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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Thursday, July 14, 2016; 2:00 p.m.  
University of Massachusetts Medical School  
Medical School Building – Faculty Conference Room  
55 Lake Avenue North  
Worcester, Massachusetts**

**Trustees Present:** Chairman Woolridge; Trustees Buonomo, Campbell, Carpman, Collins, Epstein, Fatemi Ardestani, Feinberg, Fubini, Johnston, Manning (by phone), Mullan, Peters, Peyser, Reed and Xifaras

**Trustees Absent:** Vice Chair Furman; Trustees Delaney, Lee, Odam and Thomas

**University Administration:** President Meehan; General Counsel Heatwole; Senior Vice President Wilda; Chancellors Subbaswamy, Motley, Helm, Moloney and Collins

**Faculty Representatives:** Professor O’Rielly, UMass Dartmouth; Professor Shaw, UMass Medical School

Chairman Woolridge convened the meeting at 2:32 p.m. and announce that Trustee Manning would be participating by phone pursuant to 940 CMR 29.10, since he was traveling, making it difficult for him to attend in person.

**Reports:**

**Chairs Report**

Chair Woolridge welcomed the newly elected student Trustees to the Board. He provided an overview of the days’ agenda, and reported that the Committee on Administration and Finance met for an extensive discussion regarding the FY17 budget and the proposed changes to tuition and fees. Chair Woolridge commented on the Administration’s formal decision and expressed that this is the best approach for the University and the Commonwealth.

**President’s Report**

President Meehan expressed reluctantly the decision to increase tuition and fees as one of the ways to confront the financial realities of the Commonwealth given the FY17 state appropriation. He stated that the University faced a cut in funding this year despite receiving state appropriations in the past that enabled the University to freeze mandatory fees for in-state undergraduates for two consecutive years, 2013 and 2014.

President Meehan emphasized the importance of being transparent and clear on the funding situation entering the new fiscal and academic year. He stated that the University has two main

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sources of revenue that pay for educational programs: funding from the state and the funding that the students and their families contribute in the form of tuition. He stated when the state provides more funding then the student and their families pay less. Since the Commonwealth is facing major budget challenges, the University is left to operate with \$3.5 million less than what it was funded last year.

President Meehan reported that the University's \$3.5 million reduction constitutes a .7% cut. He stated that Moody's found that state funding for public universities is increasing by 2% to 4% nationally in 2016-2017. However, UMass faces a slight decrease in funding, along with significant expense pressures in several areas as a result of obligations with third year contracts with unionized employees, debt service for capital projects and fringe benefits.

President Meehan stated that in order to maintain academic excellence in the face of fiscal challenges, he, along with the Board, Chancellors, and Administrators are responsible for ensuring the quality and progress of UMass. He stated that the University is growing and that UMass is recognized as one of the best public research universities in the nation and the world.

President Meehan reported that the University has begun taking steps toward Efficiency and Effectiveness (E&E) initiatives to deal with the challenges of the budget including: reducing central office spending by 4% in 2015 through personnel actions; making adjustments to procurement and travel policies; and ongoing E&E efforts which since its inception, in 2010, has saved or will save the University \$293 million as a result of projects meant to improve the way the University does business.

President Meehan commented that the University is taking the best approach, one that emphasizes spending cuts over new tuition dollars. It's reasonable and responsible. He stated that the University will continue to protect the student and their families by means of financial aid.

**Action items:**

Chair Woolridge asked for a motion to approve the **Changes to the Tuition and Fee Policy**. Chair Woolridge asked for questions or discussion.

It was moved and seconded.

**VOTED:** To approve the revisions to the Policy T92-031 (Appendix E) Policy on the Approval Process for Tuition, Fees and other Charges Related to Trust Funds.

The Secretary then called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chairman Woolridge voted for the motion as did Trustees Buonomo, Campbell, Carpman, Collins, Epstein, Fubini, Johnston, Manning, Mullan, Peters, Peyser and Xifaras. Trustee Reed voted No.

Chair Woolridge asked for a motion to approve the **FY2017 University Operating Budget**. Chair Woolridge asked for questions or discussion.

It was moved and seconded.

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**VOTED:** To approve the FY2017 University Operating Budget and to authorize the President to approve changes, as needed, once the General Appropriations Act for FY2017 is signed into law. (Doc. T16-030)

The Secretary then called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chairman Woolridge voted for the motion as did Trustees Buonomo, Campbell, Carpman, Collins, Johnston, Mullan, Peters and Xifaras. Trustees Fubini, Peyser and Reed voted No. Trustee Epstein abstained. Trustee Manning was absent for the vote.

Chair Woolridge asked for a motion to approve the **Tuition and Mandatory Fees for Academic Year 2016-2017**. Chair Woolridge asked for questions or discussion.

It was moved and seconded.

**VOTED:** 1. In accordance with Section 1A of Chapter 75 of the General Laws, and Policy T92-031, Appendix E, as amended to authorize the President to set the individual Tuition and Mandatory Fee (Technology Fee and Student Activity Fee) rates for the Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell campuses. Based on the Conference budget, the Tuition and Mandatory Fees at each campus is as outlined below for the academic year 2016-2017:

<b>AMHERST</b>			
<b>Tuition &amp; Mandatory Fees</b>	<b>FY 16</b>	<b>FY 17</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>
Undergraduate (in-state)	\$14,171	\$14,971	\$800
Undergraduate (regional)	\$23,567	\$25,267	\$1,700
Undergraduate (out-of-state)	\$30,504	\$32,204	\$1,700
Graduate (in-state)	\$14,754	\$15,613	\$859
Graduate (regional)	\$24,657	\$26,416	\$1,759
Graduate (out-of-state)	\$29,974	\$31,733	\$1,759

<b>BOSTON</b>			
<b>Tuition &amp; Mandatory Fees</b>	<b>FY 16</b>	<b>FY 17</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>
Undergraduate (in-state)	\$12,682	\$13,435	\$753
Undergraduate (out-of-state)	\$29,920	\$32,023	\$2,103
Graduate (in-state)	\$16,115	\$17,218	\$1,103
Graduate (out-of-state)	\$31,115	\$33,268	\$2,153

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<b>DARTMOUTH</b>			
<b>Tuition &amp; Mandatory Fees</b>	<b>FY 16</b>	<b>FY 17</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>
Undergraduate (in-state)	\$12,588	\$13,188	\$600
Undergraduate (out-of-state)	\$26,173	\$27,473	\$1,300
Graduate (in-state)	\$14,699	\$15,399	\$700
Graduate (out-of-state)	\$26,173	\$27,473	\$1,300
Graduate Law School (in-state)	\$24,791	\$25,991	\$1,200
Graduate Law School (out-of-state)	\$32,543	\$34,143	\$1,600

<b>LOWELL</b>			
<b>Tuition &amp; Mandatory Fees</b>	<b>FY 16</b>	<b>FY 17</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>
Undergraduate (in-state)	\$13,527	\$14,307	\$780
Undergraduate (out-of-state)	\$29,225	\$30,875	\$1,650
Graduate (in-state)	\$13,899	\$14,679	\$780
Graduate (out-of-state)	\$24,578	\$26,228	\$1,650

And further, in accordance with Section 1A of Chapter 75 of the General Laws, to establish and approve the following Tuition and Mandatory Fee rates for the Medical School's graduate-only programs for academic year 2016-2017:

<b>MEDICAL SCHOOL</b>			
<b>Tuition &amp; Mandatory Fees</b>	<b>FY 16</b>	<b>FY 17</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>
Medical School - (in-state) class of '18 and prior	\$25,510	\$27,899	\$2,389
Medical School - (in-state) class of '19 forward	\$34,017	\$35,657	\$1,640
Medical School (out-of-state)	\$58,517	\$61,457	\$2,940
Graduate School of Nursing (in-state)	\$11,387	\$12,377	\$990
Graduate School of Nursing (NE regional)	\$14,522	\$15,797	\$1,275
Graduate School of Nursing (out-of-state)	\$16,137	\$17,602	\$1,465
GSN Graduate Entry Program (in-state)	\$39,612	\$41,927	\$2,315
GSN Graduate Entry Program (NE regional)	\$46,887	\$48,927	\$2,040
GSN Graduate Entry Program (out-of-state)	\$52,887	\$54,927	\$2,040
Grad. School of Biomedical Science (in-state)	\$6,966	\$7,356	\$390
Grad. School of Biomedical Science(out-of-state)	\$14,182	\$14,572	\$390

- And further, in accordance with Section 1A of Chapter 75 of the General Laws and T92-031 Appendix E, to authorize the President to approve final student housing rent and food service charges providing that the average Room and Board rates shall not exceed the following for academic year 2016-2017:

<b><u>Room and Board (average rate)</u></b>	<b><u>Amherst</u></b>	<b><u>Boston</u></b>	<b><u>Dartmouth</u></b>	<b><u>Lowell</u></b>
	\$11,897	N/A	\$12,296	\$12,073

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3. And further, to authorize the President to approve, no later than July 15, 2016, individual fee rates for other student fees and student fee/revenue based operations charges. (Doc. T16-031)

The Secretary then called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chairman Woolridge voted for the motion as did Trustees Buonomo, Campbell, Carpman, Collins, Epstein, Fubini, Johnston, Mullan, Peters and Xifaras. Trustees Reed and Peyser voted No. Trustee Manning was absent for the vote.

Chair Woolridge asked for a motion to approve the **Authorization to Allocate the Fiscal Year 2017 State Appropriation**. Chair Woolridge asked for questions or discussion.

It was moved and seconded.

**VOTED:** To direct the President to allocate the amount appropriated for the University of Massachusetts in Line Item 7100-0200 of the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017 to the System's Universities. (Doc. T16-032)

The Secretary then called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chairman Woolridge voted for the motion as did Trustees Buonomo, Campbell, Carpman, Collins, Epstein, Fubini, Johnston, Mullan, Peters, Peyser, Reed and Xifaras. Trustee Manning was absent for the vote.

President announced that a search for the Dartmouth Chancellor will begin soon and that he is looking forward to having full engagement from the Board. Trustees Fubini and Epstein requested that the Board meet to discuss ways to do more with less as a Committee of the Whole topic.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Christina Kelley  
Assistant Secretary to the Board