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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CHANCELLOR'S SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR UMASS DARTMOUTH**

Monday, April 26, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

**Pursuant to the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the
Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §20 dated March 12, 2020**

Committee Members Present: Chair Karam, Vice Chair Christ, Mr. Bushell, Ms. Calise, Mr. Carreras, Ms. Chen, Ms. Entin, Ms. Gauvin, Ms. Klobucka, Ms. Kroncke, Mr. Kunda, Chancellor Moloney, Mr. Msangi, Mr. O'Rielly, Ms. Ramos Gagliardi, Mr. Roscoe, Mr. Tolman, Ms. VanderGheynst, Ms. Williams

University Administration: General Counsel Gerry Leone, Executive Director of Communications John Hoey

Chair Karam convened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Chair Karam introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the UMass Dartmouth Chancellor Search Committee. Chair Karam stated that due to the Emergency Order issued by the Governor, all members of the Board may participate by remote virtual means. Chair Karam noted that he received no requests from the public to speak, make an audio or videotape of the meeting.

Chair Karam asked Michael Milligan from IT to provide the Committee with instructions for their Zoom meeting. Michael Milligan gave some guidelines, stated there were no guests listed, reminded the Committee to unmute their mic if they have a comment and offered technical support if needed.

Chair Karam thanked Michael Milligan and then informed the Committee that their task is to forward finalist candidates to the President after identifying the very best individuals available to become the permanent Chancellor of UMass Dartmouth. He discussed the economic impact and how important UMass Dartmouth is to the South Coast, southeastern Massachusetts, the Commonwealth, the nation and to the world. Chair Karam stated that this Committee will play a significant role and that each member of this Committee will have every opportunity to participate, voice their opinions and make a full contribution to the process. He also stated that there will be opportunities for people beyond the committee membership to provide feedback. Chair Karam thanked Nick Christ for his willingness to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Chair Karam stated that UMass Board of Trustees Chairman Manning delegated to him as the Chair of the UMass Dartmouth Chancellor Search Committee the duty of conveying the Charge on his behalf. The Committee's fundamental responsibility is to preliminarily screen candidates, and to nominate a slate of well-qualified finalist candidates to the President and the Board.

Chair Karam introduced President Meehan to speak to the Committee. President Meehan welcomed and thanked the members of the Committee for serving. President Meehan stated that this is an especially important search process for UMass Dartmouth and it is imperative the Committee gets it right. President Meehan stated it's important for this to be a fair, open and transparent search.

Chair Karam thanked President Meehan then asked the committee members to introduce themselves and say a little bit about who you are. (See attached bios)

Chair Karam introduced General Counsel Gerry Leone and asked him to give a presentation about the legal landscape relevant to the search process. General Counsel gave a presentation on Confidentiality & Privacy; The MA Open Meeting Law and Executive Session; Public Records Law and Exemptions. After this presentation, Committee members were asked to complete the Confidentiality Agreement and the Open Meeting Law forms and submit them.

Chair Karam thanked General Counsel Gerry Leone and introduced John Hoey, Executive Director of Communications, to speak to the Committee. Mr. Hoey informed the Committee that the Chair is the official spokesperson for the Committee and to direct all inquiries, whether they be from the media or any other constituency, to John.

Chair Karam thanked Mr. Hoey and outlined the next steps in regards to search firms, the position profile and posting an announcement to let the higher education community know that we have formally launched a search.

Chancellor Moloney dropped off at 1:40 p.m.

Executive Session Announcement

Chair Karam then asked for a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the following statutory provisions: MGL c. 30A; Section 21 (a) Purpose 7; and Purpose 8; and MGL c. 30A; Sections: 18; and 22(f)" since the chair has determined that a discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the Committee's ability to attract qualified candidates.

And under Purpose 7, publicly disclosing and citing to the specific law that necessitates confidentiality would compromise the purpose for which the executive session is being called.

The motion was offered by Mr. Roscoe and seconded by Ms. Calise. Ms. Greene called the roll with each Committee member asked to vote yes or no to enter into Executive Session.

Chair Karam voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Christ, Mr. Bushell, Ms. Calise, Mr. Carreras, Ms. Chen, Ms. Entin, Ms. Gauvin, Ms. Klobucka, Ms. Kroncke, Mr. Kunda, Mr. Msangi, Mr. O'Rielly, Ms. Ramos Gagliardi, Mr. Roscoe, Mr. Tolman, Ms. VanderGheynst, Ms. Williams.

The time was 2:08 p.m.

UMass Dartmouth Chancellor Search Committee Biographies

CHAIR: Steve Karam, UMass Trustee
Principal, Karam Financial Group



Stephen Karam was born and raised in Fall River and currently resides in the city. He graduated from BMC Durfee High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from Babson College in 1991.

Stephen is a Principal of Karam Financial Group, a corporate benefits consulting firm working regionally to serve clients in all areas of employee benefits. KFG is dedicated to developing innovative executive and corporate benefit programs, delivering the highest level of service possible to our clients.

Stephen is former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bristol Community College and is very active in his community.

He is married to the former Francesca Gagliardi, also a Fall River native, and has three children: Julia, Justin and John Karam.

VICE CHAIR: Nick Christ, President & CEO
BayCoast Bank



Nicholas Christ is the President and CEO of BayCoast Bank, a community bank serving SouthCoast Massachusetts and Rhode Island. An active member of the community, Christ is involved with a multitude of non-profit organizations throughout the Fall River and New Bedford areas. Some of his affiliations include the City of Fall River's Task Force to End Homelessness as well as the SouthCoast Development Partnership. Additionally, Mr. Christ serves on the board of the Bristol County Chamber of Commerce, the SSTAR Campaign Steering Committee, the Finance Committee for Holy Name Church and the Diocese of Fall River Catholic Foundation Task Force.

As an advocate of education, supporting local schools and encouraging the business community to take an active role in the education of our students has always held particular importance for Christ. He has served on various school advisory boards, including those of Bishop Connolly High School, the Charlton College of Business at UMass Dartmouth, and the Diocese of Fall River Central Catholic School Board. He views the increased interaction and collaboration across the Diocese as truly a spiritual experience that he believes has created momentum and enthusiasm that is palpable. Mr. Christ is honored and humbled to be associated with the Diocese and is truly excited about its future and what is taking place.

Michael Bushell, President
St. Anne's Hospital



Named president of Saint Anne's Hospital in 2016, Michael Bushell joined Saint Anne's Hospital in 1999, serving successively as director of finance, vice president of business development, vice president of finance, and chief financial officer/chief operations officer. He previously served as director of budget for UMass Memorial Medical Center and district director of finance for Vencor Corporation (Hillhaven Corporation).

Bushell earned his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the former Southeastern Massachusetts University and his Master's Degree in business administration, with concentration in finance, from Bentley College.

An active member in the Healthcare Finance Managers Association and the American College of Healthcare Executives, he is a graduate of the Leadership South Coast program and a board member of the Greater Fall River Development Corporation, Boys and Girls Club of New Bedford, Bristol County Chamber of Commerce, Fall River Office of Economic Development, and the Alyssa E. Correia Memorial Fund.

Lisa Calise

Senior Vice President for Administration & Finance and University Treasurer
UMass President's Office



Lisa A. Calise is the Senior Vice President for Administration & Finance and Treasurer for the University of Massachusetts. She has been with UMass since February 2017. In her role, Lisa oversees the University's financial and operational departments including Treasury, Insurance and Operations, Budget and Planning, Procurement, Enterprise Risk Management, Human Resources and Controller's Office.

Lisa was most recently the Chief Financial Officer at Watertown-based Perkins School for the Blind, focusing on global services and education for those living with blindness and deafblindness. Before joining Perkins in 2010, Lisa served the City of Boston for over a decade, most recently as the Director of Administration and Finance, and previously as Chief Financial Officer and Collector-Treasurer and Budget Director, implementing efficiency improvements and managing the City's finances through challenging economic times. Prior to coming to Boston, Lisa served in the White House Office of Management and Budget as a budget examiner.

A Massachusetts native, Lisa obtained her B.A. from Boston College and a Master's Degree in Public Management from the University of Maryland. She recently served as a member of both the MBTA Finance and Management Control Board and MassDOT Board.

Ismael E. Carreras, Ph.D. Chief Data Strategist and Director
UMass President's Office



Ismael E. Carreras was appointed to the position of Chief Data Strategist and Director in July 2018. In his role, he reports key academic and economic indicators about the UMass System and generates analyses that help drive overall strategy and decision-making for the President's Office, including data around admissions, enrollment, degree completions, alumni, faculty & staff and labor markets.

Prior to joining the President's Office, Ismael was the Senior Vice President of Research at Maguire Associates, a Concord-based higher education enrollment management consulting firm. Before joining Maguire, he worked in the biopharma consulting industry as a business analytics professional for over a decade at Eidetics/Quintiles Consulting (now IQVIA). He has also taught graduate level coursework in statistics and research design at Boston College and Northern Illinois University (DeKalb, IL).

Ismael is originally from Puerto Rico and holds a B.A. degree from Bates College and M.Ed. and Ph.D. degrees from the Lynch School of Education at Boston College. He also volunteers for Puerto Rico Lacrosse, a non-profit organization whose mission is to grow the sport in that nation, where he serves as Chair of the National Teams Committee.

Julie Chen, Ph.D.

Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development
UMass Lowell



Julie Chen, Ph.D., is considered one of the nation's leading experts on nanotechnology and innovations in materials processing and manufacturing. She directs UMass Lowell's \$75 million research enterprise, which spans all academic departments and 14 research and engagement centers and institutes.

Chen has served on editorial boards, advisory committees and review panels for several journals and federal agencies, including the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institutes of Health, the National Academies, U.S. Department of Energy, Department of Defense, and has also testified before the U.S. House of Representatives and briefed the Massachusetts Legislature. She has also served as the 2010 Technical Program Chair for the ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition.

As Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development, Chen carries out UMass Lowell's mission to grow the innovation economy by overseeing the transfer of technology toward applications, and ensuring that research partners—which include large corporations and various federal and state agencies – are well served.

Chen brings the experience she gained as a program director and proposal reviewer for the NSF to her current role overseeing the faculty's federal grant submissions. From 2002-2004, she served as an NSF program director in its Materials Processing & Manufacturing and Nanomanufacturing Programs.

She served as one of the three founding co-directors of the UMass Lowell Nanomanufacturing Center (she was responsible for the state-funded Center of Excellence component), is the co-director of the UMass Lowell Advanced Composite Materials and Textile Research Laboratory and is a member of the UMass Lowell Wind Energy Research Group.

At the Massachusetts State House, Chen co-led a spring 2011 briefing on the importance of state matching funds in securing federal research grants. She also testified before the U.S. House Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, on "The Transfer of National Nanotechnology Initiative Research Outcomes for Commercial and Public Benefit" in 2008.

With more than 20 years of experience as a faculty member in mechanical engineering, her research into mechanical behavior and deformation of fiber and composite structures has helped to prevent manufacturing defects, improve performance, and create new innovations in experimental characterization and manufacturing.

Chen received her Ph.D., M.S. and B.S. degrees from MIT in Mechanical Engineering.

Dean Pauline Entin, Ph.D.

College of Arts & Sciences

UMass Dartmouth



Education

2000	UC San Diego	Post-Doc, Physiology
1997	Cornell University	Ph.D., Physiology
1991	Brown University	B.A., Biology

Teaching Area

Exercise Physiology

Research Awards (UMass Dartmouth)

\$650,000 NSF S-STEM, Co-PI (PI – Yanlai Chen). “Implementation of a Contextualized Computing Pedagogy in STEM Core Courses and Its Impact on Undergraduate Student Academic Success, Retention, and Graduation,” 2020-2025.

Prior Positions

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Northern Arizona University (NAU)

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Engineering, Forestry and Natural Sciences

Attorney Pamela Gauvin
Partner, Market & Gauvin, LLP



Attorney Pamela Gauvin (Fernandes), of Assonet, has been a practicing attorney in Bristol County for 26 years. She began her legal career as an assistant district attorney in the Bristol County District Attorney's Office from 1994-1998. After that she worked with a former Board of Trustee Member Attorney James Clarkin at Clarkin, Gauvin, Novak, P.A. In 2013, she joined Markey & Gauvin, L.L.P, in New Bedford, as a partner and focuses on criminal and civil litigation, labor and employment and school law. Attorney Gauvin also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Massachusetts School of Law, instructing trial practice.

Gauvin is also a dedicated member of the community. Since graduating from law school, she has provided legal representation for the Bristol County Bar Advocate program, a non-profit legal service agency responsible for legal defense services to Bristol County's indigent population.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H., and her Juris Doctorate from The University of New Hampshire School of Law in Concord, N.H. She is a member of the Bristol County and New Bedford Bar Associations.

Anna Klobucka Ph.D.

Professor, Portuguese Department
UMass Dartmouth



Anna M. Klobucka holds an MA in Iberian Studies from the University of Warsaw (Poland) and a PhD in Romance Languages and Literatures from Harvard University (1993). She taught at the Ohio State University and the University of Georgia before coming to the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth in 2001. At UMass Dartmouth, she teaches primarily Portuguese and Lusophone African literatures and holds a joint appointment in the Department of Women's and Gender Studies. She served as Chair of the Department of Portuguese from 2003 to 2007. She is the author of *The Portuguese Nun: Formation of a National Myth* (Bucknell University Press, 2000; Portuguese translation issued by Imprensa Nacional-Casa da Moeda in 2006), *O Formato Mulher: A Emergência da Autoria Feminina na Poesia Portuguesa* (Coimbra: Angelus Novus, 2009), and *O Mundo Gay de António Botto* (Lisboa: Sistema Solar, 2018). She has co-edited the volumes *After the Revolution: Twenty Years of Portuguese Literature 1974-1994* (Bucknell University Press, 1997), *Embodying Pessoa: Corporeality, Gender, Sexuality* (University of Toronto Press, 2007; Portuguese translation published in 2010 by Assírio & Alvim), and *Gender, Empire, and Postcolony: Luso-Afro-Brazilian Intersections* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014). Her articles have appeared in *Colóquio/Letras*, *Luso-Brazilian Review*, *Portuguese Literary and Cultural Studies*, *Slavic and Eastern European Journal*, and *SubStance*, among other journals. She was also the lead author of the first edition of *Ponto de Encontro: Portuguese as a World Language* (Prentice Hall, 2007). She served as Vice-President (2003-04) and President (2005-06) of the American Portuguese Studies Association. In 2007, she was recognized as UMass Dartmouth's Scholar of the Year. She currently serves as editor of the Portuguese Language Textbook Series and coeditor of the journal *Portuguese Literary and Cultural Studies*, both published by Tagus Press/Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture at UMass Dartmouth, and as coeditor of the Journal of Feminist Studies.

For full CV and additional papers, please see [Anna Klobucka's page on Academia.edu](#).

For additional information on main publications and research in progress, please see AK's [research site](#).

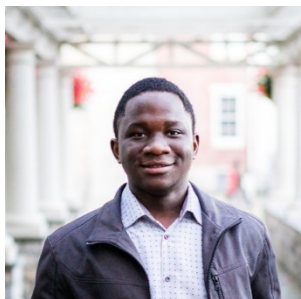
Barbara J. Kroncke, Executive Director
UMass Building Authority



Ms. Kroncke is the Executive Director of the University of Massachusetts Building Authority. She oversees an ambitious \$2.1 billion growth plan that includes the acquisition and construction of and renovation to academic and research buildings, student residence halls and dining and athletic facilities on all five of the University of Massachusetts campuses. The Building Authority is currently managing more than 36 construction projects, each designed to improve teaching, learning and student life at the Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, and Worcester campuses of the University. Ms. Kroncke, works together with the University President, Martin T. Meehan, the Board of Trustees, and the campuses to deliver cost-effective, sustainable and high quality construction of world class buildings to support the mission of the University. Prior to joining the Building Authority, Ms. Kroncke was the Managing Partner of the Boston office of McCarter & English and Chair of the Public Finance Practice Group. Her practice was primarily in the area of public finance. Ms. Kroncke advised clients on all aspects of capital financing and in particular, on the issuance and sale of tax-exempt and taxable securities. She served as bond counsel and as counsel to underwriters, and also represented borrowers, purchasers of municipal securities, and credit enhancers. She provided such services for The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and many of its agencies and authorities as well as for financial institutions, colleges, universities, health care institutions and other not-for-profit institutions.

Narcisse Kunda

Student Trustee, UMass Dartmouth



Narcisse Kunda is a rising senior at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth pursuing a dual major in Management (Organizational Leadership) & Marketing. He was born and grew up in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, but he immigrated to the United States in 2015 with his family. He has since been living in Framingham, MA. As an undergraduate, Narcisse has been heavily involved on campus with various student organizations. He was the President of Share Esperanza, a student run nonprofit organization on campus. During his tenure, he helped organize two fundraising events on campus that raised funds and awareness for humanitarian relief and sexual violence.

Since his sophomore year, Narcisse has been working as a Student Organizer for the Leduc Center For Civic Engagement. There, he has organized numerous community service events around issues such as food insecurity, environmental causes, housing insecurity, education, and more. He is the Head Manager for Arnie's Cupboard, UMass Dartmouth's on campus food pantry. He is also an Admissions Ambassador—hosting prospective students on campus tours and sharing his college experience at admissions events.

Narcisse is the recipient of the Emerging Leader of the Year Award and a two-time recipient of the SouthCoast Serves Award for his leadership, service, and contributions to the UMass Dartmouth community. He is passionate about civic engagement, student involvement, higher education, and leadership. He looks forward to advocating for equity and diversity throughout the UMass system, increased food security, mental health treatment, and economic opportunity for all students. Narcisse is considering multiple potential career paths upon graduation but will continue to remain involved in his community through service.

Jacqueline Moloney, Chancellor

UMass Lowell



Jacquie Moloney, the chancellor of UMass Lowell, is a national leader in innovation in higher education. Appointed by a unanimous vote of the UMass Board of Trustees in 2015, she is the first woman to lead the university since its founding in 1894. As chief administrator, she manages a budget exceeding \$450 million, oversees the activities of nearly 2,000 employees and welcomes more than 18,000 students to campus each year. In 2017, Moloney was recognized as one of seven prominent “Women Who Mean Business” by the Boston Business Journal. Since that year, UMass Lowell has been ranked in the top 15 in the Top 100 Women-Led Businesses, and the top higher education institution, in Massachusetts by the Boston Globe Magazine and the Commonwealth Institute.

In her more than 30 years with UMass Lowell, Moloney has served in a number of roles, including professor, researcher, dean and executive vice chancellor. She is a pioneer in web-based learning and she revolutionized what is now the Division of Graduate, Online and Professional Studies to include award-winning online programs that today serve more than 31,000 students nationwide each year. Moloney was also an early proponent of integrating entrepreneurial lessons and opportunities throughout campus life. She created UMass Lowell’s Office of Entrepreneurship and Economic Development and established DifferenceMaker, a national model for entrepreneurial programming that engages more than 7,000 students a year in problem-solving activities and competitions.

As chancellor, Moloney’s leadership in the implementation of the university’s strategic plan has resulted in a remarkable institutional transformation. In less than a decade, UMass Lowell has achieved record gains in student enrollment, academic preparedness, diversity and graduation and retention rates. In addition, faculty hiring, research expenditures, fundraising and economic development activities have all reached new heights. Under Moloney’s oversight, UMass Lowell launched its first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign with the objective of raising \$125 million by 2020. The campaign met its goal two years ahead of schedule and then surpassed it, raising \$165 million. In the past decade, 19 new properties have been added to campus, doubling its square footage.

At her direction, hundreds of public-private partnerships have been established with firms ranging in size from startups to corporations like DCU, Kronos and Raytheon. In the midst of this unprecedented growth, Moloney has successfully prioritized sustainable practices and climate change education, all while supporting leadership opportunities for women and closing the gender gap in STEM faculty. As a result, UMass Lowell has climbed through the rankings and has been one of the fastest-rising schools on U.S. News & World Report’s national universities list.

Moloney is a “double River Hawk,” as she earned two degrees from UMass Lowell, a bachelor’s degree in sociology and a doctorate in education. She also holds a master’s degree in social psychology from Goddard College. One of nine children, she was the first person in her family to attend college. Under her

leadership, UMass Lowell established the River Hawk Scholars Academy, which has become a national model for its support of first-generation college students.

Moloney also is active in the Lowell community. She has served on many boards and has been recognized with numerous awards including Woman of the Year from Girls Inc. Her husband Edward is a local attorney and they have two adult daughters and four grandchildren.

Ziddi Msangi

Associate Professor, Graphic Design
UMass Dartmouth



Ziddi Msangi, a designer and educator, holds an MFA in Graphic Design from Cranbrook Academy of Art (1996).

He was born in Tanzania and moved to California as a child. This early experience fostered an awareness and curiosity about history, power and place.

Cultural interpretation, and placing the narratives that form identities into a social, historical, and cultural context have influenced how Msangi teaches and designs.

This includes designing for community engagement, understanding and applying Universal Design principles of inclusion and honoring the students lived experiences. This influence shows up regardless of what level Prof. Msangi teaches at (undergraduate as well as the graduate level) and this also influences him in his administrative leadership when he served as Graduate Program Director for the Visual Design program.

His ongoing visual research and exploration is about the form and meaning of the East African cloth wrap, Kanga. The results have been presented nationally and internationally including Rhode Island School of Design, Hongik University in Seoul, Korea and University of Johannesburg in South Africa.

Grant O'Rielly, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Physics
UMass Dartmouth



Education:

1997	University of Melbourne, Australia	PhD in Nuclear Physics
1987	University of Melbourne, Australia	BSc (Hons) in Physics

Dr. O'Rielly's research interests are in the area of Intermediate Energy Photonuclear Physics, with special emphasis on few-body nuclear physics and pion photoproduction. He currently is spokesperson on an approved (A-rated) proposal to measure pion photoproduction very close to threshold at the MAX-lab facility in Sweden. He is also co-spokesperson on an approved proposal Pion Production from a Polarized Target to be performed at Jefferson Laboratory in Virginia.

He is awaiting results from the NSF CAREER program, on a proposal submitted in July, 2003 entitled "Investigation of near-threshold pion photoproduction and incorporation of computer simulation into the undergraduate curriculum at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth." This 5-year program of research and teaching activities will support the experimental measurements described above together with the introduction of computational simulation and visualization methods into the undergraduate physics laboratory courses.

Julie M. Ramos Gagliardi, UMass Trustee

First Vice President of Corporate Giving and Community Relations
BayCoast Bank



Julie Ramos Gagliardi has spent her career in marketing, public relations and development working for numerous non-profit organizations in the region including United Way of Greater Fall River, St. Anne's Hospital and the UMass Dartmouth Foundation, and as a consultant for groups including Massachusetts Association of Regional School Committees (MARS) and Katie Brown Educational Program. As First Vice President of Corporate Giving and Community Relations, Julie oversees the Bank's Corporate Giving program and various financial literacy and education initiatives including Job Shadow Days, Credit for Life Fairs, and Chamber of Commerce Education Committee programs and projects. She also represents the Bank in a variety of civic engagements, strategic community partnerships and public relations activities.

Julie graduated from UMass Dartmouth with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management; she went on to attain her Master of Business Administration from Boston College.

A resident of Somerset, Massachusetts, she is active within her community and is currently the Chairperson of the Somerset Berkley Regional School Committee. Julie is a Corporator for the SouthCoast Community Foundation, and member of the Board of Directors for SER Jobs for Progress, Bristol Aggie Education Foundation and YEAH! Corps. She is active in several community initiatives including Fall River TDI Partnerships, Slade Ferry Avenue Re-Development Committee, One Southcoast Chamber Education Committee and the Fall River Arts and Culture Coalition. She is a member of the Southcoast Funders Group and Philanthropy MA.

Julie is married to Nicholas Gagliardi, who is also an alum of UMass Dartmouth and have 2 children.

Doug Roscoe, Ph.D.
Professor, Political Science
UMass Dartmouth



Ph.D. Loyola University Chicago

Prof. Roscoe's academic interests center upon American politics, with a focus on Congress, the president, interest groups, and political parties. He is especially interested in the dynamics of the electoral process and how interest groups and parties shape lawmaking and public policy through electoral politics. Prof. Roscoe is author of the book *The Promise of Democratic Equality in the United States* (Routledge Press) and co-author of the book *Local Party Organizations in the 21st Century* (SUNY Press). His work has been published in a number of journals, including the *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Social Science Quarterly*, and *Publius*. Prof. Roscoe has been a co-investigator in a long-running study of local political parties, and he is currently the Director of General Education for UMass Dartmouth. In 2011 Prof. Roscoe was a Fulbright Scholar at Lingnan University in Hong Kong, China.

<https://www.umassd.edu/media/umassdartmouth/political-science/facultydocs/DDR-Vitae.pdf>

Steve Tolman, UMass Trustee
President, Massachusetts AFL-CIO



In October 1972 Steven A. Tolman went to work on the railroad, and five years later he was elected to his first union office, Local Chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks. After 23 years working for Amtrak and remaining active in the Transportation Communications Union/ International Association of Machinists, Steven's leadership took a new turn in 1994 when he was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Four years later, in 1998, he was elected to the Massachusetts Senate where he served seven terms. Senator Tolman was one of the Legislature's leading voices – some would say firebrand -- for working families. He was Assistant Majority Leader when he resigned to become President of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO in 2011.

While serving in elected office, Steve worked tirelessly to expose and address the tragedy of addictive pain medication and the opiate epidemic, and was an outspoken advocate for accessible health care, quality public education, enhanced workers' rights, and the preservation of vital safety net programs for those in need.

Under his leadership, the Massachusetts AFL-CIO has been a part of ground breaking victories in electoral politics as well as advancing a policy agenda – such as raising the minimum wage, passing the strongest state earned sick-time law in the country, and establishing a domestic workers bill of rights – in the fight for the rights of all workers, those organized and those not yet organized.

Steven holds a B.A. in Labor Studies and Law from UMass Boston and is a 1980 graduate of the Harvard Trade Union Program.

Jean VanderGheynst, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Engineering
Interim Dean, School for Marine Science & Technology
Professor, Department of Bioengineering
UMass Dartmouth



Jean VanderGheynst is Dean of the College of Engineering, Interim Dean of the School for Marine Science and Technology, and Professor of Bioengineering at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. Prior to joining UMass Dartmouth, she was Executive Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the College of Engineering and Professor of Biological and Agricultural Engineering at the University of California, Davis.

Dr. VanderGheynst's research focuses on next generation biofuels and bioproducts and agricultural biotechnology. Current projects examine the management of microbial communities in applications including water treatment, food and energy production, and soil treatment for the control of pests and pathogens. Dr. VanderGheynst received her B.S. degree from Syracuse University in Chemical Engineering and Ph.D. degree in Agricultural and Biological Engineering from Cornell University.

Marcellette G. Williams, Ph.D.

Past Chancellor UMass Amherst and

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and International Relations, Emerita
UMass President's Office



Dr. Marcellette G. Williams is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate holding a B.A. degree with Highest Honor in Comparative Literature, an M.A. degree in English and Comparative Literature and a Ph.D. in English Language and Literature from Michigan State University. When she joined the University of Massachusetts Amherst's top administrative team as Chancellor David Scott's Deputy Chancellor in January 1994, she took the first step in a relationship with the University that would span a quarter of a pcentury — to include 11 years as a tenured professor in English and Comparative Literature and Deputy Chancellor and then Chancellor at the Amherst campus, followed by 14 years at the system office as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and International Relations, with a capstone retirement year as Vice President and Senior Executive Associate for International Strategy. She retired in July 2019 after fifty years of distinguished service as a tenured professor/administrator at two of the nation's top land grant Research-1 universities—Michigan State University and the University of Massachusetts.