

Executive Session

**FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Tuesday, November 30, 2010**  
**12:00 p.m.**  
**President's Conference Room**  
**300 Highland Avenue, Fitchburg, MA 01420**  
**Sanders Building**

Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 12:55 p.m.

Trustees Present: Gregg Lisciotti, Matthew Costello, Carol Vittorioso, Robert Pontbriand, Beverly Farias, Martin F. Connors, Jr., Cynthia Stevens, David Mullaney

Trustees Absent: Gladys Rodriguez-Parker

Also Present: Robert Antonucci, Gail Doiron, Jay Bry

President Antonucci discussed the property the Foundation purchased on Main Street. We have been in conversations with a developer who would like to build on the property.

Mr. Bry said the current theme is to build student housing. He discussed a couple of drawings of possible scenarios. There is a potential for retail space on the street level and housing above. He discussed various concepts for the property. The surrounding properties currently have an elevated asking price and the building would be built around them.

President Antonucci stated that a number of our freshmen are in triples and our graduate students are ineligible for housing. We do not want to build another state building. The potential housing on Main Street will be designed for students very similar to our on-campus student housing.

There was a discussion of various plans for the area, financing and zoning.

Mr. Mullaney suggested looking at plans for a building with more density. Mr. Bry responded we are mindful of the housing demands and to not over commit as to how many beds can be filled.

Mr. Lisciotti asked why we would want to do this at this time. President Antonucci responded that we have a housing need but don't want the debt. Mr. Bry said the timing and financing are good for the developer who has experience in building campus housing.

Mr. Bry referenced the lease agreement policy included in the packet.

There was a discussion on various scenarios of leasing, purchasing and financing.

President Antonucci said that Chairman Lisciotti would excuse himself from the meeting and

Vice-Chairperson Carol Vittorioso would chair the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Bry and Mr. Lisciotti left the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

President Antonucci next discussed honorary degrees. We traditionally award an honorary degree to the commencement speaker. This year's speaker is author Robert Salvatore who is also a Fitchburg State alumnus.

President Antonucci stated the Chairman Lisciotti's term will be expiring in March. He stated Mr. Lisciotti's service to the university as well as the Board has been outstanding. There was a discussion.

Upon a motion duly noted by Mr. Connors and seconded by Mr. Mullaney it was voted by roll call to award the following honorary degrees at the spring commencement:

**Voted:**  
**(8-0)**

Mr. Robert Salvatore, class of 1981  
Mr. Gregg P. Lisciotti

With no further business before the Executive Session, it was voted by roll call (8-0) to adjourn at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Robert A. Pontbriand, Clerk  
Board of Trustees