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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes October 5, 2020, 3:30

PM ZOOM

The meeting convened at 3:32 PM.

Call to Order and Welcoming of New Faculty Senators, (President Graves)

Remarks by Provost Hartman

Provost Hartman provided an update on the continuing effects of COVID-19 on the university. Although overall enrollments exceeded what was initially expected, the scaling-back of our re-opening plan for the fall has caused additional financial issues due in part to the reduction in the number of students residing on campus resulting in reduced revenue from housing fees.

5_18_20 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes, (President Graves)

A motion was made to accept the 5_18_20 Faculty Senate Minutes. The motion passed with 84 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstaining.

Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

- Board of Trustees Meeting, 9_21_20, (Professor Koren)
- Committee on Administration and Finance, 9_22_20, (Professor Koren)
- Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, 9_15_20, (Professor Hurwitz)

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

- Proposal for a Bioinformatics Option in the Master of Science in Biological Sciences, (Professor Moore)

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 81 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstaining.

- Proposal to rename the Adult-Gerontological/Family Nurse Practitioner Option to the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Option in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program, (Professor Parker)

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 81 in favor, 0 opposed and 5 abstaining.

- Proposal for the Family Nurse Practitioner Option in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program, (Professor Parker)

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 81 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstaining.

Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

- Proposal for a Cybersecurity Option in the Computer Science Bachelor of Science degree, (Professor Fu)

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 84 in favor, 1 opposed and 3 abstaining.

- Proposal to rename the Data/Telecommunications Certificate to the Networking and Security Certificate and to revise its curriculum, (Professor Rykalova)

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. The motion passed with 80 in favor, 2 opposed and 2 abstaining.

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Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

- Proposal to revise the Information Technology Bachelor of Science Degree
- Proposal to update program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) and the Associate of Science in Business Administration (ASBA)
- Proposal to align the BLA Education Concentration with the current Minor offered by the College of Education

- Proposal to revise the Graphic Design Minor

Other Business, (President Graves)

- Spring 2021 Calendar, (Vice Chancellor Chen)

Vice Chancellor provided an update on COVID-19. She indicated that after 6 weeks of testing only 2 positives have been reported. Students are being very proactive in following protocol regarding masks. The Lowell Department of Public Health is performing contact tracing.

A motion was made to revise the Spring 2021 calendar:

- **Delay the start date from Tuesday, January 19 to Monday, January 25**
- **Cancel Spring Break**
- **Cancel classes on Friday, March 19**

The motion passed with 70 in favor, 17 opposed and 13 abstaining.

- Pass-No Credit Grading Scheme

No motion was necessary.

- Columbus Day Name Change

A motion was made that the Faculty Senate recognizes and supports the letter signed by many faculty, staff and students at UMass Lowell to Chancellor Moloney and Provost Hartman requesting that the name of the “*Columbus Day*” holiday be changed to “*Indigenous Peoples Day*.” The motion passed with 57 in favor, 12 opposed and 8 abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM.