Thursday, October 27, 2016
UMass Lowell Conference Center
Lowell, MA
Conference Agenda

9:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
Grand Ballroom Foyer

10:00 a.m. Welcome
Michael Mizzoni, Director of Trustee & Community Relations, Department of Higher Education
Jacqueline Moloney, Chancellor, University of Massachusetts Lowell
Grand Ballroom

10:15 a.m. Morning Plenary
Carlos E. Santiago, Commissioner, Department of Higher Education
Grand Ballroom

10:45 a.m. Coffee Break/Transition Time
Grand Ballroom Foyer

11:00 a.m. Breakout Sessions—Block 1 (You chose one session during pre-registration.)
1. Fraud: What Is it and How Is It Detected?
Neil Cohen, Deputy Director for Audit, Oversight & Investigations, Office of the Inspector General
Merrimack Room

2. The Ethics Law and Trustees
Dave Giannotti, Public Education & Communications Division Chief, State Ethics Commission
Hamilton Room

3. The Board’s Role in Presidential, Support, Assessment, and Accountability
Constantia (Dena) Papanikolaou, General Counsel, Department of Higher Education
Merill Schwartz, Vice President for AGB Consulting, Association of Governing Boards (AGB)
Junior Ballroom

11:50 a.m. Transition Time

12:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions—Block 2 (You chose one session during pre-registration.)
1. Fundamentals of Trusteeship
Ashley Wisneski, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Higher Education
Merrimack Room

2. Open Meeting Law Overview for Trustees
Jonathan Sclarsic, Assistant Attorney General, Director, Division of Open Government, Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General
Hamilton Room

3. Board Chair and President Session
Chris Gabrieli, Chair, Board of Higher Education
Junior Ballroom

12:40 p.m. Lunch
Grand Ballroom Foyer

1:10 p.m. Keynote
Making Higher Ed Work for Students of Modest Means
Neil Swidey, Staff Writer, Boston Globe Magazine

Neil Swidey is a narrative nonfiction author and journalist. His most recent book, Trapped Under the Sea, was a No. 1 Boston Globe bestseller that was named one of the best books of 2014 by Amazon and Booklist. His first book, The Assist, which focused on urban education, was a Boston Globe bestseller that was named one of the best books of 2008 by the Washington Post. He was also a coauthor of the New York Times bestselling Last Lion: The Fall and Rise of Ted Kennedy. A staff writer for the Boston Globe Magazine, Neil writes about a wide range of topics and subcultures, but returns often to education, most recently doing an in-depth examination of the college debt burden faced by low-income, first-generation students. His writing has won numerous national awards and been featured in The Best American Science Writing, The Best American Crime Writing, and The Best American Political Writing. As an outgrowth of his first book, he founded the Alray Scholars Program, a mentoring and scholarship nonprofit that helps give Boston students a second chance at college.

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2:00 p.m. Transition Time

2:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions—Block 3 (You chose one session during pre-registration.)
1. Campus Safety/Risk Management Tool Box
Amanda Botelho Robbins, Senior Security Consultant, TSG Solutions
Constantia (Dena) Papanikolaou, General Counsel, Department of Higher Education
Merrimack Room

2. Early College Design: What Is It and How Is It Done?
Karen Hynick, Vice President Academic Affairs, North Shore Community College
Patricia Marshall, Ph.D., Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs & Student Success, Department of Higher Education
Hamilton Room

3. What’s in Your Strategic Plan?
Winnie Hagan, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs & Student Success, Department of Higher Education
J.D. LaRock, Executive Director, Northeastern University; Member, Massachusetts Board of Higher Education; Trustee, North Shore Community College
Junior Ballroom

3:15 p.m. Coffee Break/Transition Time
Grand Ballroom Foyer

3:30 p.m. Afternoon Plenary
James Peyser, Secretary, Executive Office of Education
Grand Ballroom

4:00 p.m. Conference Ends

4:00 p.m. MCCTA Fall Meeting
Merrimack Room
Map of Facilities

1st Floor
- Merrimack
- Grand Ballroom (Pawtucket/Middlesex/Concord)
- Grand Ballroom Foyer

2nd Floor
- Junior Ballroom
- Hamilton
- Tsongas
- Patio

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