

## **BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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June 7, 2011  
10:00 a.m.

Massachusetts Maritime Academy  
101 Academy Drive  
Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts

### **Minutes**

A meeting of the Board of Higher Education (BHE) was held at Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts

The following board members were present:

Dr. Charles Desmond, Chairman  
Dr. Mary-Elizabeth Beach  
Dr. Mario Borunda  
Ms. Jeanne-Marie Boylan  
Mr. C. Bernard Fulp  
Dr. Nancy Harrington  
Dr. Nancy Hoffman  
Mr. Richard Jones  
Mr. Henry Thomas (arrived later in the meeting)  
Mr. Paul Toner  
Secretary Paul Reville  
Mr. Louis Ricciardi, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Michael Mizzoni, Student Segmental Advisor  
Mr. Eric Gregoire, Student Segmental Advisor

The following board members were absent:

Mr. Keith Peden

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Desmond called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

#### **II. WELCOME**

Massachusetts Maritime Academy President Admiral Richard Gurnon welcomed the Board of Higher Education to the Academy and gave brief overview of the college's special mission and educational philosophy.

### **III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Dr. Charles Desmond, Chair of the Board of Higher Education, introduced new board member Paul Toner and brought forth a motion to approve the minutes of the presidential interview of John O'Donnell. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously. The Chairman then brought forth a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2011, Board of Higher Education meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **IV. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Chairman Desmond informed the Board about the following:

- The Complete College America initiative helping students complete programs in STEM education.
- An auditing system illustrating how students move through the system and how their course credits transfer between schools.
- The State House ceremony honoring Herter scholarship winners
- The 29 Who Shine Event
- On-going STEM work in the areas of raising awareness, increasing the number of teachers, and K-12/University teacher collaboration
- Nursing pipelines of professional development

### **V. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS**

Dr. Richard M. Freeland, Commissioner of the Department of Higher Education, thanked Admiral Gurnon and his staff for hosting the Board meeting. He recognized the presidents and executive officers in attendance and new board member Paul Toner.

His comments to the Board also included:

- A preview of this meeting's highlights including the appointment of MassBay President John O'Donnell, the presentation of two major reports from the working groups and the Task Force on Collaboration and Efficiency.
- Thank you to all presidents for coming through another difficult year delivering education with inadequate resources. Thank you to board members who represented the Board of Higher Education at commencements.
- Fiscal Year 2012 Budget details.

### **VI. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION'S REMARKS**

Secretary of Education Paul Reville offered brief remarks regarding the following:

- Paul Toner joining the Board of Higher Education
- Higher prioritization on dual enrollment, the performance incentive fund, and scholarship
- New buildings
- Governor's top priority-health care cost containment
- Readiness centers coming to fruition
- Six new Innovation School approvals in the past month

### **VII. REPORTS FROM PRESIDENTS**

A. Dr. Paul Raverta, President of Berkshire Community College and Chair of the Executive Committee of Community College Presidents, distributed a report to the Board members present which included an update on two upcoming initiatives:

- a. College and Career Readiness Summit: Creating Effective Transitions for Adult Students to be held on June 13, 2011.
- b. Developmental Education Faculty Retreat for math faculty to occur in early October 2011.

His report also included a summary of highlights of other Community College initiatives as well as an announcement of Dr. Wayne Burton, President of North Shore Community College, as the incoming Chair of the Community College Council of Presidents.

- B.** Dr. Timothy Flanagan, President of Framingham State University and Chair of the State University Council of Presidents, announced that Dr. Patricia Meservey, President of Salem State University, is the incoming Chair of the State University Council of Presidents. Dr. Flanagan's remarks included the following:
- a. Recognition of board member Dr. Nancy Harrington for her efforts in the renaming of the state colleges to state universities
  - b. Thank you to the student members and Jim Coyle for their service to the board.
  - c. Welcome to board member Paul Toner and MassBay President John O'Donnell
  - d. Farewell to Presidents Sloan, Ashley, Berotte-Joseph, Wilson, and Hartleb
  - e. Emphasis on the need for Massachusetts to provide financial and policy support to students as other states have
  - f. Thank you to Commissioner Freeland for his constructive cooperation throughout the year.

#### **VIII. REPORT FROM STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Mr. Richard Jones, this year's student board member and a student at Holyoke Community College, offered comments which included:

- Expressing thanks to student segmental advisors Mizzoni and Gregoire for their assistance throughout the year and to Commissioner Freeland and the Department of Higher Education Staff for their support
- Announcing that Angel Donahue-Rodriguez will be the student member next year.

#### **IX. MOTIONS**

##### **A. *Board of Higher Education***

Chair Desmond invited Commissioner Freeland to introduce the Working Group on Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment. Commissioner Freeland did so and then Dr. Patricia Crosson, Chair of the working group, described the working group's charge and process. Greenfield Community College President Robert Pura, a working group member, outlined the four principles recommended in the Phase Two report to guide policy and practice. Salem State University President Patricia Meservey then shared the working group's proposed assessment model.

Board Chairman Charles Desmond brought forth the motion which was seconded. He opened the floor to discussion. Board member Jeanne-Marie Boylan requested that the minutes reflect that there was quite a bit of discussion on this motion and that this motion is a first step. Once the discussion session concluded, the motion was approved by all board members present with the exception of an abstention from Board member Mitzi Beach.

**BHE 11-07 PHASE TWO REPORT FROM THE WORKING GROUP ON STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education receives the *Phase Two Report from the Working Group on Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment* and thanks the members of the Working Group for their diligent and excellent work; further that, consistent with the recommendations of the Working Group, the Board directs the Commissioner to begin immediately to plan for submission of a proposal for status as a LEAP partner state, including an effort to identify states with which Massachusetts might appropriately compare learning outcomes; and further that the Board understands that consultations with the colleges and universities regarding additional aspects of the Working Group's report are continuing and anticipates that the Commissioner may seek additional Board approvals of specific actions related to the report's recommendations at a later date; and finally that the Board encourages the colleges and universities, as part of their continuing discussions of the Working Group's report, to initiate analyses of the LEAP learning outcomes in comparison with their local statements of learning outcomes.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Sections 6 and 9(c)

Contact: Patricia Crosson, Senior Advisor for Academic Policy

Board member Paul Toner excused himself from the board meeting at 12:16 p.m. to attend a previously scheduled meeting.

**B. Presentation**

**Bridgewater State University President, Dana Mohler-Faria  
Chair, Task Force on Collaboration & Efficiency,**

Chair Desmond invited President Dana Mohler- Faria to present to the Board.

In his presentation, President Mohler-Faria reviewed achievements in the financial auditing services bid, the in-progress banking services bid, the new model for efficiency, the budget for all institutions, the new office at 100 Cambridge Street and the Partnership Advancing Collaboration & Efficiency (PACE) structure.

**C. Board of Higher Education**

Chair Desmond then invited Massachusetts Bay Community College presidential nominee Dr. John O'Donnell to the table. Chair Desmond reviewed the presidential interview which was held on May 31, 2011, and indicated that Massachusetts Bay Community College Board of Trustees Chair Jon Bower is unexpectedly unable to attend today's meeting.

Commissioner Freeland commended the Massachusetts Bay Community College Board of Trustees for their presidential search and for bringing forth an excellent recommendation. He then reviewed the process of presidential selection and recommended Dr. O'Donnell to the Board of Higher Education (BHE) for consideration.

Dr. O'Donnell was then invited to address the BHE.

At the conclusion of Dr. O'Donnell's remarks, Chair Desmond brought forth the following motion. After the motion was seconded, Chair Desmond invited discussion. After a brief discussion among the Board, the motion was approved unanimously.

**BHE 11-08      MASSACHUSETTS BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the May 15, 2011 recommendation of the MassBay Community College Board of Trustees to appoint John O'Donnell as President and Chief Executive Officer of Massachusetts Bay Community College. Such appointment is effective August 1, 2011, and is in accordance with the terms and conditions of the attached employment agreement.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Sections 9 (q) and 21

Contact: Stephen Lenhardt, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance

Chair Desmond brought forth the following motion. The motion was seconded and then approved by all board members present with no abstentions.

**BHE 11-10      DELEGATION OF SUMMER AUTHORITY TO THE COMMISSIONER**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education delegates to the Commissioner until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, in consultation with and upon the advice of the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board, its authority to take such action as is deemed necessary or desirable.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6

Contact: Joseph Sullivan, Acting General Counsel

At 1:00 p.m., the meeting broke for lunch.

At 1:40 p.m., the meeting was called back to order. Commissioner Freeland and the following board members were present after lunch: Chair Desmond, Jeanne-Marie Boylan, Saeyun Lee, Nancy Harrington, Mario Borunda, Henry Thomas, Richard Jones, Michael Mizzoni, and Eric Gregoire.

**D. Academic Affairs**

Chair Desmond invited Dr. Nancy Harrington, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC), to review the affairs of the AAC meeting. Dr. Harrington brought forth the following motions on a consent agenda. The motions were seconded and approved by all board members present.

**AAC 11-41      APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MOTIONS 11-34 THROUGH 11-40 ON A CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education approves the following motions on a consent agenda:

AAC 11-34    Mount Wachusett Community College

Certificate in Dental Assisting

- AAC 11-35 University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Master of Science in Sustainability Science
- AAC 11-36 University of Massachusetts Boston  
Ph.D. in Counseling and School Psychology
- AAC 11-37 University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
Doctor of Nursing Practice
- AAC 11-38 University of Massachusetts Lowell  
Bachelor of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies
- AAC 11-39 University of Massachusetts Lowell  
Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies
- AAC 11-40 University of Massachusetts Lowell  
Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice and Criminology

Authority: Article III, Section 6, By-Laws

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

AAC 11-34 **APPLICATION OF MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO AWARD THE CERTIFICATE IN DENTAL ASSISTING**

MOVED The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the expedited application of **Mount Wachusett Community College** to award the **Certificate in Dental Assisting**.  
  
One year after graduating the first class, the College shall submit to the Board a status report addressing its success in reaching program goals as stated in the application and in the areas of enrollment, curriculum, faculty, resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

AAC 11-35 **APPLICATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST TO AWARD THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE**

MOVED The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the application of **University of Massachusetts Amherst** to

award the **Master of Science in Sustainability Science**.

Upon graduating the first class for this program, the University shall submit to the Board a status report addressing its success in reaching program goals as stated in the application and in the areas of enrollment, curriculum, faculty resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority:

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)

Contact:

Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

AAC 11-36

**APPLICATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON TO AWARD THE Ph.D. IN COUNSELING AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY**

MOVED

The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the application of **University of Massachusetts Boston** to award the **Ph.D. in Counseling and School Psychology**

Upon graduating the first class for this program, the University shall submit to the Board a status report addressing its success in reaching program goals as stated in the application and in the areas of enrollment, curriculum, faculty resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority:

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)

Contact:

Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

AAC 11-37

**APPLICATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH TO AWARD THE DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE**

MOVED

The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the application of **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth** to award the **Doctor of Nursing Practice**.

Upon graduating the first class for this program, the University shall submit to the Board a status report addressing its success in reaching program goals as stated in the application and in the areas of enrollment, curriculum, faculty resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority:

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

AAC 11-38 **APPLICATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL TO AWARD THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES**

MOVED The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the application of **University of Massachusetts Lowell** to award the **Bachelor of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies**.

Upon graduating the first class for this program, the University shall submit to the Board a status report addressing its success in reaching program goals as stated in the application and in the areas of enrollment, curriculum, faculty resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

AAC 11-39 **APPLICATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL TO AWARD THE MASTER OF ARTS IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES**

MOVED The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the application of **University of Massachusetts Lowell** to award the **Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies**.

Upon graduating the first class for this program, the University shall submit to the Board a status report addressing its success in reaching program goals as stated in the application and in the areas of enrollment, curriculum, faculty resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

AAC 11-40 **APPLICATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL TO AWARD THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY**

MOVED The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the application of **University of Massachusetts Lowell** to award the **Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice and Criminology**.

Upon graduating the first class for this program, the University shall submit to the Board a status report



addressing its success in reaching program goals as stated in the application and in the areas of enrollment, curriculum, faculty resources, and program effectiveness.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

Chair Desmond brought forth the following motion. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by all members present.

**AAC 11-46 APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MOTIONS 11-42 THROUGH 11-45 ON A CONSENT AGENDA**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education approves the following motions on a consent agenda:

AAC 11-42 Board Revocation of the Degree Granting Authority of Lenox Institute of Water Technology, Inc. in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AAC 11-43 Board Revocation of the Degree Granting Authority of Southern Vermont College in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AAC 11-44 Board Revocation of the Degree Granting Authority of Wang Institute of Graduate Studies in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AAC 11-45 Board Revocation of the Degree Granting Authority of Worcester Foundation for Biomedical Research in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Authority: Article III, Section 6, By-Laws

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

AAC 11-42 **BOARD REVOCATION OF THE DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY OF LENOX INSTITUTE OF WATER TECHNOLOGY, INC.**

MOVED The Board hereby revokes the legal authority **Lenox Institute of Water Technology, Inc.** to operate and grant degrees in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Section 30 et seq.

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

- AAC 11-43      **BOARD REVOCATION OF THE DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY OF SOUTHERN VERMONT COLLEGE**
- MOVED      The Board hereby revokes the legal authority of **Southern Vermont College** to operate and grant degrees in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Authority:      Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Section 30 et seq.
- Contact:      Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy
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- AAC 11-44      **BOARD REVOCATION OF THE DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY OF WANG INSTITUTE OF GRADUATE STUDIES**
- MOVED      The Board hereby revokes the legal authority of **Wang Institute of Graduate Studies** to operate and grant degrees in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Authority:      Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Section 30 et seq.
- Contact:      Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy
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- AAC 11-45      **BOARD REVOCATION OF THE DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY OF WORCESTER FOUNDATION FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH**
- MOVED      The Board hereby revokes the legal authority of **Worcester Foundation for Biomedical Research** to operate and grant degrees in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Authority:      Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Section 30 et seq.
- Contact:      Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

Chair Desmond brought forth the following motion. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by all members present.

- AAC 11-47      APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MOTIONS 11-29 THROUGH 11-31 ON A CONSENT AGENDA**
- MOVED:      The Board of Higher Education accepts the report of the Commonwealth Honors Program Executive Committee and approves the membership of Framingham State University in the Commonwealth Honors Program.

Authority: Commonwealth Honors Program Approval Process Guidelines as Revised by the Board of Higher Education in November 2006

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

Chair Desmond brought forth the following motion. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously

**AAC 11-48 ACCEPTANCE OF THE MASS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN PERFORMANCE REPORT**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby accepts the attached Massachusetts College of Art and Design Performance Report as part of the College's approved Five-Year Renewal Plan for a Partnership with the Commonwealth.

Authority: Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2003, Sections 49, 50, 633 and 634

Contact: Jonathan Keller, Associate Commissioner for Research and Planning

**E. *Fiscal and Administrative Policy***

Chair Desmond invited Jeanne-Marie Boylan, Chair of the Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy Committee (FAAP), to review the affairs of the FAAP meeting. Chair Boylan did so, indicating that the minutes from the last FAAP meeting would be resolved before the next FAAP meeting.

Chair Boylan brought forth the following motion. The motion was seconded and approved by all board members present.

**FAAP 11-28 ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) AUDIT REPORT PREPARED BY DANIEL DENNIS & COMPANY LLP**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby accepts the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) audit report prepared by Daniel Dennis & Company LLP for May 2011.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Sections 6 and 9(c)

Contact: Stephen Lenhardt, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance

Chair Boylan brought forth the following motion. The motion was seconded and approved by all board members present.

**FAAP 11-29 ACCEPTANCE OF THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AUDIT REPORT BY THE SEGAL COMPANY**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby accepts the Optional Retirement Audit Report prepared by The Segal Company.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Sections 6 and 9(c)

Contact: Stephen Lenhardt, Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance

**F. Board of Higher Education**

Commissioner Freeland provided background on the presentation of the Working Group on Graduation and Student Success Rates. Working Group Chair Francesca Purcell presented the final report and fielded questions from board members regarding the inclusion of IPEDs data.

**BHE 11-09 FINAL REPORT FROM VISION PROJECT WORKING GROUP ON GRADUATION AND STUDENT SUCCESS RATES**

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education hereby accepts the *Final Report from the Working Group on Graduation and Student Success Rates*, thanks the members of the Working Group for their diligent and excellent work, and directs the Commissioner to work with the campuses to implement the recommendations contained in the Report.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Sections 6 and 9

Contact: Dr. Francesca Purcell, Associate Commissioner for Academic and P-16 Policy

**X. PRESENTATIONS**

**Commissioner's FY11 Wrap-up**

Richard M. Freeland, Commissioner, Department of Higher Education

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no requests from the public to participate.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.