Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley
Attendees:

Meeting commenced at 3:40

Ann Marie introduced Teleconferencing set-up. Meeting on North in Olsen Hall and on South campus in Coburn
First meeting of semester; expected Provost Abdelal to speak, however, he became unavailable and unable to attend

**Faculty Representative to the BOT ➔ Michael Carter**
- UMass to strengthen Life Science over next five years – Intercampus
  - Commission: Susan Braunhut
- Provost Ahmed Abdelal focusing on first-year retention issues; we are currently at level with our peers but UML wants to improve
  - Will focus on:
    - bottom 20% in gpa – Academic Performance
    - Relationship with Professors
    - Financial Aid
- Five year capital budget for UMass
  - Contract Status
    - Mass shortfall 5-7% cut possible
    - No indication of movement
  - Caution with current economic status
    - Academic building on south campus
    - Garage on north campus
    - M2D2
    - Nanotech Building
    - Dorms on East
- Push to streamline/integrate K-12 systems statewide; HS to college; transfer credits – system/state wide
- Next BOT meeting ➔ End of December; Interim Meetings TBD

**Committee Reports:**
- Academic Resources – no resolutions
- GPAC – no resolutions
- Research & Development – no resolutions
- UPC –
- Adding Department of Operations and Information Systems to the College of Management
Questions on space allocation and cost to institution

- Space will remain in Southwick 201
- Only added expense will be chair stipend course buyout for department chair

Vote: unanimous to accept

**Other Business:**
John Wooding asked about by-laws and election of officers
Ann Marie explained it needed to go before executive committee and will be presented at next meeting ➔ November 3rd.

Meeting Adjourned @ 3:55