

By Ms. Jehlen of Somerville, petition of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to protect the rights of faculty members at the University of Massachusetts. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF FACULTY MEMBERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 75, Section 4, subsection 2 of the Massachusetts General
2 Laws, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is amended by
3 adding after the third sentence the following provision:—

4 But provided further, that the trustees shall not meet to consider
5 the award of tenure to a member of the faculty in executive ses-
6 sion, as set forth above, unless the individual who is being consid-
7 ered for tenure in such executive session has been notified in
8 writing, by the trustees, at least forty-eight hours prior to the pro-
9 posed executive session. Notification may be waived upon agree-
10 ment of the parties. The Trustees shall hold an open meeting if the
11 individual involved requests that the meeting be open. If an exec-
12 utive session is held, such individual shall have the following
13 rights:

14 (a) to be present at such executive session during discussions or
15 considerations which involve that individual.

16 (b) to have counsel or a representative of his own choosing pre-
17 sent and attending for the purpose of advising said individual and
18 not for the purpose of active participation in said executive session.

19 (c) to speak in his own behalf.

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