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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

November 5, 2012

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Carter

Attendees: Lisa Abdallah (for Dorothy Brewin), Gonca Altuger-Genc, Sarita Bassil, James Carifio, Michael Carter, Alexander Case, Janie Casello Bouges, Nicole Champagne, Abigail Chandler, Shehong Chen, Liana Cheney, Timothy Cook, Timothy Crain, Adrian Cruz, Lisa Edwards, James Egan, Patricia Fontaine (for Michelle Scribner-McLean, James Forest, Stuart Freedman, Steven Freund, Alice Frye, Michael Geiger, Robert Giles, Nancy Goodyear, Michael Graves, Christopher Hansen, Andrew Harris, Ashleigh Hillier, Javier Horta, Andrew Hostetler (for Jana Sladkova), Tingshu Hu, Ann Marie Hurley, Stephen Johnston, Robert Karasek, Russell Karl, Alexander Kheifets, Sue Kim, Ainat Koren, David Lustick, Margaret Manion, Dalila Megherbi, Michael Millner, Arthur Mittler, Ravi Montenegro, Donna Mullin, Nese Orbey, Asil Oztekin, Charles Ormsby, Robert Parkin, Geoffry PhillipsMcEnany, James Propp, Jialun Qin, Joshua Qian, Muhammad Quayes, Emmanuelle Reynaud, Charlotte Ryan, David Ryan, Thomas Shea Michael Shenoda, James Sherwood, Shellie Simons, Meg Sobkowicz-Kline, Stefanie Tate, Joel Therrien, Nellie Tran (for Sarah Kuhn), Celeste Tremblay, Phitsamay Uy, James Veatch, Jennifer Wilber, Thomas Wilson, TzuYang Yu

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting convened at 3:35 PM.

1. Minutes of October 1, 2012 Faculty Senate Meeting, Attachment 1

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, (Professor Buzawa)

Eve Buzawa presented a report on an October 16 “retreat” of the Board of Trustees at which PMS (Performance Management System) indicators from 2008 through 2012 were reported by each of the five campuses in the UMass system together with a discussion of campus strategies for coping with continued real (inflation adjusted) reductions in state funding over the next few years. The report is quite large and interested audience members may contact Eve if they are interested in seeing it.

Chancellor Meehan gave a very good presentation of UMass Lowell's past and projected growth strategies. He was the only Chancellor whose presentation did not elicit questions from the Trustees. Other campuses indicated that they will be increasing their online offerings as Lowell has done for some time.

3. NEASC Update (Vice Provost Mandell)

Vice Provost Mandell discussed NEASC progress thus far. We currently have a 150 page narrative which is coherent with some gaps. She stressed the need for feedback from everyone. For the first round all feedback is needed by the end of Fall semester 2012. The second round will be finalized in September of 2013. Vice Provost Mandell will possibly be contacting the Undergraduate Policy Committee and the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee to solicit input.

4. Undergraduate Policy Committee, (Professor Mittler)

a. Proposal for an Undergraduate Concentration in Philosophy and Religious Studies, (Professor Kaufman), Attachment 3a

A motion was made to accept the proposal for an undergraduate concentration in Philosophy and Religious Studies. It passed unanimously.

Note: Following the meeting, on November 7, 2012 the Philosophy department wished to withdraw any request for changes to their existing minor in order to focus on rolling out the approved concentration in religious studies.

b. Honors Program, (Professor Canning), Attachment 3b

James Canning presented the proposal to increase the number of credits from 18 to 21. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It passed unanimously.

c. College of Sciences Mathematics Requirement Change, Attachment 3c

Michael Graves announced the change to the College of Sciences Mathematics Requirement:

At least two courses are required in mathematics beyond pre-calculus mathematics and must include one calculus course and one additional mathematics elective. Individual programs may have additional mathematics requirements.

A motion was made to accept the change. It was approved with 2 abstentions.

5. Library, (George Hart, Director)

George Hart introduced himself as the new Library Director. He is an alumnus of UMass Boston and is very excited about his new position. The library's focus is on space, subscriptions and services. Michael Carter announced that Margaret Manion will act as convening chair of the new Library Committee. An initial meeting of the committee will be set up soon.

6. Academic Resources Committee, (Professor Cheney)

Liana Cheney thanked Margaret Manion for her efforts in pulling together the Library Committee.

Liana Cheney requested that people please reply to the surveys that Facilities will be sending out.

As a final note Provost Abdelal informed the audience that we are currently looking at having a satellite campus in Haverhill, MA. Funds have come in from the Legislature. Having a satellite campus will be good for revenue.

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM.