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Chancellor Golino Elected President of Committee of Urban Public Universities

Twenty urban institutions have announced the formation of a Committee of Urban Public Universities whose primary goal is to create a National Urban Grant Universities Program to address the needs of the Nation's cities.

This new group is being formed on the 104th anniversary of the Morrill Act, which established the nation's land-grant universities.

The new group and program would help these universities mobilize their resources in the areas of education, research, planning, evaluation, training and development. These resources would then be applied, in a systematic and sustained manner, to the myriad of problems facing the nation's major metropolitan centers. The program would be conducted as a partnership of urban universities, all levels of government and the private sector.

Dr. Carlo L. Golino, Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts at Boston was elected the first president. Vice president is Robert J. Kibbee, Chancellor of the City University of New York; treasurer is Werner Baum, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; and secretary is James Miller, President, University of Louisville.

Of the organization's purpose and mission, Dr. Golino said, "In the 104 years that have gone by since the passage of the Morrill Act, America has changed from a rural to an urban society. Just as Congress, in 1872, recognized the special role that higher education could play in saving the farms, it must today recognize the unique resources of urban higher education and understand how those resources can be mobilized to save our cities.

"We feel strongly that a National Urban Grant Universities Program would encourage great coordination and cooperation among the many groups now working on urban problems and avoid needless duplication and waste."

The categories of the Committee of Urban Public Universities are illustrative of the role each plays in its own community. These institutions have:

- a campus that is located in a major urban area;
- a substantial number of students who commute;
- programs that make higher education more accessible to students living in urban community;
- urban-oriented educational and research programs;
- a range of professional schools and/or graduate programs;
- a deep sense of responsibility to their urban constituencies.

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President of Committee of
Urban Public Universities
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The Committee began as an informal group of six (6) urban public universities one and one half years ago, meeting frequently to discuss ways to impact on urban problems and, thereby, help their communities. During this period, members took inventory of their individual resources for helping solve urban problems, discussed the feasibility of an Urban Grant Program with governmental officials at all levels and representatives from the private sector, produced the Program's basic document and formally incorporated the Committee. The number of universities also grew from six (6) to twenty (20).

The member institutions are: University of Alabama, California State Universities and Colleges, University of Cincinnati, City College of New York, Cleveland State University, Georgia State University, University of Houston, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Louisville, University of Massachusetts-Boston, University of Minnesota-Minneapolis St. Paul, University of Missouri, University of Pittsburgh, University of South Florida, State University of New York-Buffalo, Temple University, University of Washington, Wayne State University, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, City University of New York.

Acting Dean of the College
of Liberal Arts

Chancellor Golino has announced the appointment of Prof. Fuad Safwat as Acting Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. His appointment was effective June 21. Dr. Safwat is a member of the Biology Department. Since joining our faculty in 1965, he has played a significant role in various capacities in the development of our campus. From 1971 to 1973 he served as the Chairperson of the Biology Department. He has been an active participant in various governance bodies during the past ten years. Most recently he served as the Chairperson of the Graduate Council.

Prof. Safwat in his capacity as Acting Director of Graduate Studies was extremely instrumental in the development of a five year master plan for graduate studies on this campus. The master plan has received the approval of the University Assembly and will be forwarded to the President's Office. Prof. Safwat is a well-known scholar in the area of floral morphology and is now working on the problem of the fusion of plant protoplasts.

Director of Graduate Studies

Prof. Robert Spaethling has been appointed the Director of Graduate Studies at UMass-Boston, it was announced by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Robert Steamer.

Prof. Spaethling, since joining the University, has served with distinction in virtually every important area of university life, most notably as Chairman of the German Department, Chairman of the Graduate Council and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost. He is an internationally respected scholar whose extraordinary reputation reflects glory on UMass-Boston as a center of learning, and his new role will bring additional recognition to the University.

Riccio Monteith Elected

Patricia Riccio Monteith, General Manager of WUMB, the
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University radio station has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Intercollegiate Broadcast system. IBS is a national college radio organization with a membership of 600 stations. The organization works to help new stations get started, to improve programming services, and to provide consultation services for college stations, as well as representing these stations to the F.C.C. Ms. Monteith has also been appointed to the Publications Committee of IBS and is associate editor of the Journal of College Radio.

Admissions

F. Donald Costello, Director of Admissions, in the latest report from that office on Admissions applications for the Fall semester, states, UMass-Boston has received 7002 applications for freshmen and transfer students.

In the Keeping Up With Youth column in Parade magazine, an interesting sidelight on admissions facts, tuitions, and educational opportunity is quoted from that column:

"The Low Tuition Fact Book," recently published by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, contains the following eight basic facts about tuition and educational opportunity:

1. The rate of full-time college attendance among 18- to 24-year-old students has declined precipitously in recent years, particularly among students from low and middle income families.
2. The percentage of high school graduates going to college is especially low in states with high tuition.
3. The percentage of Vietnam veterans going to college is generally low in states with high tuition.
4. A University of Wisconsin study found that lowering tuition increases the number of students going on to college.
5. A recent Stanford Research Institute study shows that students from 102 low income families would be extremely responsive to a reduction in tuition rates.
6. U.S. Census data shows that families are especially hard hit right now because an unusually large number have more than one dependent in college at the same time.
7. Bureau of Labor Statistics calculations of family budgets indicate that very few families have adequate funds to meet college costs.
8. Current student aid programs are not adequate to meet the needs of most students, even the poor. They are particularly inadequate for working-class and middle income students, and for older and part-time students.

Health Service During
the Summer

During the summer, the Health Service is staffed to provide services as usual to all students enrolled in the UMass-Boston summer school program, and to faculty and staff. Summer school enrollees who have purchased the student optional health insurance plan will also continue to be entitled to all covered benefits under the plan.

UMass-Boston students not enrolled in the summer school
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program are not entitled to receive care in the Health Service during the summer. However, they too, if they have purchased the optional health insurance plan, continue to be entitled to full benefits under the plan.

If the Federal Swine Flu immunization program develops as initially planned, the Health Service will be prepared to administer the shots to any campus personnel wanting them. More will be said about this after clearer HEW guidelines are published later this summer.

Reorganization and Trustees'
Action

At the June 28 meeting of the Board of Trustees, engaged in discussions and studies on "confusing debates over reorganization of higher education in the Commonwealth" resolved as follows:

"1. To reaffirm the unequivocal commitment made by this Board some 7 years ago to the attainment of the highest possible quality in public higher education in Massachusetts;

"2. To reaffirm that the best means for delivery of this quality is a system of separate campuses with a high degree of autonomy in carrying on varying educational roles, but requiring the policy coordination of a strong and separate President's Office, effectively staffed;

"3. To affirm that, irrespective of the directions taken by the possible reorganization of higher education in the future, the Trustees express full confidence in the ongoing leadership of President Robert Wood, whose personal leadership, vision, and commitment to quality, as well as to effective resource management, have contributed immeasurably to the attainment by this University of the position of leadership it presently enjoys."

In addition to this action, the Board established an ad hoc task force on reorganization to continue review of proposed amendments to the Harrington bill.

Summer School Concerts and Art Show

The Summer School will sponsor two concerts and an art show at the Harbor Campus in Dorchester for the benefit of university and community.

Pianist Kenneth Wolf will give a Beethoven concert on Tuesday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plaza area of the campus. He is a member of the faculty at the UMass Medical School, Worcester.

Prof. John MacCombie will give a piano concert on works of Bartok, Brahms, Chopin, and some of his own works on Tuesday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. An accomplished musician and composer, he is a member of the French Department at UMass-Boston.

An art exhibit, from July 13 to July 20, will be held at the campus featuring works by Edward Ballo, Robert Branson, and Robert Lurtsema.

All are invited to attend. There is no charge.