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

**Thursday, December 13, 2018; 10:00 a.m.
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Old Chapel
Great Hall, 2nd Floor
144 Hicks Way
Amherst, Massachusetts**

Trustees Present: Chairman Manning; Vice Chair Peters; Trustees Burns, Epstein, Fubini, Furman, Karam, Madigan, Mallett, Nair, Paris Jeffries, Peyser, Phimmasonne, Scheibel, Tariq, Thomas, Tolman, Woolridge and Wu

Trustees Absent: Trustees O'Brien, Okwara and Osterhaus-Houle

University Administration: President Meehan; General Counsel Leone; Chancellors Subbaswamy, Newman, Johnson, Moloney and Collins

Faculty Representatives: Professor Hoagland, UMass Amherst; Professor Lublin, UMass Boston; Professor Abdallah, UMass Lowell, Professor Weinstein, UMass Medical School

Chairman Manning convened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Chair's Report

Chairman Manning thanked Chancellor Subbaswamy and his team for hosting the Board. He congratulated the Chancellor for the hockey team's recent win.

Chairman Manning commented on the need to continue to work as a system to become more efficient and fiscally responsible, and to be positioned to take advantage of opportunities that may present themselves. He reported that efforts to assess opportunities in online education continue with hopes toward bringing a plan before the Board.

Chairman Manning then announced the meeting's agenda.

Consideration of the prior Minutes of the Board

Chairman Manning stated that the Board was provided with the draft meeting minutes of the September 19, 2018 open and executive sessions and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Student Trustee Report, UMass Amherst

Trustee Nair commented on the fostering of academic growth at the University and highlighted UMass Amherst's national rankings across a variety of fields. She also commented on the

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onslaught of racist and biased-related incidents that have plagued the campus and stated that along with campus administration, she and other student leaders condemn those acts which do not reflect the campus' values as a living and learning community. She asked the Board to keep in mind the University's commitment to diversity and inclusion when voting on decisions that affect the UMass system and to consider how they can intentionally create spaces and policies that will limit acts of hatred and foster shared values.

She commented on the increase of individuals seeking counseling and mental health-related services on the Amherst campus due to the recent tense political and social climate and ask the Board to consider ways to support counseling and mental health services and explore the opportunity for shared services in the UMass system to address the need across the system.

Trustee Nair also asked the Board to look for ways to stabilize or lower tuition rates so that students have equitable access to pathways for success.

President's Report

President Meehan reported on the University's fiscal oversight and accountability measures due to new measures approved by the Board including a reserve policy and the establishment of a stabilization fund. In addition, he reported on the progress of a shared services plan, and the University's opportunities with online education. He thanked the campuses for their work and continued commitment to affordability, access and opportunity for current and future UMass students.

President Meehan provided brief highlights from the campuses and congratulated them on their achievements. He encouraged the Board to read the Chancellor's Quarterly Reports which provide information about the progress and accomplishments across the UMass system.

Public Speakers

Blythe White, a first-year student at UMass Amherst and member from the Center for Education Policy and Advocacy (CEPA) spoke about how public higher education continues to be underfunded and how the debt that students take on harms their future. She shared her personal experience of how student debt restricts her opportunities in life and her family's and then asked the Board to commit to supporting the complete funding of public higher education in Massachusetts.

Erik Plowden, a member of CEPA spoke about the Board's unique platform and asked that they join with the students in urging Legislators to halt tuition and fee increases, and that they commit to appealing for the additional \$500 million in funding that public higher education needs for a debt-free future for all students.

Eve Weinbaum, President of the Massachusetts Society of Professors and UMass Amherst Labor Center commented on the settled contract agreements for tenured and non-tenure-track faculty. She then called on the Board to join the unions in supporting the "Fund Our Future" legislation which would provide funding for K-12 schools, as well as provide the funding that public universities need so that Massachusetts is no longer near the bottom of states in support for higher education.

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Anneta Argyres, President of the Professional Staff Union commented on the students and staff continued requests to address UMass Boston's budget problems and asked that the Board's support the resolution for increased funding for public higher education in Massachusetts. She also asked if the Board would agree to release up to \$3 million of the system's reserves for the next 4 years to eliminate problems for students and staff at the campus.

Chairman Manning stated that it was not appropriate to take up a vote on the request at this meeting. The request must be vetted by the appropriate committee; the administration will take up the issue.

Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Administration and Finance

Trustee Karam reported that the Committee on Administration and Finance met on November 29th and heard updates on the University's approach to shared services in the areas of procurement, payroll, and accounts payable. Senior Vice President Calise provided an update on the A&F Roadmap. Changes to the University's Capital Policy and changes to the approved Capital Projects List were also presented and approved by the Committee and placed on the Consent Agenda for the Board's approval. The annual Sustainability Report and the 2018 Clery Report were also posted to Boardvantage for the Committee's information.

Advancement Committee

Trustee Burns reported that the Advancement Committee met on November 14, 2018 and approved the minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting, and heard reports from the Chair, President Meehan and Vice President Pagnam. The campuses also reported on fundraising through the first quarter of FY2019. The Committee also heard a presentation from Brent Grinna, CEO of Boston-based Evertrue, which is a cloud software product, developed to help higher education advancement teams engage alumni, raise support, and measure team progress.

Trustee Burns also reported on having concluded her campus visits with President Meehan, each Chancellor and their Vice Chancellor for Advancement.

Audit Committee

Trustee Furman reported that the Audit Committee met November 29, 2018 and accepted the minutes of the prior Committee meeting, heard reports from Kyle David, the Director of Internal Audit, Senior Vice President Lisa Calise and University Controller Barbara Cevallos, and Grant Thornton. Mr. David briefed the Committee on his team's activity during the fiscal year. Senior Vice President Calise and Ms. Cevallos provided highlights of the University's fiscal year 2018 financial results. Ms. Esten presented Grant Thornton's University of Massachusetts Financial Statements and Federal Uniform Guidance Compliance Audit. She also commented on the evaluation of the transaction to purchase Mt. Ida.

The Audit Committee voted to recommend that the Board approve the Internal Audit Charter, the University's Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Statements and Grant Thornton's audit report. The Committee entered into Executive Session and reconvened in Open Session and voted to recommend that the Board appoint KPMG as the University's independent external auditor.

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Chair Manning then asked for a motion to approve the Internal Audit Charter, Doc. T06-061 as amended; the University’s Annual Financial Statements, Doc. T18-075; Grant Thornton’s Report on Major Federal Program Compliance with OMB Uniform Guidance, Doc. T18-076; and the Appointment of the University’s Independent External Auditors, Doc. T18-074. It was moved and seconded.

VOTED: To approve the Internal Audit Charter.

VOTED: To approve the University’s Annual Financial Statements.

VOTED: To approve Grant Thornton’s Report on Major Federal Program Compliance with OMB Uniform Guidance.

VOTED: To appoint KPMG as the University’s independent external audit firm.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Manning then asked for a motion to approve items 1-2 on the Consent Agenda by a single vote. It was moved and seconded.

VOTED: To approve the following votes listed as 1-2 on the Consent Agenda:

The Committee on Administration and Finance approved items 1-2 on November 29, 2018.

1. Approval of Changes to the Capital Planning, Land and Facility Use Policy, Doc. T93-122, as amended

To approve changes to the University’s Capital Policy and to otherwise implement this policy as amended.

2. Approval of Changes to the Capital Projects List (Vote 2) (related to the FY2019 – FY2023 Capital Plan), Doc. T18-064, as amended

Pursuant to Trustee Policy T93-122, as amended, to approve the following projects under the **second vote**; the adoption of such vote hereby satisfies the University’s written request that the University of Massachusetts Building Authority undertake the following projects to the extent permitted by Trustee Policy T93-122, as amended and Board vote T18-056:

Campus	Project Name	Preliminary Campus Estimate (First Vote)	Full Project Approval (Second Vote)	Funding Sources			
				Local Funding	External Funding	Borrowed Funding	State Funding
UMA	Student Union Building	\$55,000,000	\$62,000,000	-	-	\$62,000,000	-
UMMS	Animal Quarters A Level Renovations (HVAC, Cage Wash, and Holding Rooms)	\$14,500,000	\$14,500,000	\$14,500,000	-	-	-

Other Business, Action Item #1: Bachelor of Science in Informatics, UMass Amherst, Doc. T18-067

Chairman Manning asked for a motion to approve the Bachelor of Science in Informatics at UMass Amherst. It was moved and seconded.

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Provost McCarthy described the purpose and need for the program that will be housed in the College of Information and Computer Science.

Chairman Manning asked for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

VOTED: To approve the Bachelor of Science in Informatics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as contained in Doc. T18-067.

Other Business, Action Item #2: Appointments to Named Professorships including Endowed Chairs, UMass Amherst, Lowell, Doc. T18-068

Chairman Manning asked for a motion to approve the Named Professorships including Endowed Chairs at UMass Amherst and Lowell. It was moved and seconded.

Provosts McCarthy and Vayda spoke to the appointments.

Chairman Manning asked for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

VOTED: To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Bruce Skaggs to the Flavin Chair in Entrepreneurial Studies, Department of Management at the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor George Milne to the Carney Family Endowed Professorship, Marketing Department at the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Margaret Sobkowicz-Kline to the Dandeneau Endowed Professorship, Department of Plastics Engineering, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor James Sherwood to the Foley Endowed Professorship, College of Engineering for Workforce Development, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Joey Mead to the Pernick Endowed Nanotechnology Professorship, Department of Plastics Engineering, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Carol Barry to the Saab Endowed Professorship, Department of Plastics Engineering, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Alfred Donatelli to the Ward Endowed Professorship, Department of Chemical Engineering, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

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Executive Session Announcement

Chairman Manning then asked for a roll call 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, Awards of Tenure, UMass Medical School and Honorary Degrees, UMass Medical School.

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 purposes listed. Chairman Manning voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Peters; and Trustees Burns, Epstein, Fubini, Furman, Karam, Paris Jeffries, Peyser, Phimmasone, Scheibel, Tariq, Thomas, Tolman, Woolridge and Wu.

The time was 10:55 a.m.

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Secretary to the Board of Trustees