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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, April 13, 2022; 10:00 a.m.
Remote Meeting
Pursuant to the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the
Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, s.20 dated March 12, 2020

<u>Trustees Present</u>: Chairman Manning; Vice Chair Peters; Trustees Bates, Bhandari, Burns, Dyer, Epstein, Houle, Karam, Kunda, Lewis, O'Brien, Osterhaus-Houle, Peyser, Ramos Gagliardi, Scheibel, Tolman and Wu

Trustees Absent: Trustees Kelleher, Okwara, Paris Jeffries and Woolridge

<u>University Administration</u>: President Meehan; General Counsel Leone; Chancellors Subbaswamy, Suárez-Orozco, Fuller, Moloney and Collins

<u>Faculty Representatives</u>: Professors Hoagland, UMass Amherst; Kim, UMass Boston; and O'Reilly, UMass Dartmouth

Documents Used:

• December 15, 2021 (Open & Executive Session)

Chairman Manning convened the meeting at 10:03 a.m. and stated that the Governor's executive order issued on March 12, 2020, has been extended until July 15th. Under the Emergency Order, All members of the Board may participate by remote virtual means, without affording public access to the physical meeting locations, as long as it engages, as it is today, with adequate and alternative means of access available. Any member of the public wishing to address the Board regarding an agenda item or issue related to the agenda, or to make an audio or video recording of the open public session of the Board meeting, was provided notice by the Secretary of the Board through a posting indicating that such written requests needed to be received no later than 24 hours prior to this Board meeting. He noted one speaker on the agenda.

Chairman Manning then provided instructions for the Zoom meeting.

Consideration of the prior Minutes of the Board

Chairman Manning stated that the Board was provided with the draft meeting minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting Open and Executive Session and asked for any corrections. With no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Pursuant to Mass General Laws Chapter 30A and under the Office of The MA Attorney General, Open Meeting Law Guide and Educational Materials, General Counsel Leone, under the delegation of the UMass Board of Trustees, has determined that the Executive Session minutes

will not be released at this time, and should remain confidential because publication would defeat the lawful purposes of the executive session.

Chair's Remarks

Chairman Manning thanked the Board, Chancellors, faculty, staff, the President and his staff for successfully moving the University forward through the pandemic. He commented on the financial strain the pandemic put on the University's system and the challenges it continues to face. He stated that difficult decisions will have to be made and the Chancellors and the Board must be diligent to keep the University's finances in order.

Chairman Manning turned to the first item for action on the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Trustee Mary Burns to serve as the University's representative on the Board of Higher Education, Doc. T22-013. It was moved by Trustee Scheibel and seconded by Trustee Karam.

The Secretary called the roll. Chairman Manning voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Peters; Trustees Houle, Karam, Kunda, O'Brien, Peyser, Ramos Gagliardi, Scheibel, Tolman and Wu. Trustee Epstein was muted for the vote. Trustees Lewis and Osterhaus-Houle were absent for the vote.

Chairman Manning thanked Trustees Burns and O'Brien for serving on the Board of Higher Education. Trustee O'Brien previously served in the role.

<u>VOTED</u>: To affirm the appointment of Trustee Mary L. Burns to serve as the University of Massachusetts' representative on the Board of Higher Education.

UMass Lowell Chancellor Search Committee Update

Trustee Burns reported on the UMass Lowell Chancellor Search Committee noting that to-date, three meetings were held. Isaacson Miller, the national search firm, has been supporting the Committee's work and led a series of listening sessions in February to gather input from students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the larger community. Resulting from the listening sessions was the message that the selection of the right leader for UMass Lowell is critical to the future of the University and the community it serves. The applicant selection and interview process is underway.

Trustee Burns thanked the members of the Search Committee for their service, including co-chair, Jerry Colella and Trustees Houle and Okwara.

Student Trustee Report, UMass Chan Medical School

Trustee Dyer acknowledged the Medical School's siting on ancestral lands of the Nipmuc people and recognized the institutional responsibility to that community. He reported on student activity throughout the pandemic, the Medical School's transition through the pandemic, and the return of student activities. He noted that on-campus events, in-person mentorship, and community service are returning to pre-pandemic levels. He recognized and thanked the administration, infectious disease office, and all of the individuals committed to keeping students safe throughout the pandemic, and recognized student efforts to keep its community safe.

Trustee Dyer reported on the opening of the Veteran's Affairs building in December, construction of a new Education and Research Building, and on the New England Commission of Higher Education Accreditation visit last week. He noted the growth of the Diversity and Inclusion Office and Office of Student Life. He noted the Diversity and Inclusion Office efforts with the recent update of the campus' Strategic Plan, IMPACT 2025, which includes diversity goals, in addition to the diversity and equity objectives of the original plan.

Trustee Dyer spoke to the future of medical education and student concerns. He commented on how the past two years has refocused the future needs of healthcare, public health, and biomedical sciences and the need to address the mistrust crisis.

Trustee Dyer recognized Chancellor Collins and Provost Flotte's incredible leadership positioning the Medical School to boldly address the challenges of the future. He congratulated this year's graduates of the T.H. Chan School of Medicine, the Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing, and the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

President's Report

President Meehan thanked Trustee Dyer for his report and noted his participation in the Medical School's accreditation visit. He stated that the University looks forward to commencement season and celebrating the Class of 2022. Commencement will be celebrated in person on the campuses this year.

President Meehan provided campus highlights. UMass Amherst's College of Engineering received a \$10 million gift from Jerome and Linda Paros to accelerate the cutting-edge work in atmospheric research and hazard mitigation. The United States Coast Guard Academy joined UMass Boston for a pilot program to help recruit a diverse cadet corps and prepare them for successful careers in the Coast Guard's engineering and cybersecurity workforce. UMass Dartmouth and Congressman William Keating announced a \$4.3 million grant from the Office of Naval Research to fund nine projects supporting the blue economy and offshore wind sectors through remote underwater sensing and autonomous vehicle development. UMass Lowell was awarded a \$900,000 grant by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to improve the protection of firefighters from harmful "forever chemicals" used to extinguish fuel-based fires. UMass Chan Medical School was awarded a five-year, \$6 million grant renewal to improve the neuro-imaging science and extend the value of the national investment in infrastructure that supports brain imaging research.

President Meehan noted a previous announcement of a \$330,000 planning grant from the Richard and Susan Smith Foundation to pilot an Early College program. He provided an update on the University's financial condition noting that the three national agencies re-affirmed its strong bond ratings, innovative procurement measures have resulted in savings of \$39.6 million in FY22 following \$22.3 million in savings in FY21, a vote before the Board seeking approval to increase student charges, and noted the challenge facing the University. He closed his remarks reflecting on last week's President's Council of the All In Campus Democracy Challenge.

Chairman Manning turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Peters.

Standing Committee Reports:

Committee on Academic Affairs and Economic Development (CAAED)

Trustee Scheibel reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Economic Development met on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 and approved the minutes of the November 17, 2021 CAAED meetings held in both open and executive session. In his report, President Meehan commented on the contingency planning and adaptation the campuses have demonstrated over the past two years, the upcoming commencement ceremonies which will be in person this year, UMass' support of mental health as a cornerstone of the budget request to the Legislature, and highlighted happenings around the campuses. There was a discussion on The Commonwealth Collegiate Academy of the University of Massachusetts. The new initiative inaugurated by the Commonwealth to support early college programs in the state's high schools was discussed by System Chancellor Newman.

The Committee considered and voted on one Action Item, the Appointments to Named Professorships including Endowed Chairs at UMass Amherst, Lowell, and Chan Medical School. The Committee then voted to enter into Executive Session to consider four action items: Appointments with Tenure at UMass Chan Medical School, Awards of Tenure at UMass Amherst, Dartmouth and Chan Medical School. Transfers of Tenure at UMass Amherst, and Honorary Degrees at UMass Lowell and Chan Medical School. The tenure items were voted for inclusion in the Consent Agenda for Board approval.

Trustee Scheibel asked the Chairman to entertain a motion to approve the Appointments to Named Professorships including Endowed Chairs at UMass Amherst, Lowell, and Chan Medical School, Doc. T22-002. Vice Chair Peters then asked for the motion. It was moved by Trustee Burns and seconded by Trustee Tolman.

The Secretary called the roll. Vice Chair Peters voted for the motion as did Trustees Burns, Epstein, Houle, Karam, Kunda, Lewis, O'Brien, Osterhaus-Houle, Peyser, Ramos Gagliardi, Scheibel, Tolman and Wu.

YOTED: To concur with the President in the appointment of Associate Professor Elaine Ying Wang to the James P. O'Connell Endowed Professorship in Accounting at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of John Kaag, Professor and Chair, Department of Philosophy to the Nancy Donahue Professorship in the Arts at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Jayant Kumar, Professor, Physics and Applied Physics to the Sukant Tripathy Endowed Chair at the University of Massachusetts Lowell for a five-year term.

And further, To concur with the President in the appointment of Roberto Caricchio, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Rheumatology in the Department of Medicine as the Myles J. McDonough Chair in Rheumatology at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

And further, To concur with

To concur with the President in the appointment of Robert H. Brown, Jr., D.Phil., M.D., Professor of Neurology and Director of the Neurotherapeutics Institute as The Donna M. and Robert J. Manning Chair in Neurosciences at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

And further.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Michael P. Stauff, M.D., Associate Professor in the Department of Orthopedics and Physical Rehabilitation, as the inaugural holder of The Donna M. and Robert J. Manning Chair in Orthopedics at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

And further.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Tiffanie Moore Simas, MD, MPH, MEd, FACOG, Professor and Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Professor of Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Population and Quantitative Health Sciences, for appointment to The Donna M. and Robert J. Manning Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

And further,

To concur with the President in the appointment of Joan M. Vitello, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAHA, FAAN, Professor and Dean of the Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing for appointment to The Donna M. and Robert J. Manning Chair in Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

And further,

To concur with the President in the appointment of Mary Ellen Lane, Ph.D., Professor of Neurobiology and Dean of the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences as The Donna M. and Robert J. Manning Chair in Biomedical Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

And further.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Celia A. Schiffer, PhD, Professor and Chair of Biochemistry and Molecular Biotechnology, be appointed as the new Arthur F. and Helen P. Koskinas Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biotechnology at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

Committee on Administration and Finance (A&F)

Trustee Karam reported that the A&F Committee met on April 6th and he and Senior Vice President Calise provided an update on the \$426 million bonds sale in support of the University's capital program. The Committee also heard an update on the FY23 budget process.

The Committee considered and voted on four Action Items: establishment of endowed chairs and professorships at UMass Amherst and Chan Medical School, Doc. T22-010; establishment of the Fuller and Meehan Endowed Professorship at UMass Amherst, Doc. T22-011; authorization of University line of credit, Doc. T22-012; and approval of tuition and mandatory charges and authorization to approve other charges for academic year 2022-2023, Doc. T22-008. The authorization to renew the University's line of credit was placed on the Consent Agenda for Board approval.

Five detailed reports were posted for the Committee's information: the Quarterly Capital Report, the Legislative Report, the FY22 Q2 Report, the Sustainability Report, and the Financial Aid Report.

Trustee Karam asked the Chairman to entertain a motion to approve the Establishment of Endowed Chairs and Professorships at UMass Amherst and Chan Medical School. Vice Chair Peters then asked for the motion. It was moved by Trustee Scheibel and seconded by Trustee Epstein.

The Secretary called the roll. Vice Chair Peters voted for the motion as did Trustees Burns, Epstein, Houle, Karam, Kunda, Lewis, O'Brien, Osterhaus-Houle, Peyser, Ramos Gagliardi, Scheibel, Tolman and Wu.

VOTED:

In accordance with sections 1A(e) and 11 of Chapter 75 of the General Laws to establish the following:

The Donna M. and Robert J. Manning Dean at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The Elaine Marieb Endowed Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The Paros Chair of Atmospheric Research and Hazard Mitigation at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The William W. Boyer Endowed Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

And further, To establish the following:

The Donna M. and Robert J. Manning Chair in Neurosciences at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

The Donna M. and Robert J. Manning Chair in Orthopedics at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

The Donna M. and Robert J. Manning Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

The Donna M. and Robert J. Manning Chair in Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

The Donna M. and Robert J. Manning Chair in Biomedical Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

Trustee Karam asked the Chairman to entertain a motion to approve the Establishment of the Fuller and Meehan Professorship at UMass Amherst, Doc. T22-011.

Chancellor Subbaswamy thanked President Meehan on behalf of the Amherst campus for his generous gift of \$250,000 to help establish the Fuller and Meehan Endowed Professorship in partnership with John Fuller, an alumnus, and a matching gift from the Isenberg Family. The gift is the largest gift from a sitting president of the UMass system.

Vice Chair Peters then asked for the motion. It was moved by Trustee Epstein and seconded by Trustee Burns.

The Secretary called the roll. Vice Chair Peters voted for the motion as did Trustees Burns, Epstein, Houle, Karam, Kunda, Lewis, O'Brien, Osterhaus-Houle, Peyser, Ramos Gagliardi, Scheibel, Tolman and Wu.

<u>VOTED</u>: In accordance with sections 1A(e) and 11 of Chapter 75 of the General Laws to establish the following:

The Fuller and Meehan Endowed Professorship at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Chancellor Collins thanked and expressed his gratitude to Chairman Manning and Donna Manning for their generosity of five endowed chairs at the Medical School. Two of the chairs will go to the deans of the Graduate School of Nursing and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Vice Chair Peters turned the meeting back over to Chair Manning.

Trustee Karam asked the Chairman to entertain a motion to approve the Tuition and Mandatory Charges and Authorization to Approve Other Charges for Academic Year 2022-2023, Doc. T22-008. Chairman Manning then asked for the motion. It was moved by Trustee Epstein and seconded by Trustee Wu.

The Secretary called the roll. Chairman Manning voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Peters; Trustees Burns, Epstein, Karam, Lewis, O'Brien, Osterhaus-Houle, Peyser, Ramos Gagliardi, Scheibel, Tolman and Wu. Trustees Houle and Kunda voted against the motion.

VOTED: 1. In accordance with Section IA of Chapter 75 of the General Laws, and Policy T92-031, Appendix E, as amended to authorize the President to approve the individual Tuition for the Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell campuses. The Tuition and Mandatory Fees at each campus is as outlined below for academic year 2022-23:

Tuition & Mandatory Fees	<u>Amherst</u>	Boston	Dartmouth	Lowell
Undergraduate (in-state)	\$16,952	\$15,172	\$14,854	\$16,182
Undergraduate (regional)	\$31,234	\$26,078	\$20,130	\$28,164
Undergraduate (out-of-state)	\$38,171	\$36,145	\$30,992	\$34,550
Graduate (in-state)	\$17,409	\$19,499	\$17,065	\$15,676
Graduate (regional)	\$31,486	\$33,669	\$21,560	\$23,782
Graduate (out-of-state)	\$36,803	\$37,484	\$30,253	\$27,750
Graduate Law School (in-state)			\$30,175	
Graduate Law School (regional)			\$32,175	
Graduate Law School (out-of-state)			\$39,275	

2. In accordance with Section IA of Chapter 75 of the General Laws, to establish and approve the following Tuition and Mandatory Fee rates for the Chan Medical School's graduate-only programs for academic year 2022-2023:

Tuition & Mandatory Fees	<u>FY23</u>
T.H. Chan School of Medicine (in-state)	\$40,228
T.H. Chan School of Medicine (out-of-state)	\$67,608
Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing (in-state)	\$16,296
Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing (NE regional)	\$19,866
Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing (out-of-state)	\$21,752
Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing Graduate Entry Program (in-state)	\$47,754
Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing Graduate Entry Program (NE regional)	\$54,380
Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing Graduate Entry Program (out-of-state)	\$61,003
Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (in-state)	\$16,418
Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (out-of-state)	\$34,746

3. And further, in accordance with Section IA of Chapter 75 of the General Laws and T92-031 Appendix E, to authorize the President to approve final student housing rent and food service charges for academic year 2022-23.

Room and Board	<u>Amherst</u>	Boston*	<u>Dartmouth</u>	Lowell
Room	\$7,840	\$10,896	\$10,543	\$8,710
Board	\$6,936	\$6,000	\$5,591	\$5,220

^{*}Board Only

4. And further, to authorize the President to approve individual fee rates for other fees and fee/revenue based operations charges for all campuses.

Audit and Risk Committee (A&R)

Trustee Karam reported that the Audit and Risk Committee met on April 6, 2022. The Committee accepted the minutes of the prior Committee meeting and heard reports from Kyle David the Director of Internal Audit and Christine Packard the Director of Enterprise Risk Management. Mr.

David briefed the Committee on his team's activity during the first half of the fiscal year and Ms. Packard provided an update on the Enterprise Risk Management program.

Trustee Epstein commented on the state of the economy noting the potential of a recession in the future coupled with COVID and cautioned that hard decisions will need to be looked at and made going forward on the University's financial approach and to address future challenges.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Manning stated that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Economic Development approved and voted to place items 1-3 on the Consent Agenda on March 30th, and the Committee on Administration and Finance approved and voted item 4 on April 6th.

Chairman Manning asked for a motion to approve items 1-4 on the Consent Agenda. It was moved by Trustee Burns and seconded by Trustee Karam.

The Secretary called the roll. Chairman Manning voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Peters; Trustees Burns, Epstein, Houle, Karam, Kunda, Lewis, O'Brien, Osterhaus-Houle, Peyser, Ramos Gagliardi, Scheibel, Tolman and Wu.

VOTED: To approve the votes listed as 1-4 on the Consent Agenda:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Economic Development approved items 1-3 on March 30, 2022.

1. Appointments with Tenure, UMass Chan Medical School, Doc. T22-003

To concur with the President in the appointment of Associate Professor Milena Bogunovic in the T.H. Chan School of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

To concur with the President in the appointment of Professor Ben Gerber in the And further, T.H. Chan School of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School.

2. Awards of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Dartmouth, Lowell, Chan Medical School, Doc. T22-004

To concur with the President in the awards of tenure to the following individuals in the following departments:

AMHERST Lindiwe Sibeko, Nutrition

DARTMOUTH Elisabeth Buck, English & Communication

> Scott Field, Mathematics Shipeng Han, Accounting & Finance Xiaofei Jia, Chemistry & Biochemistry Selcan Kara, Management & Marketing

Lamya Karim, Bioengineering

Arghavan Louhghalam, Civil & Environmental Engineering

> Monika Schuler, Adult Nursing Ming Shao, Computer & Information Science Michael Sheriff, Biology Jennifer Viveiros, Adult Nursing Jiawei Yuan, Computer & Information Science

LOWELL David Claudio, Mechanical Engineering

MEDICAL SCHOOL Ajit Puri, UMass Chan School of Medicine

Dorothy Schafer, UMass Chan School of Medicine Rajani Sadasivam, UMass Chan School of Medicine

3. Transfers of Tenure, UMass Amherst, Doc. T22-005

To concur with the President in the following transfers of tenure at the University of Massachusetts Amherst:

Tenure Transfer for Dr. Sindiso Mnisi Weeks as an Associate Professor in the School for Global Inclusion and Social Development, University of Massachusetts Boston TO Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The Committee on Administration and Finance approved item 4 on April 6, 2022.

4. Authorization of University Line of Credit, Doc. T22-012

Pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 201 of the Acts of 2020 (the "UMass LOC Authorizing Act"), which amended Section 2 of Chapter 75 of the General Laws authorizing the University of Massachusetts (the "University") to enter into a working capital line of credit, the Board hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance and University Treasurer, subject to written approval from the Secretary of A&F, to initiate a line of credit (the "Current Line of Credit") to be applied to working capital expenses in furtherance of the purposes of the University or to refinance such borrowing (including without limitation any borrowing under any line of credit of the University previously authorized by the Board), and such borrowing may include without limitation the ability to pledge or assign or create security interests in funds or revenues of the University to pay or secure such working capital borrowings; provided that, the Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance and University Treasurer, acting singly, is hereby authorized to do all acts and things and to execute and deliver any and all documents, certificates and other instruments necessary or desirable in connection with the University's entering into the Current Line of Credit; and provided that, the Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance and University Treasurer, acting singly, is hereby authorized to do all acts and things necessary or desirable in connection with the University's entering into any subsequent working capital line of credit under authority of this vote as long as said subsequent working capital line of credit is issued under terms substantially similar to the Current Line of Credit, as long as the maximum authorized principal amount that may be outstanding under said subsequent working capital line of credit does not exceed the maximum authorized principal amount that may be outstanding under the Current Line of Credit, and as long as said subsequent working capital line of credit satisfies the requirements of the UMass

LOC Authorizing Act including without limitation being subject to written approval from the Secretary of A&F.

Public Speakers

Steve Striffler, President of the Faculty Staff Union (FSU) at UMass Boston spoke to faculty and staff concerns about the ventilation and air quality at the campus given the pandemic and the spread of COVID. He reported ventilation and CO2 levels results from a test conducted by outside experts hired by the FSU and other campus unions with the help of the MTA and asked the UMass System to address the issue at UMass Boston and other UMass campuses.

Executive Session Announcement

Chairman Manning asked for a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 75, Section 4, for the purpose of considering Honorary Degrees at the University of Massachusetts Lowell and the Medical School. He stated that the meeting will not reconvene in open session.

It was moved by Trustee Burns and seconded by Trustee Scheibel.

The Secretary called the roll. Chairman Manning voted for the motion as did Vice Chair Peters; Trustees Burns, Houle, Karam, Kunda, Lewis, O'Brien, Osterhaus-Houle, Peyser, Ramos Gagliardi, Scheibel, Tolman and Wu. Trustee Epstein's vote was not heard.

Chairman Manning noted that those participating in the Executive Session will join that Zoom meeting with the specific link provided.

The time was 10:50 a.m.

Zunilka Barrett Secretary to the Board of Trustees