members Absent: Trustees Furman, Geoffroy, King-Shaw and Miller

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

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

Documents Used:

- Ph.D. in Education, UMass Amherst, Doc. T15-047
- Ph.D. in Business Administration, UMass Dartmouth, Doc. T15-048
- Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Amherst, Medical School Doc. T15-049
- Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct, UMass Lowell Doc. T94-059, as amended

Chair Lee convened the meeting at 10:05 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 should do so through the Chair, noting that all speakers will be limited to three minutes.

Reports:

Chair's Report

Chair Lee provided an overview of the day's agenda and action items. Chair Lee commented on the changes in the senior leadership and on the work of the Board, student Trustees and senior leadership. Chair Lee thanked outgoing student Trustees Sarah Freudson from Amherst, Patrick Lowe from the Medical School and Phillip Geoffroy from Lowell, for their service to the Board, and encouraged the administration to look at ways to allow students trustees to serve on the Board longer than a one-year term.

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President's Report

President Caret congratulated the recent graduates and now new UMass Alumni, including two UMass student Trustees, Sarah Freudson and Phillip Geoffroy. He noted that he has completed his 5th and final commencement cycle which was a “season of celebration”.

President Caret also highlighted faculty accomplishments on each campus. Highlights included: UMass Amherst's Epidemiologist Susan Sturgeon received a two-year, \$760,462 award from the National Cancer Institute to use data and samples for a trial that might predict the likelihood of Breast cancer; UMass Boston's Associate Professor Maria Ivanova received a \$200,000 grant as part of the inaugural class of Andrew Carnegie Fellows by Carnegie Corp of New York; student Trustee Jacob Miller from UMass Dartmouth is the campus' first Truman scholar for academic success and public service leadership. He received a \$30,000 scholarship towards graduate school at an award ceremony held at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum in Missouri on May 24th; UMass Lowell's physics Professor Supriya Chakrabarti received a \$5.6 million grant to develop and test an instrument system that can potentially detect young Jupiter-size planets orbiting other stars in the Milky Way; and Drs. Jeremy Luban and Manuel Garber from the Medical School will be the principle investigators on a 3 year, \$6.1 million grant to develop a model for predicting whether a given gene will be turned on or off under specific conditions.

Senior Vice President's Report

Senior Vice President Williams congratulated the new alumni on their completion of a University of Massachusetts degree. She then commented on the *Times of London Higher Education* ranking UMass as among the top 100 research universities in the world; a clear indication of demonstrated and sustaining excellence. Senior Vice President Williams also commented that appointments and awards of tenure will be considered in executive session for professors whose scholarship and research provide a unique and often pioneering learning experience for the students. She then stated that over the last decade the University has reaffirmed its commitment to renew faculty and that it is evident that the power of the UMass brand thrives clearly from the tripartite mission and how the University expects its faculty, staff, and students to discharge that mission.

Action Items:

Chair Lee requested approval of the **Ph.D. in Education, 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.

To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the Ph.D. in Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as contained in Doc. T15-047.

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

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Chair Lee requested approval of the **Ph.D. in Business Administration, UMass Dartmouth**. She indicated that the Committee had a chance to review the background materials that were provided and asked for questions or discussion.

Provost Karim reported on the PhD process noting that there are multiple levels of pre-proposal stages and the PhD program would be a full fee program. He commented that the AACSB accreditation team recently evaluated the program and deemed UMass Dartmouth's faculty above qualified to facilitate and create the curriculum of the proposed program.

There was then discussion about the demand for the program in comparison to that of the MBA and 3 Master's programs recently approved by the Board and whether the cost of the program is expected to operate at a deficit. Provost Karim and Chancellor Grossman commented on the funding for the program.

Chair Lee requested that Action Item #2 be included as a separate item for discussion and action at the full Board meeting and not be placed on the Consent Agenda.

It was moved and seconded to place Action Item #2 as a separate item for full Board discussion and action. The Chair asked for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Lee requested approval of the **Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Amherst, and 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 James Heintz as the Andrew Glyn Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Douglas Golenbock to the Pillar Chair in Biomedical Research at the University of Massachusetts Medical School contingent upon approval at the June 10, 2015 Committee on Administration and Finance of the establishment of the Pillar Chair in Biomedical Research at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Mary Min-chin Lee to the Stoddard Chair of Pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School contingent upon approval at the June 10, 2015 Committee on Administration and Finance of the establishment of the Stoddard Chair of Pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. (Doc. T15-049)

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

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Chair Lee requested approval of the **Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct, 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 revisions to the Code of Student Conduct at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T94-059, as amended.

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

Chair Lee then asked for a vote to place Action Items #1, #3 and #4 on a Consent Agenda for the Board meeting.

It was moved and seconded to place Action Items #1, #3 and #4 on a Consent Agenda. Chair Lee asked for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

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** and **Awards of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Medical School**. Chair Lee stated that the meeting would 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 and Trustees Carpman, Gomez, Lowe, Peters, Thomas and Xifaras.

The time was 10:48 a.m.

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Assistant Secretary to the Board