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

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016; 10:00 a.m.
Amherst Room
One Beacon Street – 32nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts**

Committee Members Present: Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle; Trustees Carpman, Delaney, Feinberg, Furman, Odam, Peters, Reed, Thomas and Xifaras; Mr. Moreau (Trustee Peyser's Rep)

Committee Members Absent: Chair Lee; Trustees Fatemi Ardestani and Peyser

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

Faculty Representatives: Ms. Billings, UMass Amherst

Documents Used:

- Meeting Minutes: June 1, 2016 (Open & Executive Session)
- Meeting Minutes: November 19, 2014 (Task Force on Athletics)
- B.A. in Environmental Studies and Sustainability, UMass Boston, Doc. T16-049
- Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Amherst, Lowell, Doc. T16-050
- Administrative Action Required to Formally Rescind Superseded Policies, Docs. T99-049, T00-045, T02-032
- Athletics Directors - Title IX Compliance Update, Doc. T16-051

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle convened the meeting at 10:09 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 should do so through the Chair.

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle stated that the Committee was provided with the draft minutes of the June 1, 2016 Open Session and Executive Session meeting and the minutes from the November 19, 2014 Task Force on Athletics meeting and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Reports:

President's Report

President Meehan provided campus highlights on how the University discharges its mission as a public land-grant university to provide affordable and accessible education of high quality and to conduct programs of research and public service that advance knowledge and improve the lives of the people of the Commonwealth, the nation, and on a global scale. Highlights included:

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UMass Amherst and MassMutual's partnership; the campus was awarded \$15 million to strengthen data science and cybersecurity research and education. Funding will enhance UMass Amherst as a leader in data science research and support new research and education opportunities in cybersecurity.

At UMass Boston two professors were selected by the Boston-based business group, A Better City, to receive the 2016 Norman B. Leventhal Award for Environment. Professors Ellen Douglas and Paul Kirshen were recognized for their research on challenges Boston faces as a result of climate changes and the need to improve the city's resiliency.

The Dartmouth campus is focusing on restructuring initiatives as the search for a new Chancellor will begin soon. The campus restructuring plan includes refocusing on enrollment and advancement; renewing essential campus facilities; and recommitting to transparency and teamwork.

UMass Lowell announced that NSA and the Department of Homeland Security have designated the campus as a "National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Research". The campus also has a NASA robot in residence as a part of the campus's collaborations with the space agency.

Dr. John Landers, Ph.D., Professor of Neurology at the Medical School, and a team of collaborators discovered a gene present in 3% of all ALS cases in North American/European populations. The ALS Association is currently funding Dr. Landers' follow-on research project to develop novel mouse models in order to better understand the consequences resulting from the loss of the protein's function for the ALS disease process.

Senior Vice President's Report

Senior Vice President Williams reminded the Committee of the University's commitment to fulfill its mission to provide an affordable and accessible education of high quality and to conduct programs of research and public service that advance knowledge and improve the lives of the people of the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world. She provided an overview of the action item establishing a bachelors program at UMass Boston in Environmental Studies and emphasized the vital role that the University's faculty plays in developing the curriculum and ensuring that the mission, currency, and resonance with the Commonwealth as well as national need. Senior Vice President Williams also reported on the University's AQAD (Academic Quality Assessment and Development) strategy.

Action Items:

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle requested the approval of the **B.A. in Environmental Studies and Sustainability, 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.

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To recommend that the Board take the following action:

To approve the B.A. in Environmental Studies and Sustainability at the University of Massachusetts Boston as contained in Doc. T16-049.

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

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle requested the approval of the **Appointments to Named Professorships, UMass Amherst, 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 concur with the President in the appointment of Wesley Autio to the Alpha Tau Gamma Fred P. Jeffrey Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Thomas J. McCarthy as Distinguished Professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of D. Julian McClements as Distinguished Professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Steven C. Tracy as Distinguished Professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Ramaswamy Nagarajan to the James V. Dandeneau Endowed Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of James Sherwood to the Howard P. Foley Endowed Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Joey Mead to the David and Frances Pernick Endowed nanotechnology Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

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And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Stephen McCarthy to the Mark and Elisia Saab Endowed Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Seongkyu Yoon to the Robert and Gail Ward Endowed Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. (Doc. T16-050)

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

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle requested the approval of the **Administrative Action Required to Formally Rescind Superseded Policies**. 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 rescind the following University of Massachusetts Medical School Policies: Faculty Dismissal Policy, Doc. T99-049; Periodic Multi-Year Review of Tenured Faculty (PMYR) Policy, Doc. T00-045; and the Tenure Definition Policy, Doc. T02-032.

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

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle 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.

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

Discussion Item: Athletics Directors - Title IX Compliance Update

Senior Vice President Williams introduced the Athletic Directors: Ryan Bamford (UMass Amherst); Charlie Titus (UMass Boston); Amanda Van Voorhis (UMass Dartmouth); and Dana Skinner (UMass Lowell) to discuss Title IX and their updated stats. She stated that the NCAA scholarship and reporting requirements are different by division and that the campuses are in different divisions: Amherst is Division 1; Boston, Division 3; Dartmouth, Division 3; and Lowell, Division 1 and Division 3. The Athletic Directors then reported on their Title IX stats.

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle 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, Dartmouth, Lowell, Medical School** and **Awards**

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of Tenure, UMass Medical School and Honorary Degrees, UMass Amherst, Boston, Lowell, Medical School.

Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle 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. Vice Chair Osterhaus-Houle voted for the motion as did Trustees Carpman, Delaney, Furman, Peters, Reed, Thomas and Xifaras; and Mr. Moreau (Trustee Peyser's Rep).

The time was 11:57 a.m.

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Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees