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

Wednesday, September 4, 2019; 12:00 p.m.

University of Massachusetts Lowell

University Crossing

Moloney Hall A – 2nd Floor

220 Pawtucket Street

Lowell, Massachusetts

Committee Members Present: Chair Paris Jeffries; Trustees Binnall, Callahan, Cruz-Gordillo, Epstein, Furman, Kuffoh, Patel, Peters; Mr. Moreau (Trustee Peyser’s representative)

Other Trustees Present: Trustee Burns

Committee Members Absent: Vice Chair Scheibel; Trustees Okwara, Osterhaus-Houle and Thomas

University Administration: President Meehan; Senior Vice President Gamache; General Counsel Leone; Chancellors Subbaswamy, Newman and Moloney; Provosts McCarthy, McDermott, Karim, Hartman and Flotte

Faculty Representatives: Professor Hoagland, UMass Amherst; Professor Koren, UMass Lowell

Documents Used:

- Meeting Minutes: May 29, 2019 (Open & Executive Session)
- Appointments to Named Professorships including Endowed Chairs, UMass Amherst, Boston, Medical School, Doc. T19-041
- B.S. in Veterinary Technology UMass Amherst, Doc. T19-047
- B.S. in Managerial Economics, UMass Amherst, Doc. T19-053

Chair Paris Jeffries convened the meeting at 12:00 p.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 wishing to speak should do so through the Chair.

Consideration of Minutes of the prior meeting of the Committee

Chair Paris Jeffries stated that the Committee was provided with the draft minutes of the May 29, 2019 meeting’s Open and Executive Session and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Chair’s Report

Chair Paris Jeffries announced the meeting’s agenda and welcomed Student Trustees Jacob Binnall from UMass Amherst; Kush Patel from UMass Boston; Amanda Kuffoh from UMass Dartmouth;

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Ryan Callahan from UMass Lowell; Peter Cruz-Gordillo from the UMass Medical School; and Trustee Bob Epstein to the Committee.

President's Report

President Meehan noted the Bachelor in Veterinary Technology at UMass Amherst on the day's agenda for Committee's approval. The degree is a former Mount Ida College program that UMass Amherst agreed to teach-out upon the closure of the school. He also noted the Board's previous approval of the continuation of the Interior Architecture and Design program that UMass Dartmouth adopted from Mount Ida. The University's decision to continue these programs beyond their teach-out periods is a reminder of the incredible effort by the campuses. The University has also worked with other colleges, including Regis College and Cape Cod Community College, to ensure that the remaining specialty programs from Mount Ida continue elsewhere.

President Meehan provided updates from across the campuses including: UMass Amherst welcomed new campus leadership for academic year 2019-2020; UMass Boston, faculty received a number of highly competitive research grants; UMass Dartmouth's grant awards grew by nearly \$3 million in FY19—a 23% increase driven by new grants received by the School for Marine Science and Technology; New research projects at UMass Lowell, the campus welcomed its largest undergraduate class ever this year, and is having its 125th anniversary celebration on October 17th; and the Medical School is prioritizing student wellness, and has appointed Michael P. Hirsh, Professor of Surgery and Chief of Pediatric Surgery to the newly created position of Assistant Vice Provost for Wellness and Health Promotion.

President Meehan announced the passing last week of Trustee and former Board Chair Victor Woolridge's wife, Karen Hardy-Woolridge. Chancellor Collins attended today's funeral service on behalf of the Board, the President, and fellow Chancellors. President Meehan then asked for a moment of silence in memory of Karen Hardy-Woolridge.

Senior Vice President's Report

Senior Vice President Gamache commented on the beginning of the academic year noting about 72 thousand students enrolled at the 5 campuses. He noted that UMass Lowell's Convocation was held yesterday for the largest incoming class in the University's history. He also commented on faculty conducting intense research during the academic summer.

Action Item #1: Appointments to Named Professorships including Endowed Chairs, UMass Amherst, Boston, Medical School, Document T19-041

Chair Paris Jeffries requested the approval of the Appointments to Named Professorships including Endowed Chairs at UMass Amherst, Boston, and the Medical School. He 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 Assistant Professor Guangyu Xu to the Dev and Linda Gupta Endowed Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

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- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Associate Professor Joseph Cooper to the Dr. J. Keith Motley Chair in Sport Leadership and Administration at the University of Massachusetts Boston.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Associate Professor Justin A. Maykel to the Joseph M. Streeter and Mary Streeter DeFeudis Chair in Surgery at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Beth A. McCormick to the Worcester Foundation for Biomedical Research Chair at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Assistant Professor Lawrence M. Rhein to the Stoddard Chair of Pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.
- And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Celia A. Schiffer to the Gladys Smith Martin Chair of Oncology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Provosts McCarthy, McDermott and Flotte spoke to the appointments.

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

Action Item #2: B.S. in Veterinary Technology UMass Amherst, Document T19-047

Chair Paris Jeffries requested the approval of the B.S. in Veterinary Technology at UMass Amherst. He 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 Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Technology at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as contained in Doc. T19-047.

Provost McCarthy spoke to the proposed program, which is a former Mount Ida College program that UMass Amherst agreed to teach-out upon the school's closure. The program is designed to train students in the essential skills needed to qualify as a certified veterinary technologist and there is a critical need for veterinary technologists.

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

Action Item #3: B.S. in Managerial Economics, UMass Amherst, Document, T19-053

Chair Paris Jeffries requested the approval of the B.S. in Managerial Economics at UMass Amherst. He 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 Bachelor of Science in Managerial Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst as contained in Doc. T19-053.

Provost McCarthy spoke to the proposed program, which helps students develop skills in accounting, finance, business strategies, and market and consumer demand analysis. The Managerial Economics curriculum has been offered as a concentration within the Resources Economics major since 1993 and has proved increasingly popular. He then acknowledged Chancellor Newman for urging the change from a concentration to a stand alone degree during her time as Provost on the campus.

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

Consent Agenda

Chair Paris Jeffries then asked for a motion to place Action Items #1-3 on a Consent Agenda for the Board meeting on September 5. It was moved and seconded to place the Action Items on a Consent Agenda.

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

Executive Session Announcement

Chair Paris Jeffries 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 Amherst, Boston; Awards of Tenure, UMass Amherst; Transfer of Tenure, UMass Dartmouth; and 2020 Honorary Degrees, UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Medical School.

Chair Paris Jeffries announced that the Committee 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 in Executive Session for those purposes listed. Chair Paris Jeffries voted for the motion as did Trustees Callahan, Cruz-Gordillo, Epstein, Furman, Peters; and Mr. Moreau (Trustee Peyser's representative).

The time was 12:29 p.m.

Zunilka Barrett
Secretary to the Board of Trustees