

**DRAFT INTERCAMPUS FACULTY COUNCIL Minutes**  
**UMass Amherst, Amherst, MA 17 June 2015**

Present: *Amherst* – Marilyn Billings, Ernie May, M.J. Peterson, Susan Whitbourne *Boston* – Lynne Tirrell, *Dartmouth* – Steven White *Lowell* – Eve Buzawa, Michael Carter *Worcester* – Leslie Shaw

Guests: John Cunningham, UMass President's Office; Eric Berlin, Steven Brewer, Jim Rinderle, UMass Amherst

The meeting convened at 11:52 a.m.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved pending minor revision.

Elections for IFC chair and secretary. Eve Buzawa unanimously elected chair. M.J. Peterson unanimously elected secretary. Members of the IFC noted the exemplary service of Ernie May and thanked him for his dedication to faculty issues on all UMass campuses.

The consensus of the IFC is to meet with new UMass President Martin Meehan to discuss his vision for the UMass System and to explore increasing the role of IFC faculty delegates in the governance of the Board of Trustees.

### **Campus Reports**

#### ***Amherst***

- Currently six grievances against the Provost regarding Tenure and Promotion cases.
- The new Provost is ambitious and seeks to enhance the reputation of UMass Amherst.
- The Chancellor is reappointed for a three-year term following his formal evaluation.
- New student fees assessed in order to support sports.
- Strategic planning is going well.
- Electronic reserves for students developed.
- Open education access going statewide.
- Amazon virtual bookstore online.

#### ***Boston***

- Building boom continues. Buildings are going up and down.
- New Integrated Science Building open.
- A&F: New administration put all pipeline items under review at the direction of the Governor's office.
- UMass Boston residence halls proposed as part of the Olympic bid.

#### ***Dartmouth***

- Chuck Charlton, benefactor who donated first named college gift to UMass System, passed away Memorial Day weekend.
- Ph.D. program in Business proposed and in review process.
- Mark Preble returns to UMass President's Office.
- Dartmouth campus projects budget deficit of more than \$7 million for 2015/2016 AY.

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***Lowell***

- Search for new Chancellor begins 18 June 2015.
- Faculty Retirement Incentive Program (FRIP) is having an impact on faculty retirements.

***Worcester***

- Full review of Academic Personnel Policy underway.
- Clinical rotations expanded – affiliation with Cape Cod Hospital formalized.
- Five percent budget cut across the board: Library has to cut some journal subscriptions.
- Interest in open access increasing.

**Adjournment** at 1:58 pm

Respectfully submitted, Steven White – secretary