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

Wednesday, March 30, 2016; 10:00 a.m.

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

Committee Members Present: Chair Lee; Trustees Carpman, Furman (by phone), Miller, O'Brien, O'Neil, Peters, Peyser, Robinson, Roh (by phone) and Thomas

Committee Members Absent: Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle; Trustee Xifaras

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

Faculty Representatives: Professor Whitbourne, UMass Amherst

Documents Used:

- Meeting Minutes: November 18, 2015 (Open Session)
- Meeting Minutes: November 18, 2015 (Executive Session)
- B.A. in International Relations, UMass Boston, Doc. T16-002
- M.A. in International Relations, UMass Boston, Doc. T16-003
- B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences, UMass Lowell, Doc. T16-004
- School of Earth and Sustainability, UMass Amherst, Doc. T16-005
- Named Professorships, UMass Amherst, UMass Medical School, Doc. T16-006

Chair Lee convened the meeting at 10:09 a.m. and stated that Trustees Furman and Roh would be participating remotely under section 29.10(5)(E), since they were traveling, making it difficult for them to attend in person.

Chair Lee then 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 should do so through the Chair, noting that all speakers will be limited to three minutes.

Chair Lee stated that the Committee was provided with the draft minutes of the November 18, 2015 Open Session and Executive Session CASA meeting 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 five action items and four items for action in Executive session.

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President's Report

President Meehan highlighted various achievements across the 5 campuses that emphasize the extent to which the University discharges its mission as a land-grant and research intensive institution in service to the Commonwealth and globally.

UMass Amherst has been named the “Top Producing Institution” for the Fulbright scholarship program for the second straight year. The campus also has 12 graduate and undergraduate students and 7 faculty receiving Fulbright Fellowships. UMass Amherst is also the first public university in New England to receive a CyberCorps Scholarship—computer scientist Brian Levine received a \$4.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation to bring the scholarship service program to UMass Amherst.

Eight undergraduates at UMass Boston participated in the Northeast division of the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition and won first place. Michael Denney, a doctoral candidate in the Human Security and Global Governance program within the McCormack Graduate School for Policy and Global Studies was selected by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs as one of its Next Generation leaders in the area of food security.

The Dartmouth campus has unveiled some of the mysteries associated with Black Holes. Professors Khanna and University of Maryland researchers have developed a first of its kind computer simulation of the interior of a rotating black hole. This research was funded by the National Science Foundation and aided by the use of the innovative supercomputing resources of UMass Dartmouth's Center for Scientific Computing & Visualization Research (CSCVR).

Also at the Dartmouth campus, Bioengineering Professor Yong Kim, Textile Chemistry alumnus Armand Lewis, and Medical Engineering Professor Vijaya Chalivendra developed an innovative material called Flocked Energy Absorbing Material (FEAM) to be used in helmets and body armor. This material can absorb energy from blunt forces and reduce the risk of trauma by mitigating impact energies. A \$250,000 grant was received from Phase Three of the Head Health Challenge developed by the National Football League, Under Armour, General Electric, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Drug and medical device corporation Allergan's (the maker of Botox) acquisition of Massachusetts startup Anterios is the largest deal ever involving intellectual property developed at UMass Lowell. Professor Stephen McCarthy and Professor Emeritus Robert Nicolosi developed technology which delivers Botox by smoothing it over the skin like lotion versus via injection. This is the largest single intellectual property deal ever for UMass Lowell and for all other campuses in the system with the exception of UMass Medical School.

UMass Medical School has become the first medical school in the state to develop and implement a new opioid conscious curriculum. This comes after Governor Charlie Baker's request that the state's four medical schools work with representatives of the Massachusetts Medical Society and the state's Department of Public Health to reach a consensus on educational tools and competencies that will help providers face the growing epidemic of prescription drug abuse. The Medical School will initiate Phase I of the opioid curriculum initiative this current academic year.

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Senior Vice President's Report

Senior Vice President Williams commented on shared governance and reviewed the University's Governance Policy, Document T73-098, which provided the historical genesis of shared governance, as well as specifying the primary responsibilities of its various constituents: the students, faculty, administration, and the trustees. She emphasized that people matter and that the University performs at its best when everyone accomplishes their respective responsibilities, collectively, in shared governance.

Senior Vice President Williams commented on her remarks from the last CASA meeting around the integrated systems the University has in place after the bombings in Paris. She stated that those systems provided the necessary reassurances when Brussels was attacked.

Action Items:

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **B.A. in International Relations, 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 B.A. in International Relations at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T16-002.

Provost Langley reported that the program was just awarded the Simons Award for their international efforts and emphasized the need for the program as indicated by its high demand.

Trustee O'Brien endorsed the need for the B.A. and M.A. in International Business from the perspective of a student on the Boston campus.

The Secretary then called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chair Lee voted for the motion as did Trustees Carpman, Furman, O'Brien, O'Neil, Peters, Peyser and Thomas.

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **M.A. in International Relations, 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.A. in International Relations at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T16-003.

The Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chair Lee voted for the motion as did Trustees Carpman, Furman, O'Brien, O'Neil, Peters, Peyser and Thomas.

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Chair Lee requested the approval of the **B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences, 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 B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T16-004.

Provost Pierson commented on the benefits the program would bring to UMass Lowell. Trustee Robinson commented that she supports the program at UMass Lowell.

The Secretary then called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chair Lee voted for the motion as did Trustees Carpman, Furman, O'Brien, O'Neil, Peters, Peyser and Thomas.

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **Establishment of the School of Earth and Sustainability, 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 concur with the recommendation of the President and approve the Establishment of the School of Earth and Sustainability at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as contained in Doc. T16-005.

Provost Newman provided an overview. She stated that the vote is not for funding since the school is already in place at UMass Amherst and that the Establishment of the School of Earth and Sustainability vote was to make sure that the program receives increased notoriety and recognition.

The Secretary then called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chair Lee voted for the motion as did Trustees Carpman, Furman, O'Brien, O'Neil, Peters, Peyser and Thomas.

Chair Lee requested the approval of the **Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Amherst, UMass 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 Gretchen Gerzina to the Paul Murray Kendall Chair in Biography at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Jonathan Kay to the Timothy S. and Elaine L. Peterson Chair in Rheumatology at the University of Massachusetts

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Medical School contingent upon approval at the April 6, 2016 Committee on Administration and Finance of the establishment of the Timothy S. and Elaine L. Peterson Chair in Rheumatology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. (Doc. T16-006)

Provosts Newman and Flotte commented on the professors at UMass Amherst and the Medical School that will be appointed to Named Professorships.

The Secretary then called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chair Lee voted for the motion as did Trustees Carpman, Furman, O'Brien, O'Neil, Peters, Peyser and Thomas.

Chair Lee then asked for a vote to place Action Items #1-5 on a Consent Agenda for the Board meeting.

It was moved and seconded to place Action Items #1-5 on a Consent Agenda.

The Secretary called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chair Lee voted for the motion as did Trustees Carpman, Furman, O'Brien, O'Neil, Peters, Peyser and Thomas.

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 Boston** and **Awards of Tenure, UMass Medical School** and **Transfers of Tenure, UMass Boston** and **Honorary Degrees, UMass Boston, UMass Lowell**.

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 Trustees Carpman, Furman, O'Brien, O'Neil, Peters, Peyser and Thomas.

The time was 11:11 a.m.

Christina Kelley
Assistant Secretary to the Board