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Committee on Academic and Student Affairs
Board of Trustees
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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 Monday, June 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. for the University of Massachusetts. The meeting will be held remotely pursuant to Sections 20 and 30A of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, as most recently amended by Section 1 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, as signed by the Governor on March 28, 2025.

An agenda is attached.

Zunilka Barrett
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Medical, Law

Committee on Academic and Student Affairs Agenda

Monday, June 2, 2025; 10:00 a.m., via [Zoom](#)

Pursuant to Sections 20 and 30A of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, as most recently amended by Section 1 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, as signed by the Governor on March 28, 2025

A. Call to Order

B. Consideration of Minutes of the Prior Meeting of the Committee

- April 1, 2025 (Open and Executive Session)

C. Chair's Report

D. President's Report

E. Senior Vice President's Report

F. Action Items

1. Appointment to Named Professorships and Endowed Chairs, UMass Amherst, Boston, Lowell, Chan Medical School
2. Bachelor of Arts in Film Studies, UMass Amherst
3. Bachelor of Science in Data Science, UMass Lowell

G. Discussion Item

1. UMass Community College Transfer Student Success

Presenters:

- Nefertiti Walker, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Equity, UMass President's Office
- John Drew, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, UMass Boston
- Morgan Donovan-Hall, Director of Transfer Admissions, UMass Amherst
- Shannon Jenkins, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and Undergraduate Education and Professor of Political Science, UMass Dartmouth
- Julie Nash, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, UMass Lowell

H. Executive Session

1. To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law necessitating confidentiality, as permitted under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30, Section

21a, Purpose (7), See Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 75, Section 4, subsection (2) regarding awards of tenure – since an open meeting may compromise the purpose for which the executive session is being called and have a detrimental effect on the University:

Note: 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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