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

**Monday, February 10, 2020; 2:00 p.m.
Amherst Room
University of Massachusetts Club
One Beacon Street – 32nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts**

Trustees Present: Chairman Manning; Vice Chair Peters; Trustees Callahan, Cruz-Gordillo, Karam, O’Brien, Paris Jeffries, Patel, Peyser, Thomas, Tolman and Wu

Phone Participation: Trustees Kelleher, Scheibel and Woolridge

Trustees Absent: Trustees Binnall, Burns, Epstein, Furman, Kuffoh, Okwara and Osterhaus-Houle

University Administration: President Meehan; General Counsel Leone; Chancellors Newman and Collins; Provost Karim; Vice Chancellor Chen

Faculty Representatives: Professor Lublin, UMass Boston

Chairman Manning convened the meeting at 2:07 p.m. and announced that Trustees Burns, Kelleher, Scheibel and Woolridge would be participating by telephone pursuant to 940 CMR 29.10(5)(e), since they were traveling and geographically distant from Boston making it unreasonably difficult for them to attend the meeting in person.

Chairman Manning announced the passing of former University of Massachusetts Trustee and president of Tufts University, Michigan State University, and the University of Connecticut John DiBiaggio on February 1st. Chairman Manning observed a moment of silence in memory of Dr. DiBiaggio.

Chair’s Remarks

Chairman Manning thanked everyone for joining the Board for what he thinks will prove to be a momentous day for UMass Boston, the UMass system and for the cause of public higher education in Massachusetts.

He stated that the Board voted six months ago to establish the University of Massachusetts Boston Chancellor Search Committee, which represented and reflected the UMass Boston community. The Committee was asked to conduct an open, transparent, and comprehensive search to find the right leader for a transformational and inspirational campus.

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He acknowledged Vice Chair Peters for having served six times on major search committees of which he chaired three searches. He thanked Chancellor Newman for her leadership and commitment to UMass Boston and its mission.

Report of the University of Massachusetts Boston Chancellor Search Committee

Vice Chair Peters provided an overview of the search process. The UMass Boston Chancellor Search Committee included five members of the UMass Boston faculty, two UMass Boston deans, students, a member of the UMass Boston staff, alumni, community representatives, Senior Vice President Calise and Vice Chancellor Chen. Professor Jean Rhodes served as Vice Chair. Isaacson Miller was the recruitment firm.

Since being established by the Board of Trustees, the UMass Boston Chancellor Search Committee held its initial meeting in late August and received its charge from the Chairman, held meetings with key campus constituency groups, created a position-profile document and advertised the position nationally in the appropriate academic publications, held eight working meetings and extensively reviewed and discussed the credentials and accomplishments of dozens of candidates, and held three days of interviews with 11 distinguished candidates. Isaacson Miller, the recruitment firm contacted nearly 400 prospective candidates.

President's Recommendation on the Appointment of Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston

President Meehan commented on the Search Committee's candidate selection process and its selection of Dr. Suárez-Orozco for the position of Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston. He commented on Dr. Suárez-Orozco's visit to the Boston campus on January 31st and the campus' reaction to his visit. He noted the Faculty Council's unanimous endorsement of his candidacy.

President Meehan proudly recommended Dr. Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, the inaugural Wasserman Dean at the University of California Los Angeles, to be appointed as Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston and briefly highlighted his professional background as an internationally-renowned educator and researcher.

The President acknowledged the members of the UMass Boston Chancellors Search Committee and thanked them for their outstanding work. He recognized Trustees Peters, Paris Jeffries and Tolman for their service, and thanked Isaacson Miller and members of the President's Office for their assistance.

He thanked the UMass Boston community and in particular, the Faculty Council for its commitment, involvement and input, and expressed his gratitude to Chancellor Newman for leading UMass Boston and providing strong and wise leadership.

Chancellor Newman expressed her appreciation for the acknowledgement. She is pleased with the selection of Marcelo Suárez-Orozco whom she has known for a long time. She commented on UMass Boston being in a better place than it was. She looks forward to Dr. Suárez-Orozco's extraordinary contributions to UMass Boston.

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Appointment of Chancellor, University of Massachusetts Boston

Chairman Manning then requested approval of the Appointment of Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston. It was moved and seconded.

To recommend that the Board appoint Dr. Marcelo Suárez-Orozco as Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston.

And further,

To authorize the President to enter into a contract with Dr. Marcelo Suárez-Orozco for the Position of Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston in accordance with the most recent recommendation of the Compensation Committee. (Doc. T20-002)

Trustee Patel thanked the Search Committee and acknowledged Sara Tariq and Sam Zeno, the students represented on the Committee. He spoke to Chancellor Newman's leadership and accomplishments. He commented on the student session with Dr. Suárez-Orozco noting his diverse background and the students' impression that he is the right fit for the campus. He stated that the campus is looking for a Chancellor that will prioritize the student agenda and help make the campus a home for all types of students. He expressed his appreciation to President Meehan and the Board for their work.

Chairman Manning then asked for questions or comments on the President's recommendation to appoint Dr. Marcelo Suárez-Orozco as Chancellor of UMass Boston.

Trustee Peyser commended Chancellor Newman for her leadership of UMass Boston during the challenges the campus faced. Trustees Wu and Tolman commended the Search Committee process and expressed their support of Dr. Suárez-Orozco.

The Secretary then called the roll with each Trustee asked to vote yes or no. Chairman Manning voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Peters; and Trustees Callahan, Cruz-Gordillo, Karam, Kelleher, Paris Jeffries, Peyser, Scheibel, Thomas, Tolman, Woolridge and Wu.

Dr. Suárez-Orozco joined the meeting and thanked the Board for the appointment as UMass Boston's next Chancellor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Zunilka Barrett
Secretary to the Board of Trustees