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## Faculty Senate Meeting

### Minutes

March 7, 2011

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley

Attendees: Diana Archibald, Doreen Arcus, Craig Armiento, Francis Bonner, Michael Carter, Nicole Champagne, Cindy Chen, Liana Cheney, Mitra Das, Lisa Edwards, James Egan, Charles Feeney (for Janie Casello Bouges), Cynthia Ferrara, Joseph Fisher, Marie Frank, Clayton French, Steven Freund, Xinwen Fu (for Jie Wang), Nancy Goodyear, Michael Graves, Andrew Hostetler, Oliver Ibe, Russell Karl, Alexander Kheifets, Minjeong Kim, Robert Kunzendorf, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, David Lustick, Margaret Manion, Geoffry Phillips McEnany, Arthur Mittler, Betty Morgan, Martin Moser, Donna Mullin, Eric Nelson, Robert Parkin, Miki Patterson, Jialun Qin, Marina Ruths, Charlotte Ryan, Nancy Selleck, James Sherwood, Jay Simmons, Shellie Simons, Jana Sladkova, Craig Slatin, Paul Song, Jacob Stowell, Stefanie Tate, Thomas Wilson, Yi Yang, Bruce Young

Absent: Bryan Buchholz, Eve Buzawa, Alexander Case, Shehong Chen, Timothy Crain, Alan Doerr, Stuart Freedman, Ken Geiser, Robert Giles, Robert Karasek, David Kazmer, Margaret Knight, Xuejun Lu, Sanjeev Manohar, Ramaswamy Nagarajan, Julie Nash, Christopher Niezrecki, David Ryan, Daniel Schmidt, Chronis Stamatiadis, Ellen Wetmore, Jin Xu, Holly Yanco, Jackie Zhang

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting convened at 3:34.

#### 1. Minutes of February 7, 2011 Faculty Senate Meeting

Ann Marie Hurley requested a motion to accept the minutes of the February Senate Meeting. Bob Parkin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### 2. Academic Governance Committee (Professor Cheney)

An overview of the Senate election/officer nomination process was provided by Liana Cheney.

3. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees (Professor Carter)

The Trustees had their winter meeting on the Lowell campus. Proposals for a BA and an MA degree were approved. The PhD in Criminal Justice was also approved. Michael Carter pointed out that substantial questions about costs are being raised. There is the expectation that there will be a substantial number of programs being put forward in the May/June cycle of trustee meetings. Based on Governor Deval Patrick's budget the university as a whole is looking at a funding gap of 55 million. This gap is due to the loss of federal stimulus money and to the failure thus far to fund the collective bargaining wage increases in the second year of our contract. This does not mean that we will not get the wage increases. It instead means that the campuses will have to come up with the funds on their own. President Robert Caret was present and indicated that he was planning to visit the campuses in April or early May.

Provost Abdelal indicated that the Board of Trustees has been looking more closely at program viability data such as enrollment numbers and graduates per year. Each of the five provosts had programs on the docket and in many ways what was presented regarding programs was complimentary. UMass Boston is currently focusing on doctoral programs. He noted that criminology and business are major revenue producers. In the next cycle of program approvals we will present two Masters and two Doctoral Programs. We project that for the next year we will have a balanced budget with a 3% minimum fee increase.

4. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Professor Sherwood)

A. Proposal for a PhD in Global Studies, (Dean Coppens)

Dean Coppens thanked the faculty group for their planning work. There is no PhD program in New England in Global Studies and it is an area that is growing. UMass Lowell is at the forefront in offering such a program. The resolution was approved by a vote of 47 to 1 opposition. There were no abstentions.

B. Proposal for MS in Autism Studies, (Professor Siegel)

Professor Siegel thanked the members of the Psychology Department and extended a special thank you to Vice Provost Mandell. The dramatic rise in the number of children in the United States with autism has posed a major challenge in education and mental health. The resolution was approved by a vote of 48 to 0.

C. Proposal for a new option within the M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction degree, (Professor Ossen)

Professor Ossen presented this new option and noted it is a response to a state initiative to address the fact that there are too many elementary teacher and not

enough Special Education Teachers. The resolution was approved by a vote of 48 to 0.

D. Proposal for a PhD in Business Administration, (Professor Latham)

Professor Latham presented on behalf of Dean Carter. He thanked James Sherwood and members of GPAC for shepherding this along. He noted there is a huge shortage in the number of PhDs in Business. This program will keep UMass Lowell competitive. The resolution was approved by a vote of 48 to 0.

5. Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), Professor Mittler

A. BLA Concentration in Environment and Society, (Professor Cheney)

Professor Cheney extended thanks to those who were involved in crafting this proposal with a special thank you to Professor Marie Frank. She indicated that this is a new concentration. The resolution was approved by a vote of 48 to 0.

Ann Marie Hurley received a commendation from a faculty member relative to the superb work done by Facilities during a particularly difficult winter season.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.