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Board of Higher Education chair to resign

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Freeland would take over for Patricia Plummer, who stepped down in September after a two-year stint to work as a senior adviser to UMass President Jack M. Wilson.

Freeland retired in 2006 as the president of Northeastern and currently teaches at Northeastern and Clark universities.

Clark said he hopes be able to help the Massachusetts higher education again in the future.

"As I intend to continue my support of public higher education, I do hope to find another venue soon to further contribute to the advancement of our colleges and universities and the students that they serve," he said.

According to their Web site, chairman is the highest position within the state Department of Higher Education whose mission is: "To ensure that Massachusetts residents have the opportunity to benefit from a higher education that enriches their lives and advances their contributions to the civic life, economic development, and social progress of the Commonwealth."

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