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Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
Board of Trustees
University of Massachusetts

At the request of the President and approval by the Chair, a meeting of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs is hereby called to convene on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for the University of Massachusetts. The meeting will be held remotely pursuant to the Governor’s Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §20 dated March 12, 2020.

An agenda is attached.

Zunilka Barrett
Secretary to the Board of Trustees
A. Call to Order

B. Consideration of the Minutes of the Prior Meeting of the Committee
   • May 26, 2021 (Open Session)
   • May 26, 2021 (Executive Session)

C. Chair’s Report

D. President’s Report

E. Discussion Item
   Research Commercialization
   The University is a major source of innovation for the Commonwealth and one of the key expressions of that creativity is the investment industry makes in our science and engineering labs and the extraordinary technologies we develop. For this discussion item, we will focus on the size and character of that footprint, outline new ambitions in research commercialization, hear from five scientists on our campuses that have won awards to enhance their paths to the marketplace, and meet two new members of the President’s Office who will lead this economic development agenda.

F. Student Trustee Presentation
   The importance of social support in returning to campus and college affordability

G. System Chancellor for Academic Programs Report
H. **Action Items**
   1. Appointments to Named Professorships and including Chairs, UMass Amherst
   2. Amendments to Faculty Council Constitution, UMass Boston

I. **Executive Session**
   1. Appointments with Tenure, UMass Amherst, Boston, Medical School
   2. Awards of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Medical School
   3. Transfers of Tenure, UMass Boston
   4. Honorary Degrees, UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Chan Medical School

The above listings of matters before the UMass Board of Trustees are those reasonably anticipated by the Senior Staff, Secretary and Chair of the Board, and intended to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed due to circumstances not known in time to provide an adjustment to the publicly available agenda, and other items that are not listed, may also be brought up for discussion, to the extent such is permitted by law.

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