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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

October 3, 2016

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Graves

Attendees: Lisa Abdallah, Dhimiter Bello, Michael Black, Dina Bozicas, Bryan Buchholz, John Morgan Bush, Jennifer Cadero-Gillette, Ramon Castillo (for Garrett Michaelsen), Abigail Chandler, Guanling Chen, Timothy Cook, Mitra Das, Judith Davidson, Ann Dean, Glenn Dissinger, Alan Doerr, Heidi Fantasia, Susan Faraji, Zahra Fardmanesh, Patricia Fontaine, Alice Frye, Heidi Furey, Jessica Garb, Mahdi Garelnabi, Ramraj Gautam, Michael Geiger, Robert Giles, Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti, Nancy Goodyear, Jennifer Gorczyca, Michael Graves, Christopher Hansen, Javier Horta, Andrew Hostetler, Murat Inalpolat, Stephen Johnston, Wael Kamal, Alexander Kheifets, Daniel Klain, Tunde Kovacs, David Kriebel, Eunju Lee, Cathy Levey, Hunter Mack, Mufeed Mahd, Sara Marks, Maria Matz, Barbara Mawn, John McCarthy, John McKelliget, Kimberly Merriman, Arthur Mittler, Chad Montrie, Donna Mullin, Nese Orbey, Charles Ormsby, Robert Parkin, Melissa Pennell, Anya Peters, JianHua Qian, Muhammad Quayes, Emmanuelle Reynaud, Marina Ruths, Charlotte Ryan, David Ryan, Richard Serna (for Michelle Haynes-Baratz), John Shirley, Katherine Shrieves, Jana Sladkova, Meg Sobkowicz-Kline, Kate Swanger, Peter Tashman, Ardeth Thawngmung, Susan Tripathy, Jennifer Wilber, Miko Wilford, Yi Yang, Hengyong Yu, TzuYang Yu, Juheng Zhang

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting commenced at 3:32 PM.

- Greetings from Provost Vayda

Provost Vayda said it is truly a pleasure and honor to be with an institution of this caliber. UMass Lowell is ranked at 152 in the nation. So much has been done by so many to advance this institution. Faculty are the heart and soul of the institution. It is a joy to be part of shared governance. The past three months have been busy meeting and getting insights from several people. He introduced members of his leadership team – Vice Provost Julie Nash, Vice Provost Scott Latham and Dean Kerry Donohoe. The hiring of a Vice Provost for Faculty Success has been delayed to the Spring of

2017. The Provost will be focusing on student and faculty success. Vice Provost Nash is currently working on an initiation with the aim of making sure our first year students have a high impact learning experience. Dean Donohoe will continue working on the front line for students, financial aid and registration along with coordinating student advising functions and oversight of the Solution Center and Centers for Learning. Vice Provost Latham is honored to be taking on his new role. His endeavors will involve growing new programs in the graduate area and Continuing Education. Slides were projected regarding the new structure of academic councils, the budget and tuition.

- Minutes of May 2, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting

A motion was made to approve the May 2, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Summer Activities

Michael Graves announced that Community Health and Sustainability and Work Environment have merged into one and will now be known as Public Health.

Report from Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, (Professors Abdallah, Johnston)

Lisa Abdallah and Stephen Johnson summarized the meetings which took place. Five trustees are stepping down. Coburn Hall will be renovated significantly.

Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Professor Reynaud)

- Preliminary Proposal for a Ph.D. in Applied Biology

Emmanuelle Reynaud commended the Preliminary Proposal. No questions were posed. A motion was made to approve the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

- Proposal for Computer Science Dismissal Procedures

David Adams summarized the need for this proposal. A motion was made to approve the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Research and Development Committee, (Professor Graves)

Michael Graves informed the audience that the Research and Development Committee has met and is currently examining the Role of Research Professor and Financial Support for Graduate Students.

- Defining the Role of Research Professor

- Financial Support for Graduate Students

Other Business, (Professor Graves)

- Motion to rename and reconfigure the mission and membership of the former Library Committee. Presenter has asked to table this motion.

George Hart, Director of Library, will report to Vice Provost of Student Success, Julie Nash. A motion was made to table the motion and take up in the future. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Future discussion items

Arthur Mittler, Chairperson of UPC, requested that comments be sent to him relative to Testing Centers.

For Information Only/No Vote Necessary, (Professor Graves)

- Application of Credit Hour Policy

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM.