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

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017; 9:00 a.m.
University of Massachusetts Boston
Campus Center, Ballroom C – 3rd Floor
100 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, Massachusetts**

Trustees Present: Chair Manning; Vice Chair Collins; Trustees Buonomo, Burns, Delaney, Epstein, Fatemi Ardestani, Johnston, O'Brien, Osterhaus-Houle, Paris Jeffries, Peters, Peysner, Reed, Scheibel, Thomas, Woolridge and Wu

Trustees Absent: Vice Chair Furman; Trustees Feinberg, Fubini and Odam

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

Faculty Representatives: Professor Whitbourne, UMass Amherst; Professor Lublin, UMass Boston; Professor Johnston, UMass Lowell

Documents Used: -Meeting Minutes: December 9, 2016
-Meeting Minutes: March 7, 2017

Chair Manning convened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. and stated that the Board was provided with the draft minutes of the open and executive session of the December 9, 2016 meeting and the draft minutes of the March 7, 2017 meeting and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Reports:

Chair's Report

Chair Manning welcomed the Board to the Boston campus and stated that hosting the meeting on the campus provides the Trustees with an opportunity to visit and engage as a full body with the issues facing the campus community.

Chair Manning commented on recent achievements of UMass Boston. Two first generation students from UMass Boston, one from Revere, the other from Dorchester, received \$5,000 scholarships in the memory of Krystle Campbell, a former UMass Boston student killed in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. More than 1,500 admitted students and their guests attended Welcome Day for Accepted Students at Day on the campus; a record turnout for the event.

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Chair Manning stated that despite some struggles, the Board should always keep in mind the positive direction that the University will go in if it continues to focus on giving deserving students the opportunity to transform their lives.

Student Trustee Report, UMass Boston

Trustee Fatemi Ardestani welcomed the Board to the Boston campus. She stated that she considered the campus her home, as does 17,000 other undergraduate and graduate students. She commented on being approached about addressing the Board with regard to the current happenings of the campus and the widespread emotion surrounding the issues.

Trustee Fatemi Ardestani read a letter in support of Chancellor Motley which was passed by the Undergraduate Student Government and later approved by the Graduate Student Assembly. She then acknowledged and thanked the Chancellor for his transformative leadership, and stated that Chancellor Motley transformed the only public university in the City of Boston to a national academic leader. Chancellor Motley has not only dedicated years to the improvement and progression of the campus, he has gotten to know the students that make the University great.

Trustee Fatemi Ardestani thanked the members of the community and the Board for their understanding and support of the great mission of the University and reminded them that investment is necessary. She stated that should the integrity of the University be threatened, it is the responsibility of the Board to protect the students and the mission of the University.

Trustee Fatemi Ardestani commented on the need to support the University's immigrant students. UMass Boston is the most diverse campus in the system and it is imperative to listen to the concerns of the students on the Immigrant Student Task Force. The issues that concern them impact the University community.

President's Report

President Meehan reiterated that the singular goal that the administration has taken over the last two months were steps necessary to preserve UMass Boston's vital mission, avoid steep tuition increases, and protect the teaching and learning environment of the campus. He noted comments made, at yesterday's Committee of the Whole meeting, by Deputy Chancellor Mills and Senior Vice President Calise indicating that actions taken by the administration have significantly reduced UMass Boston's projected year-end deficit but there are still challenges for FY2018.

President Meehan stated that the current issues on the Boston campus do not diminish the value and quality of the education or the opportunity it offers its students.

Public Speakers:

Marlene Kim, Professor and President of the Faculty Staff Union at UMass Boston expressed her concerns with the changes on campus. She commented on a petition of 400+ signatures for the purpose of offering the administration options to implement the budget. Ms. Kim stated that the financial deficit is not the fault or responsibility of the students at UMass Boston.

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Tom Goodkind, President of the Professional Staff Union at UMass Boston expressed his disappointment with the activity on the Boston campus. He reminded the Board of the history of the UMass Boston campus and expressed the urgency for support amid what appears to be disinvestment of the campus.

Renata Teodoro, a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) student at UMass Boston commented on her personal experience, sacrifices, and challenges to attend college. She spoke on behalf of the students who expressed concerns with the potential threat of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on campus. Ms. Teodoro asked the Board to consider the Immigrant Student Task Force's proposal for making UMass a safe and supportive environment for immigrant students.

Janelle Quarles, President of the Classifieds Staff Union at UMass Boston asked the Board to be transparent about the budget and happenings on the campus. She stated that the campus community has to rely on the media to hear about UMass Boston's budget deficit. Ms. Quarles asked that the Board and the administration exercise mutual respect by including the campus and community in discussions about the campus.

Manickam Sugumaran, Professor of Biology and Chair of the Faculty Council from UMass Boston expressed his disdain with the Board and the administration and their lack of accountability for the current debt on the campus. Mr. Sugumaran stated that the majority of the students on the campus are low income and minority. He also stated that the faculty is deeply saddened by the media coverage the campus and the Chancellor received. Mr. Sugumaran urged the Board and the administration to share the responsibility of the financial situation on the Boston campus and to work with the campus for a solution.

Senator Linda Dorcena Forry, who was present for the meeting requested to address the Board. She stated that UMass Boston was a part of her district and impressed upon the Board and the administration to remember their mission. She stated that the beautiful students and new buildings are due to the leadership of Dr. Keith Motley. The groundbreaking of the Boston campus did not happen by chance, it was accomplished by Chancellor Motley's engagement with the community and leadership through building public and private partnerships.

Senator Dorcena Forry recognized and thanked the community, students, faculty, and staff that diversify the Boston campus. She asked the Board and President Meehan to decline Chancellor Motley's resignation and to work with the community in seeking alternative resources and funding for the campus' deficit.

Reports of the Standing Committees:

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

Trustee Osterhaus-Houle reported that the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs met on April 5, 2017 and approved the minutes of the November 16, 2016 CASA meetings held in both open and executive sessions. Following brief reports from the Chair, President Meehan, and

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Senior Vice President Williams, the Committee considered and voted five action items and voted to place those items on a Consent Agenda for the Board's action. The Committee then voted to enter into Executive Session to consider four action items which were voted and approved for inclusion in the Consent Agenda for the Board's action.

Committee on Administration and Finance

Trustee Buonomo reported that the Committee on Administration and Finance met on April 11, 2017. Trustee Buonomo reported that state revenue collections through March are 1.2% below the revised benchmark for the 2017 budget. The President provided an update on the Boston campus including a timeline and the exact steps taken to address UMass Boston's budget situation. He also acknowledged his fiduciary responsibility to protect the interests of UMass Boston and its students, faculty and staff, as well as, the 5-campus system.

Senior Vice President Calise provided updates regarding the Boston campus including the establishment of the Budget Task Force charged with mitigating the FY17 deficit; an audit of campus finances and operations by KPMG; and the hiring of Barry Mills. Budget Director Pasquini provided an update to the approved capital project list.

Trustee Buonomo also reported that the University-funded aid totaled \$260 million in FY16 representing a 10% growth over prior year. Projections indicated that University-funded aid will continue to grow for FY17 to \$278 million. Trustee Buonomo reminded the Board of the commitment to continue to meet close to 90% of in-state undergraduate need while the University's net price continues to be affordable with New England peers and Mass private universities. The Committee considered and voted six action items and voted to place them on a Consent Agenda for the Board's action.

Audit Committee

Trustee Collins reported that the Audit Committee met on April 11, 2017 and approved the minutes of the prior Committee meeting. The Committee heard reports from Kyle David the University's Director of Internal Audit. Mr. David discussed the procurement process to engage KPMG, and the timeline, objective and scope of the assessment that included a phased approach starting with budgeting and finance processes. He highlighted year over year statistics around audit observations made, including how many were completed and outstanding.

Mr. David also discussed the status of management's action plans, closing control gaps and providing a summary of the status of external audit activity.

Other Reports:

Advancement Update

Trustee Peters provided an update on system-wide fundraising results through the second quarter of FY17 and other advancement activities. For the system, while new commitments which include new cash gifts and new pledges, are up 8% over this time last year at \$61.3 million. Collectively new pledges were down by nearly 15%. As a system, while alumni donors

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are down by 1,700, new gift commitments from alumni donors are up by \$4.4 million. The UMass Foundation coordinated a vendor assessment undertaking in which the five campuses participated in the review of potential replacement products for the alumni database, the CRM Advance Software. All of the UMass campuses will eventually have to migrate or convert to a new database tool.

Trustee Peters also provided an update on the completion of the first full-year of the system-wide advancement staff training program, the UMass Advancement Exchange, and highlighted a number of system-wide alumni events hosted by the President in key cities outside of the Northeast. He commended President Meehan on his March 1st inaugural State of the University Address and stated that events like this help educate constituents on the profound impact of the University which helps support and advance all of the campuses development efforts.

Trustee Peters encouraged the Trustees to make a donation to one of the UMass campuses for the academic year in an effort to accomplish 100% Board participation in support of the University they serve.

Consent Agenda:

Chair Manning reported that at its April 5, 2017 meeting the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs voted to place items 1-8 on the Consent Agenda; and that at its April 11 meeting, the Committee on Administration and Finance voted to place items 9-14 on the Consent Agenda.

Chair Manning asked for a motion to approve items 1-14 by a single vote on the Consent Agenda.

It was moved and seconded.

VOTED: To approve the following votes listed as 1-14 on the Consent Agenda:

The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs approved items 1-8 on April 5, 2017.

1. **Ph.D. Integrative Biology, UMass Dartmouth (Doc. T17-002)**
To approve the Ph.D. degree in Integrative Biology at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth as contained in Doc. T17-002.
2. **B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering, UMass Amherst (Doc. T17-003)**
To approve the B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as contained in Doc. T17-003.
3. **B.S. in Environmental Engineering, UMass Lowell (Doc. T17-004)**
To approve the B.S. in Environmental Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T17-004.

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4. **Appointments to Named Professorships, Amherst, Boston, Medical School (Doc. T17-005)**

To concur with the President in the appointment of Neal Anderson to the Terrence Murray Commonwealth Honors College Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Michael Rex as Distinguished Professor of Biology at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Fen-Biao Gao to the Governor Paul Cellucci Chair in Neuroscience Research at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Neil Aronin to the Higgins Family Professorship in Neuroscience at University of Massachusetts Medical School.

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

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Justin Maykel to the Gladys Smith Martin Chair in Oncology University of Massachusetts Medical School.

And further To concur with the President in the appointment of Mark D. Johnson, MD, PhD to the Maroun Semaan Chair in Neurosurgery at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

And further To concur with the President in the appointment of Albertha Johanna Marian Walhout, PhD to the Maroun Semaan Chair in Biomedical Research at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

5. **Rename the Graduate School of Education, to its original name, the College of Education, UMass Lowell (Doc. T17-023)**

To approve the renaming of the Graduate School of Education, to its original name, as the College of Education at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as contained in Doc. T17-023.

6. **Appointments with Tenure, UMass Boston, Dartmouth (Doc. T17-006)**

To concur with the President in the appointment of Susan Gauss as associate professor with tenure in the Department of Latin American and Iberian Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

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- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Stacy Van Deveer as professor with tenure in the Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance at the University of Massachusetts Boston.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of David Cash as associate professor with tenure in the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs at the University of Massachusetts Boston.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of June Horowitz as professor with tenure in the College of Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Walter Stroup as associate professor with tenure in the Department of STEM Education and Teacher Development at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

7. **Awards of Tenure, UMass Dartmouth (Doc. T17-007)**

To concur with the President in the awards of tenure to the following individuals in the following Departments:

DARTMOUTH Rachel Kulick, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
David Manke, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Mark Paige, Department of Public Policy
Ricardo Rosa, Department of Educational Leadership
Ronald Sherwin, Department of Music
Shaun Spencer, School of Law
Jing Wang, Department of Music
Mary Wilson, Department of English

8. **Transfers of Tenure, UMass Boston (Doc. T17-008)**

To concur with the President in the following transfers of tenure at the University of Massachusetts Boston:

Alan Christian FROM College of Science and Mathematics/Biology TO the School for the Environment

Terry Kawashima FROM College of Liberal Arts/Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures TO Asian Studies

Joan Arches FROM College of Public and Community Service TO College of Education and Human Development

Carolyn Arnold FROM College of Public and Community Service TO McCormack Graduate School

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Carroy Ferguson	FROM College of Public and Community Service TO College of Liberal Arts
Richard Hung	FROM College of Public and Community Service TO the School for the Environment
Sylvia Mignon	FROM College of Public and Community Service TO College of Liberal Arts
Asgedet Stefanos	FROM College of Public and Community Service TO College of Education and Human Development
Alan Wiig	FROM College of Public and Community Service TO the School for the Environment
Raul Ybarra	FROM College of Public and Community Service TO the College of Liberal Arts

The Committee on Administration and Finance approved items 9-14 on April 11, 2017.

9. **Approval of Capital Projects (Doc. T16-067, as amended)**

Pursuant to Trustee Policy T93-122, as amended, to approve the following project under the first vote or “**Preliminary Campus Estimate**”:

<u>Campus</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Preliminary Campus Estimate – April 2017</u>
Amherst	Worcester Dining Commons Renovation	\$45 million

10. **Naming of the Roy J. Zuckerberg College of Health Sciences, UMass Lowell (Doc. T17-024)**

To name the University of Massachusetts Lowell College of Health Sciences as the Roy J. Zuckerberg College of Health Sciences, and to accept with sincere gratitude the generous gift of Roy J. Zuckerberg.

11. **Naming of the Susan and Alan Solomont School of Nursing, UMass Lowell (Doc. T17-025)**

To name the School of Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, the Susan and Alan Solomont School of Nursing and to accept with sincere gratitude the generous gift of Susan and Alan Solomont.

12. **Establishment of the Donna Manning Endowed Chair for Nursing, UMass Lowell (Doc. T17-026)**

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In accordance with sections 1A(e) and 11 of Chapter 75 of the General Laws: to establish the Donna Manning Endowed Chair for Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

13. **Establishment of Endowed Chairs and Professorships, UMass Amherst (Doc. T17-010)**

In accordance with sections 1A(e) and 11 of Chapter 75 of the General Laws: to establish the Pen Tishkach Chair in Holocaust Studies, the Armstrong/Siadat endowed professorship in Materials Science, the Karen and Chuck Peters Family endowed professorship, the Carney Family endowed professorship, and the John F. Kennedy endowed professorship.

14. **Establishment of Endowed Chairs, UMass Medical School (Doc. T17-011)**

In accordance with sections 1A(e) and 11 of Chapter 75 of the General Laws: to establish the Maroun Semaan Chair in Neurosurgery and to establish the Maroun Semaan Chair in Biomedical Research.

Chair Manning then asked for a vote to enter into **Executive Session** pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 75, Section 4, for the purpose of to considering **Honorary Degrees, UMass Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell and Medical School**. He 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 into Executive Session for the purpose listed. Chair Manning voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Collins; Trustees Buonomo, Burns, Delaney, Epstein, Johnston, O'Brien, Osterhaus-Houle, Paris Jeffries, Peters, Peyser, Reed, Scheibel, Thomas, Woolridge and Wu.

The time was 10:14 a.m.

Christina Kelley
Assistant Secretary to the Board