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## **Faculty Senate Meeting**

Minutes

May 2, 2011

3:00 PM

Presiding: Michael Carter

Attendees: Todd Avery, Bryan Buchholz, Eve Buzawa, Michael Carter, Alexander Case, Nicole

Champagne, Abigail Chandler, Cindy Chen, Shehong Chen, Liana Cheney, Timothy Crain, Mitra Das, Alan Doerr, Lisa Edwards, James Egan, Cynthia Ferrara, Marie Frank,

Stuart Freedman, Clayton French, Steven Freund, Jehanne Marie Gavarini, Susan

Gallagher, Robert Giles, Nancy Goodyear, Michael Graves, Carol Hay, Ashleigh Hillier, Ann Marie Hurley, Russell Karl, Alexander Kheifets, Daniel Klain, Margaret Knight, Ainat Koren, Sarah Kuhn, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, Yan Luo, David Lustick,

Margaret Manion, Sanjeev Manohar, Martin Margala, Dalila Megherbi, Michael Millner, Arthur Mittler, Ravi Montenegro, Martin Moser, Donna Mullin, Julie Nash, Nese Orbey, Robert Parkin, Miki Patterson, Geoffry Phillips McEnany, Jialun Qin, Emmanuelle Reynaud, Marina Ruths, Charlotte Ryan, David Ryan, Thomas Shea, James Sherwood,

Jonathan Silverman, Jay Simmons, Shellie Simons, Jana Sladkova, Stefanie Tate,

Phitsamay Uy, Thomas Wilson, Holly Yanco, Yi Yang

Absent: Doreen Arcus, Bridgette Budhlall, Janie Casello Bouges, Joseph Fisher, James Forest,

Ken Geiser, Stephen Johnston, Robert Karasek, Pradeep Kurup, Mufeed Mahd, Ramaswamy Nagarajan, Emmanuelle Reynaud, Craig Slatin, Paul Song, Chronis

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Recording: Martha Burns

1. Annual Election of Officers and Faculty Representatives to the Board of Trustees, (Professor Cheney)

Faculty Senators began to arrive at 2:45 to complete ballots for the annual election. The counting of the ballots followed.

The meeting afterwards convened at 3:35 PM.

Chancellor Martin Meehan provided opening remarks and extended gratitude to the Faculty Senate body for their efforts in making UMass Lowell a world class university. He also provided an overview of the many capital improvements being made in the way of new buildings. Enrollment numbers are way up. Chancellor Meehan then introduced guest speaker Richard M. Freeland, Commissioner of Higher Education.

2. Guest Speaker: Richard M. Freeland, PhD, Commissioner of Higher Education

Commissioner Freeland thanked the audience for allowing him to appear to present the Vision Project, a public agenda for Higher Education in Massachusetts. He stressed that the deepest and strongest challenge is changing the perceptions of public higher education and it is our responsibility to bring about a change in thinking and also to develop a story line we can all get behind. The public system being so decentralized, a history of uneven state financial support and the fact that private colleges and universities are often perceived as "better" make this task that much more of a challenge. There is a need to reach out to key constituencies not only in the legislature but also in the business community. The state has invested a great deal in K-12 Education Reform because we need to better prepare students for college. We need to produce the best-educated citizenry and workforce. Academic achievements on campus-level and national assessments of learning are crucial measurability factors. Commissioner Freeland has been travelling around the state to foster support for the Vision Project which was endorsed by the Board of Higher Education in May of 2010. David Lustick indicated that providing evidence of the quality of education is problematic. Commissioner Freeland indicated that assessments are the biggest concern of our generation because the public has lost confidence. He expressed sincere thanks at the close of his presentation.

3. Minutes of April 4, 2011 Faculty Senate Meeting

Liana Cheney made a motion to accept the minutes of the April Faculty Senate meeting. Robert Parkin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- 4. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Professor Sherwood)
  - A. Proposal for an MA/MS Degree Program in Security Studies, (Professors Lawrence and Forest)

Eve Buzawa presented this proposal and indicated that this kind of program exists in many institutions across the United States. The resolution to accept the proposal passed unanimously.

B. Proposed Option in Engineering Leadership, (Professor Kazmer)

This proposal was originally presented as a certificate but was changed to an option. It integrates more of a management component plus an internship. Ann Marie Hurley

pointed out that industries are looking for this type of qualification. The resolution to accept the proposal passed unanimously.

## 5. Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

A. Proposed Supply Chain and Operations Management Concentration in the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration within the College of Management, (Professor Motiwalla)

The resolution to accept the proposal passed unanimously.

- B. Point of Information: Proposed change in the BSE-ME curriculum, (Professor McKelliget)
- C. Point of Information: Proposed changes to the BS Degree in Nutritional Sciences, (Professor Wilson)

## 1. Annual Election Results

Liana Cheney reported the following:

Faculty Senate President Michael Carter – 59 votes in favor, one no vote, one abstention and four blank.

Vice President Marie Frank – 57 votes in favor, one no vote, seven blank.

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees Eve Buzawa – 60 votes in favor, three abstentions.

Alternate Representative to the Board of Trustees Michael Carter – 55 votes in favor, 3 abstentions.

Michael Carter indicated that he looks forward to working with the Faculty Senate body as its new President. The language in the By-Laws will be reviewed in the Fall Semester 2011. To that end Michael Carter announced that Ann Marie Hurley has been appointed the Chairperson of the Academic Governance Committee. Any pertinent Faculty Senate business/reporting occurring over the summer will be handled via e-mail.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM.