

**BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**June 14, 2007**

The June 14, 2007, meeting of the Board of Higher Education (BHE) was held in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Department of Education in Malden, Massachusetts. The following members were present:

Aaron D. Spencer, Chairman  
Peter Alcock, Vice Chairman  
Jeanne-Marie Boylan  
James Coyle

David Driscoll  
Ann Reale  
Richard Taylor  
Karl White

Absent: John Brockelman

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Aaron Spencer called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2007, meeting. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Chairman Spencer welcomed the Board and commented on his recent activities, including his attendance at the tribute for Dr. Nancy Harrington, President of Salem State College.

State College Student Representative Jacob Oliviera, Community College Representative Denise Bruno Matthews, and Student Board member Colleen McKiernan were congratulated for their service to the Board and presented gifts as tokens of the Board's appreciation.

**CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

Dr. Patricia Plummer, Chancellor, updated the Board on current BHE activities:

1. After the Virginia Tech catastrophe, the Governor's Office asked what could be done to prevent such an occurrence in Massachusetts and how state-wide campuses would be prepared to respond in the event of a similar disaster. On Friday, June 15, the Board of Higher Education, the Executive Offices of Public Safety, and Health and Human Services will host a first-ever symposium on campus safety at the University of Massachusetts Boston. This coordinated event is expected to draw 300 people from the 29 public higher education campuses and 35 private colleges and universities across the Commonwealth. Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray will provide brief welcoming remarks, and opening remarks will be provided by Secretaries Kevin Burke of Public Safety and Dr. JudyAnn Bigby of Health and Human Services. Dr. Mary Jane England, President of Regis College, will be the keynote speaker. Chancellor Plummer thanked BHE staff, who provided support in the coordination of this important conference.
2. The Board of Higher Education will be hosting another first: the Student Graduation and Retention Conference at Framingham State College on June 19, the purpose of which is to share the results of the Board's recent reports on graduation and retention at state and community colleges, to discuss best practices, and to provide support toward improving student persistence and retention.
3. The BHE has been selected to be the lead on the National Achieving the Dream project, which includes Bunker Hill, Roxbury, Springfield Technical and Northern Essex Community Colleges' involvement in this nationwide initiative.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Former Board member, Kathleen Kelley, acknowledged the many achievements of Dr. David Driscoll, Board member and Commissioner of the Department of Education, who will be retiring, effective August 31, 2007. Ms. Kelley read a resolution, honoring Dr. Driscoll, and presented him with a gift in token of the Board's appreciation of Dr. Driscoll's service to the Board.

Dr. David Driscoll welcomed Kathleen Kelley and read a resolution, honoring Ms. Kelley for her tireless effort to improve education for the students of the Commonwealth, and presented her with a gift on behalf of the Board.

Vice Chairman Peter Alcock honored Chairman Aaron Spencer upon his tenth anniversary of service to the Board of Higher Education and spoke of Chairman Spencer's significant contributions as an advocate of the higher education students in the Commonwealth. A resolution was read, and gifts were presented to Chairman Spencer.

Ms. Jeanne-Marie Boylan, Chair of the Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy Committee, also thanked Chair Spencer for his commitment and passion for public higher education.

## **REPORTS FROM PRESIDENTS**

President David Hartleb, Chair of the Executive Committee of Community College Presidents, thanked Chairman Aaron Spencer, Dr. David Driscoll, and Ms. Kathleen Kelley for their solid judgment and welfare of all community college employees. He told Dr. Driscoll that he will be best remembered for the implementation of MCAS and bringing the Department of Education and the Board of Higher Education together for the benefit of the students of the Commonwealth. President Hartleb thanked Chairman Spencer for his high level of respect paid to the public college presidents and told him that he would be missed by them.

Kenneth Lemanski, Executive Officer of the Council of Presidents, sitting in for President Mary Grant, Chair of the Council of Presidents, announced that Dr. Robert Antonucci, President of Fitchburg State College, will become Chair of the Council of Presidents, effective July 1, 2007. He then read a letter from the Council of Presidents, thanking Chair Spencer for his many years of leadership, friendship, and service "to the Commonwealth, to higher education, to our students..."

## **DISCUSSION: PRELIMINARY FINDINGS FROM THE SCHOOL-TO-COLLEGE DATABASE**

Dr. Mario Delci, Senior Policy Analyst, gave a PowerPoint presentation on *Preliminary Findings from the School-to-College Database*.

The data merge between the BHE Data on Public College Students (HEIRS 2003-2006) and the DOE Data on Secondary School Students (Public High School Graduates 2003-2005) was made possible by a grant from the National Governors Association and support from the Nellie Mae Foundation. (See attached PowerPoint presentation.)

## **MOTIONS**

Mr. Howard Wayne, Chair of the Salem State College Board of Trustees, thanked all who attended the Celebration for President Nancy Harrington on June 9. The Salem State Presidential Search Committee—led by Chair Richard Bain—has chosen Dr. Patricia Maguire Meservey, formerly Provost and Academic Vice President at Suffolk University, as President of Salem State College.

Dr. Meservey thanked Mr. Wayne and incoming Chair David Abdo for their consideration of choosing her as President. She said that she looked forward to the challenge of moving the work of President Harrington forward.

Chair Spencer introduced the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

**BHE 07-12 APPROVAL OF PATRICIA MAGUIRE MESERVEY AS PRESIDENT OF SALEM STATE COLLEGE**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the May 10, 2007, recommendation of the Board of Trustees of Salem State College to appoint Dr. Patricia Maguire Meservey as President and Chief Executive Officer of Salem State College. Such approval is conditional upon successful completion of the background review conducted by the Massachusetts State Police and approval of the terms and conditions of employment entered into by and between Dr. Meservey and the Board of Trustees of Salem State College. Such appointment shall not become effective until the Chancellor has determined that the above conditions have been met.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Sections 9 (q) and 21  
Contact: Peter H. Tsaffaras, Director of Employee Relations and Benefit Administration

Chair Spencer introduced the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

**BHE 07-13 RATIFICATION OF PRESIDENTIAL COMPENSATION GUIDELINES**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education ratifies the Guidelines on Presidential Compensation forwarded to Chairs of State and Community College Boards of Trustees on May 17, 2007.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 9  
Contact: Joseph Sullivan, General Counsel

Ms. Jeanne-Marie Boylan, Chair of the Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy Committee, brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

**FAAP 07-26 EXTENSION OF CHANCELLOR PLUMMER'S APPOINTMENT**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education extends the appointment of Dr. Patricia F. Plummer to serve as Chancellor of the system of Public Higher Education from September 1, 2007, until September 1, 2008.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 6  
Contact: Aaron D. Spencer, Chairman

Ms. Jeanne-Marie Boylan brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

**FAAP 07-27 APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH A NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM STUDY**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby gives Northern Essex Community College approval to proceed with a program study to add academic and specialized instructional space capacity in Lawrence. This approval is given with the understanding that Northern Essex Community College is responsible for all costs related to the study and that it will

not proceed with design and construction until the Board of Higher Education gives its approval to proceed.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9  
Contact: Sue Wolfe, Associate Vice Chancellor for Fiscal and Administrative Affairs

Ms. Jeanne-Marie Boylan brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

**FAAP 07-28 APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH A WORCESTER STATE COLLEGE PROGRAM STUDY**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby gives Worcester State College approval to proceed with a program study to add administrative office and specialized instructional space capacity, along with replacement of aged athletic facilities. This approval is given with the understanding that Worcester State College is responsible for all costs related to the study and that it will not proceed with design and construction until the Board of Higher Education gives its approval to proceed.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9  
Contact: Sue Wolfe, Associate Vice Chancellor for Fiscal and Administrative Affairs

Ms. Jeanne-Marie Boylan brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously. Regarding the motion, Chair Spencer remarked that he was pleased that we offer student loan programs to higher education students; however, he said he felt badly that students have loans rather than financial aid, which leaves many students leaving college in serious debt.

**FAAP 07-29 CODE OF CONDUCT—STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby adopts the attached Code of Conduct—Student Loan Programs and calls on each public institution of higher education to adopt this Code of Conduct.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9  
Contact: Sue Wolfe, Associate Vice Chancellor for Fiscal and Administrative Affairs

Ms. Jeanne-Marie Boylan brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously. Chair Spencer added that the intent of the motion is to consolidate plans for the three segments of higher education.

**FAAP 07-30 MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGES' AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby authorizes and approves the **Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity/Diversity Plan** for **Massachusetts State Colleges**. Said plan shall have initial effect on July 1, 2007.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9w  
Contact: Peter H. Tsaffaras, Director of Employee Relations and Benefit Administration

Ms. Jeanne-Marie Boylan brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously. Ms. Boylan added that this motion relates to technical changes and definitions.

**FAAP 07-31 AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby authorizes and approves Amendment Number One to the Massachusetts Optional Retirement Program.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15, Section 40  
Contact: Peter H. Tsaffaras, Director of Employee Relations and Benefit Administration

Ms. Jeanne-Marie Boylan brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

**FAAP 07-32 OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM HOUSING ALLOWANCE POLICY**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby authorizes and approves the Housing Allowance Policy for Massachusetts Optional Retirement Program participants.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15, Section 40; and Chapter 32, Section 1  
Contact: Peter H. Tsaffaras, Director of Employee Relations and Benefit Administration

Ms. Jeanne-Marie Boylan brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

**FAAP 07-33 CAMPUS MASTER PLAN ACCEPTANCE**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby requests that each state and community college submit a letter to the Chancellor of Higher Education indicating Board of Trustee acceptance of a multi-year campus master plan no later than November 30, 2007.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15 A, Section 9  
Contact: Sue Wolfe, Associate Vice Chancellor for Fiscal and Administrative Affairs

Peter Alcock, Chair of the Assessment and Accountability Committee, brought forth the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously. Chair Alcock added that if a college has a professional program that has secondary accreditation, this motion will allow the college the flexibility to change its name without the need for a full study.

**AAC 07-24 APPROVAL OF REVISION TO BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM CHANGE GUIDELINES**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby amends the *Procedures for New Academic Program Proposals and Program Changes Public Institutions of Higher Education* to add the following language to the section entitled "Academic Program Changes:"

"In submitting a name change request that would result in titling an existing concentration in an accredited program as a degree, provide program enrollment, graduation, and alumni outcome data for the preceding three years, a copy of the accreditation review report received within the preceding three years, and the most recent accreditation status letter from an accrediting body that is a member of the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors."

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Section 9(b)  
Contact Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

Chair Alcock brought forth the following Consent Agenda motion. Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy, provided a PowerPoint presentation that offered additional commentary about each motion. Staff recommendation is for approval of all motions. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**AAC 07-32 APPROVAL OF ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE  
MOTIONS AAC 07-25 THROUGH AAC 07-31 ON A CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- AAC 07-25 University of Massachusetts Dartmouth:  
Ph.D. in Luso-Afro-Brazilian Studies and Theory**
- AAC 07-26 University of Massachusetts Dartmouth:  
Ph.D. in Nursing**
- AAC 07-27 Salem State College:  
Master of Science in Industrial/Organizational Psychology**
- AAC 07-28 Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis:  
Master of Arts in Psychoanalytic Counseling**
- AAC 07-29 College of Saint Catherine:  
Master of Science in Montessori Education**
- AAC 07-30 ITT Technical Institute:  
Bachelor of Science in Digital Entertainment and Game Design  
Bachelor of Science in Electronic and Communications Engineering  
Technology  
Bachelor of Science in Information Systems Security**
- AAC 07-31 New England Institute of Technology:  
Associate in Science in Business Management Technology at EMC  
Corporation  
Bachelor of Science in Business Management Technology at EMC  
Corporation**

Authority: Article III, Section 6, By-Laws  
Contact Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academy Policy

Ms. Kelley added that passage of the following motion, which prepares students for teaching and a variety of fields outside of academia, fits well with Southeastern Massachusetts demographics, the University's existing master's program, its acclaimed department and faculty, the Center for Portuguese Studies and Culture, and with the University's archives. The program received strong reviewer support.

**AAC 07-25 UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH:  
PH.D. IN LUSO-AFRO-BRAZILIAN STUDIES AND THEORY**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the expedited application of the **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth** to award the **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Luso-Afro-Brazilian Studies and Theory**.

One year after graduating the program's first class, 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: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-26 UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH: PH.D. IN NURSING**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the expedited application of the **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth** to award the **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Nursing**.

One year after graduating the program's first class, 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: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-27 SALEM STATE COLLEGE:  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the expedited application of **Salem State College** to award the **Master of Science in Industrial/ Organizational Psychology**.

One year after graduating the program's 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: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-28 BOSTON GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PSYCHOANALYSIS:  
MASTER OF ARTS IN PSYCHOANALYTIC COUNSELING**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the Articles of Amendment of **Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis** to award the **Master of Arts in Psychoanalytic Counseling**.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Section 30 et seq.  
Contact: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-29 COLLEGE OF SAINT CATHERINE:  
MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY CREDENTIAL CERTIFICATE  
MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION WITH AN AMERICAN MONTESSORI SOCIETY  
(AMS) MONTESSORI TEACHING CREDENTIAL**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the Articles of Amendment of **College of Saint Catherine** to offer at school-based sites in Massachusetts the **Montessori Elementary Credential Certificate, Montessori Early Childhood Credential Certificate, and Master of Arts in Education with an American Montessori Society (AMS) Montessori Teaching Credential**.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Section 30 et seq.  
Contact: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-30 ITT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE:  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT AND GAME DESIGN  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRONIC AND COMMUNICATIONS  
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the petition of **ITT Technical Institute located in Woburn and Norwood, Massachusetts, to award the Bachelor of Science in Digital Entertainment and Game Design, Bachelor of Science in Electronic and Communications Engineering Technology, and Bachelor of Science in Information Systems Security**.

By January 31 of 2008, and of each year thereafter, ITT shall submit an annual report to the Chancellor, reviewing the status of the institution's degree-granting programs. In accordance with 610 CMR, 2.07 (5) the annual report should:

- a. evaluate the general quality of curricula, the faculty and the student body,
- b. provide statistical information on the number of students completing the requirements for the degree, job placement and/or transfer statistics, the financial status of the institution, operating costs and revenues,
- c. provide evidence that both degree authority and tuition and refund policies are clearly stated in the publicity of the institution, and
- d. certify whether, in fact, the institution's degree-granting programs are maintained and operated within the provisions and spirit of the criteria and guidelines set forth for proprietary institutions with degree-granting authority.

The report should also provide statistical information on the number and breakdown (new freshmen, transfer, etc.) of students enrolling in each program.

Prior to enrolling students in the degree programs, the College must submit the résumés or CVs of the full-time faculty members for each degree program to the Chancellor of the Board of Higher Education.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Section 30 et seq.  
Contact: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-31 NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY:  
ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY AT EMC  
CORPORATION  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY AT EMC  
CORPORATION**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education hereby approves the Certificate of Amendment of **The New England Institute of Technology** to award the **Associate in Science in Business Management Technology** and the **Bachelor of Science in Business Management Technology** at the EMC Corporation in Franklin, Massachusetts.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 69, Section 30 et seq.  
Contact: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Policy

Chair Peter Alcock brought forth the following Consent Agenda, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

Ms. Kelley added that

- Commonwealth Honors Programs are reviewed every six years;
- each program submitted an application for renewal and underwent a site visit review.
- each program met the criteria;
- status reports will be submitted at the spring 2008 Commonwealth Honors Council meeting;

Dr. David Langston, Executive Director of the Commonwealth Honors Program; and Dr. Linda Slakey, former Executive Director of the Commonwealth Honors Program, thanked Chair Spencer for his tremendous effort in establishing the Honors Program and his continued, enthusiastic support over the years.

**AAC 07-38 APPROVAL OF ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE  
MOTIONS AAC 07-33 THROUGH AAC 07-37 ON A CONSENT AGENDA**

**AAC 07-33 COMMONWEALTH HONORS PROGRAM  
BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE**

**AAC 07-34 COMMONWEALTH HONORS PROGRAM  
FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE**

**AAC 07-35 COMMONWEALTH HONORS PROGRAM  
MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**AAC 07-36 COMMONWEALTH HONORS PROGRAM  
WORCESTER STATE COLLEGE**

**AAC 07-37 COMMONWEALTH HONORS PROGRAM  
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON**

Authority: Article III, Section 6, By-Laws  
Contact: Aundrea Kelley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academy Policy

**AAC 07-33 COMMONWEALTH HONORS PROGRAM  
BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education accepts the report of the Commonwealth Honors Program Executive Committee and renews Bridgewater State College's membership in the Commonwealth Honors Program for six years effective, June 14, 2007.

Authority: Commonwealth Honors Program Approval Process Guidelines as Revised by the Board of Higher Education in November 2006.  
Contact: Francesca B. Purcell, Ph.D., Director for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-34 COMMONWEALTH HONORS PROGRAM  
FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education accepts the report of the Commonwealth Honors Program Executive Committee and renews Fitchburg State College Leadership Academy's membership in the Commonwealth Honors Program for six years, effective June 14, 2007.

Authority: Commonwealth Honors Program Approval Process Guidelines as Revised by the Board of Higher Education in November 2006.  
Contact: Francesca B. Purcell, Ph.D., Director for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-35 COMMONWEALTH HONORS PROGRAM  
MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education accepts the report of the Commonwealth Honors Program Executive Committee and renews Mount Wachusett Community College's membership in the Commonwealth Honors Program for six years, effective June 14, 2007.

Authority: Commonwealth Honors Program Approval Process Guidelines as Revised by the Board of Higher Education in November 2006.  
Contact: Francesca B. Purcell, Ph.D., Director for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-36 COMMONWEALTH HONORS PROGRAM  
WORCESTER STATE COLLEGE**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education accepts the report of the Commonwealth Honors Program Executive Committee and renews Worcester State College's membership in the Commonwealth Honors Program for six years, effective June 14, 2007.

Authority: Commonwealth Honors Program Approval Process Guidelines as Revised by the Board of Higher Education in November 2006.  
Contact: Francesca B. Purcell, Ph.D., Director for Academic Policy

**AAC 07-37 COMMONWEALTH HONORS PROGRAM  
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education accepts the report of the Commonwealth Honors Program Executive Committee and renews University of Massachusetts Boston's membership in the Commonwealth Honors Program for six years, effective June 14, 2007.

Authority: Commonwealth Honors Program Approval Process Guidelines as Revised by the Board of Higher Education in November 2006.  
Contact: Francesca B. Purcell, Ph.D., Director for Academic Policy

Chair Spencer introduced the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

**BHE 07-14 DELEGATION OF SUMMER AUTHORITY TO CHANCELLOR**

**MOVED:** The Board of Higher Education delegates to the Chancellor, 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, General Counsel

**OPEN FORUM**

Jeanne-Marie Boylan reported that the Program Director from MassPIRG informed the Fiscal Affairs and Administrative Policy Committee at its June 6, 2007, meeting that MassPIRG is working on lowering the cost of college textbooks. Legislation has been filed that would require publishers to disclose the cost of textbooks to faculty and allow books sold as bundles to, also, be sold individually. Jake Oliviera, State College Student Representative, added that House Bill 1200 will be brought before the Joint Committee on Higher Education on October 2, 2007, and that both Chairs Kevin Murphy and Robert O'Leary support this legislation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.