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**UNIVERSITY HOPES TO FURTHER CLEAN ENERGY STRENGTHS**  
*Preview report to reveal four-campus powerhouse of research and application*

Already a heavy hitter in the Commonwealth's progress toward international status in clean energy development, the University of Massachusetts system is positioning itself to enhance that role, a report to the Faculty Senate will detail Thursday, Oct. 4.

Vice Provost for Research Paul KostECKi will update the senate on UMass's Clean Energy Working Group, a system-wide effort to catalog and advance clean energy research and activities at its five campuses and to use these strengths to power economic development in the Commonwealth. The report will outline the contributions of the Dartmouth, Boston, Lowell and Amherst campuses to the study and use of solar, wind and ocean power; biofuels; fuel cells and batteries; and efficiency to clean up energy use.

Nearly 100 faculty from the four campuses, including about 65 from Amherst, are currently involved in clean energy research. The working group hopes to draw the attention of state legislators and administrators to the University's clean-use efforts in order to secure support to expand this work, according to an earlier presentation by the group to the University's Board of Trustees.

Other presentations on the meeting's agenda include a status report on the campus's UMA 250 Plan—an effort to add 250 faculty positions over a five-year period—and "Student Bridges: The Intersection between College Access and Student Engagement."

The meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. in Herter Hall, Room 227.