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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

October 7, 2013

4:00 PM

Presiding: Michael Carter

Attendees: Dina Bozicas, Bryan Buchholz, Jennifer Cadero-Gillette, James Canning, Michael Carter, Nicole Champagne, Abigail Chandler, Shehong Chen, Timothy Cook, Timothy Crain, Adrian Cruz, Angelica Duran-Martinez (for John Wooding), James Egan, Heidi Fantasia, Cynthia Ferrara, Joseph Fisher, William Fisher, Stuart Freedman, Clayton French, Steven Freund, Jessica Garb, Michael Geiger, Robert Giles, Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti, Nancy Goodyear, Michael Graves, Christopher Hansen, Ivy Ho, Ann Marie Hurley, Sue Kim, Stephen Johnston, Alexander Kheifets, Daniel Klain, Ainat Koren, Jason Lawrence, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, Karen Lin, Benyuan Liu, David Lustick, Margaret Manion, Dalila Megherbi, Stephen Mishol, Arthur Mittler, Donna Mullin, Nese Orbey, Charles Ormsby, Robert Parkin, April Pattavina, Joshua Qian, Jialun Qin, Muhammad Quayes, Emmanuelle Reynaud, Bassam Romaya, Marina Ruths, Charlotte Ryan, David Ryan, Carole Salmon, Michelle Scribner-MacLean, Richard Serna, James Sherwood, Jonathan Silverman, Shellie Simons, Jana Sladkova, Meg Sobkowicz-Kline, Sang Hyun Suh, Berk Talay, Stefanie Tate, Joel Therrien, Walter Toomey, Celeste Tremblay, Phitsamay Uy, James Veatch, Yana Weinstein (for Stephanie Block), Naomi Wernick, Jennifer Wilber, Susan Woskie (for Maria Brunette), YiNing Wu, Patrick Young, TzuYang Yu

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting convened at 4:07 PM.

1. Minutes of May 6, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting

Ann Marie Hurley made a motion to accept the May 6, 2013 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Robert Parkin and passed unanimously.

Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee, (GPAC), (James Sherwood)

2. Proposal for a change in the course requirements for the Options of the Ph.D. in Engineering

James Sherwood presented this Proposal. The proposed changes to the course requirements for the PhD in Engineering is to allow PhD students to devote the majority of their time on research by introducing flexibility in the balance of course and research credits. Ann Marie Hurley made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Robert Parkin and passed unanimously.

3. Preliminary Proposal for a Masters in Public Administration (MPA)

Associate Dean Harris summarized key highlights of the MPA. The main idea focus is to respond to market demands for skilled professionals prepared to meet the challenges of managing public and non-profit agencies. The MPA is targeted to very specific tracks including justice administration, public humanities, and human services management. James Egan made a motion to approve the preliminary proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Preliminary Proposal for a Master of Arts in History

Abigail Chandler presented this proposal. The decision to move forward with this proposal is based on several factors a few of which include the interest on the part of the administration in developing programs at the graduate levels, interest on the part of current students, the need for a content area M.A. in history for already certified history teachers who seek a Professional license and the unique history of Lowell, its national park status and Concord, MA. Ann Marie Hurley made a motion to approve the preliminary proposal. It was seconded by Bob Parkin and passed unanimously.

5. Reactivation of the French Option in the BA in Modern Languages

Carole Salmon spoke about the need and desire for the French Option to be reactivated. No motion was necessary.

Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, (Eve Buzawa)

6. Eve Buzawa informed the audience that two previous meetings had been held – one on June 10 and one on September 18th. The fiscal year operating budget was approved. Robert Caret indicated that sequestration will result in an 8% cut across the board. Commercialization in the past year generated \$36 million in income. An ambitious capital plan with 3.8 billion scheduled capital expenditures across the UMass campuses over the next 5 years was approved. State support was increased this year as the first step in a deal struck by the President's office and the Patrick administration to freeze student fees and tuition this year and next at academic year 2012-2013 levels provided that state support reaches 50% of core educational costs by academic year 2014-2015

7. Honors College Resolution

James Canning presented the rationale for creating an honors college. There are currently 773 students in the program. James requested an endorsement by the Faculty Senate of the creation of an Honors college. A motion was made to endorse said resolution. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Research and Development Committee, (Robert Parkin)

8. Robert Parkin indicated that the issue of relinquishment of intellectual property needs to be resolved. The committee will be meeting in the coming months.

Concluding Remarks

Michael Carter announced that the Manning School of Business has a new Department called Finance.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.