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**COMMISSION ON CAMPUS DIVERSITY CRAFTING CONCLUSIONS,  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MARCH 1 REPORT TO UMASS AMHERST**

AMHERST, MASS. – The special Commission on Campus Diversity at the University of Massachusetts Amherst has completed the fact-finding phase of its work and is now crafting its conclusions and recommendations for Chancellor John V. Lombardi and the campus community. The commission has interviewed and heard testimony from more than 100 faculty, students, administrators, alumni and other interested persons from across the university community.

The commission will meet in private working sessions February 17 and 18 to consider a number of possible recommendations designed to enhance and sustain an inclusive academic environment at UMass Amherst. Commission Chair Orlando Taylor said he anticipates these recommendations will address matters of policy, practice, structure, governance, and funding to achieve the university's diversity goals.

The 23-member panel plans to present its final report in a public meeting on Tuesday, March 1, to Provost Charlena Seymour and the UMass Amherst community. The time and location of the public presentation will be announced shortly.

"The commission has obtained considerable information pertaining to the status of diversity efforts at the university and factors that mitigate full inclusion of all groups," said Taylor. "We will now focus on analysis, conclusions and recommendations. It has been important for the commission to hear all campus voices on this important topic, and we have done so through two well-attended and highly informative public forums. Those meetings, combined with wide-ranging interviews and extensive review of data, will provide the basis for our findings and recommendations."

Further information about the commission's work can be found at [www.umass.edu/CampusDiversity](http://www.umass.edu/CampusDiversity).