

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
FACULTY SENATE
UMA 250 TASK FORCE
AUGUST 13, 2008 – 9:00 a.m.
WHITMORE BOARD ROOM**

AGENDA

**GUEST
CHANCELLOR ROBERT C. HOLUB**

- I. Discussion Items (related to campus planning):**
- a) “Status Report from the University of Massachusetts Amherst” (presented to UMass and Public Higher Education Subcommittee, Governor Deval Patrick’s *Readiness Project*, November 29, 2007)
 - b) “Flagship/Strategic Planning Resolution” (Trustee Doc. T08-034)
 - c) “Where Massachusetts Stands” (Office of Academic Planning and Assessment, draft of July 7, 2008)
 - d) “Outline of a Strategic Plan” (Office of Academic Planning and Assessment, draft of July 7, 2008)
 - e) Memorandum of July 30, 2008 from Chancellor Thomas Cole, Jr. to President Jack Wilson
 - f) Comments from Chancellor Holub with respect to the future of this planning process
- II. Update on Recent and Projected Hiring from Andy Effrat, Associate Provost**
- III. Discussion**
- a) Is it possible to advocate for a special allocation (from the Legislature? University system? elsewhere?) in support of UMA 250?
 - b) How do we balance the issues posed by facilities with the momentum to continue hiring?
 - c) How do the projected new facilities factor into hiring priorities? What is the coordination of A&F with Academic Affairs?
 - d) How might UMA improve its management of “start-up” in the sciences?
 - e) Do the recent State capital appropriations (\$90m Life Sciences, \$500m Capital Bond Bill) influence our thinking about the size of the faculty?
 - f) Among all the worthy proposed uses of new and existing resources, should restoration of the size of the faculty to 1,200 (tenure-track) be the #1 institutional priority?
- IV. New Business**
- V. Adjourn**