



January 6, 2012

Ernie May, Secretary
Faculty Senate
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Hampshire House – Room 105
Amherst, MA 01003

Dear Ernie:

I am in receipt of your email dated December 30, 2011 regarding motions made by the Faculty Senate on the FBS Football matter. As we have discussed in the past, I consider this a campus matter. As you know, I was not President when this matter was advanced by the Amherst Campus. As far as system involvement, my research indicates that the matter proceeded through the appropriate governance process. The Board of Trustees was well informed and participated in the appropriate fashion. The matters involving capital investments were discussed and approved through the appropriate Board process as well as including being voted by the board to the University Capital Plan.

Please be assured that we will be following the progress of the move to FBS Football closely and will be reviewing the plan with the campus leadership on a regular basis.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Caret
President