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## Faculty Senate Meeting

### Minutes

October 6, 2014

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Carter

Attendees: Laura Barefield, Dhimiter Bello, Dina Bozicas, Bryan Buchholz, Eve Buzawa, Jennifer Cadero-Gillette, Michael Carter, Nicole Champagne, Abigail Chandler, Guanling Chen, Shehong Chen, Johanna Choo, Timothy Cook, Paul DeStefano, Alan Doerr, Angelica Duran-Martinez (for Susan Gallagher), Heidi Fantasia, Susan Faraji, Rebecca Foco, Alice Frye, Jessica Garb, Michael Geiger, Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti, Nancy Goodyear, Jennifer Gorczyca, Michael Graves, Christopher Hansen, Ivy Ho, Javier Horta, Ying Huang, Ainat Koren, Scott Latham, Jason Lawrence, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, Benyuan Liu, David Lustick, Margaret Manion, Maria Matz, John McKelliget, Dalila Megherbi, Garrett Michaelsen, Joshua Millard, Joann MoriartyBaron, Donna Mullin, Charles Ormsby, Robert Parkin, April Pattavina, Joshua Qian, Emmanuelle Reynaud, Marina Ruths, Charlotte Ryan, David Ryan, David Schmidt, Richard Serna, Mitchell Shuldman, Shellie Simons, Laurie Soroken, Sang Hyun Suh, Kate Swanger, Stacy Szczesiul, Stefanie Tate, Walter Toomey, Mark Tries, James Veatch, Naomi Wernick, Jennifer Wilber, YiNing Wu, Patrick Young, Juheng Zhang

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting commenced at 3:35 PM.

- Minutes of May 5, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting

A motion was made by Robert Parking to accept the April 7, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Alan Doerr and passed unanimously.

### Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Barbara Mawn)

- Final Proposal for a Master of Science (MS) in Engineering Management  
Sammy Shina provided an overview of the proposal. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Final Proposal for a Master of Arts (MA) in History  
Lisa Edwards provided an overview of the proposal. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal for a Service-Learning Course Attribute Policy and Form  
Barbara Mawn presented on behalf of Robin Toof. Kerry Donohoe noted that the indication of a service learning attribute allows the university to more accurately report.
- Proposal for a Certificate in Public Health Studies  
Associate Dean Houde provided an overview. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal for Curriculum Changes to the PhD in Business Administration  
Yi Yang provided an overview noting that the reduction in the number of credits brings the university more in line with peer and aspirant institutions. Two concentrations will undergo name changes. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal for an Articulation Agreement between the University of Massachusetts Lowell Department of Work Environment and Keene State College Department of Safety and Occupational Health Applied Sciences  
Bryan Buchholz provided an overview of this agreement indicating that this agreement is intended to encourage students in the KSC Safety and Occupational Health Applied Sciences Bachelor of Science program to matriculate in the UML Work Environment Master of Science program.

#### Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

- President Caret reported 72,000 applications, 13,300 new students, 2.3% increase in enrollment, and SAT and GRE scores are up. He will listen to union concerns and try to resolve contracts. \$117 million in endowment raised (12% over goal). He is going on his 4<sup>th</sup> annual bus tour starting October 7 with a focus on the impact of alum on community. UMass Amherst is in top 30 for public institutions in country (up 10 spots). It is UMass Boston 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. New degrees at UMass Boston include MPA and PhD in Global Comparative Public Administration, MS in Urban Planning and Community Development, PhD in Early Child Education and Care, EdD and PhD in Leadership in Urban Schools, at UMass Dartmouth an MS in Technology Management, MS in Accounting and at UMass Lowell a Doctor of Pharmacy.

#### Report on the A&F Committee Meeting

- The Trustees approved three new Endowed Professorships in the College of Engineering. Most of the meeting was taken up with discussion of capital plans. UML's ambitious capital spending plan is projected to push the ratio of our debt service to operating revenue up to the 8% ceiling imposed by the Trustees by fiscal 2018. (This is still below the 10% level at which bond rating agencies start to lower institutions bond rating. The Trustees are very concerned to retain the high bond rating of UMass, and all campuses are instructed to stay at or below the 8% threshold.) In addition to capital projects already in various stages of construction or completed, future projects include additional new student housing, substantial deferred maintenance and renovation of older buildings on North and South campus, a new School of Business Building on North, a new dining hall on South and a complete redesign and repurposing of McGauvran on South. The newest major project to win approval is a \$35 million, 55000 square foot addition to the Tsongas center so that our DIV 1 hockey and Div 1 Mens &

Women's basketball teams have adequate practice facilities while more time slots are opened up at the main Tsongas center to host revenue generating events.

The following item was presented for information only and did not require motions.

For Information Only:

- Proposal for Specializations in the Master of Public Health (MPH):
  - a. Gerontology
  - b. Healthcare Management
  - c. Nutrition
  - d. Population Health

#### Other Business

- Support our Students  
Kerry Donohoe spoke on behalf of graduate students who were unable to attend. Support Our Students is a non-profit organization that seeks to reduce the number of college students going hungry and to raise awareness about this serious and often overlooked problem.

Robert Parkin made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.