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## Faculty Senate Meeting

### Minutes

December 1, 2014

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Carter

Attendees: Lisa Abdallah, Dhimiter Bello, Bryan Buchholz, Eve Buzawa, Jennifer Cadero-Gillette, Michael Carter, Nicole Champagne, Shehong Chen, Johanna Choo, Timothy Cook, Timothy Crain, Judith Davidson (for Phitsamay Uy), Alan Doerr, Heidi Fantasia, Susan Faraji, Rebecca Foco, Alice Frye, Jessica Garb, Michael Geiger, Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti, Nancy Goodyear, Jennifer Gorczyca, Michael Graves, Christopher Hansen, Javier Horta, Stephen Johnston, Whitley Kaufman (for Bassam Romaya), Alexander Kheifets, Ainat Koren, Saira Latif, Jason Lawrence, Karen Lin, Benyuan Liu, David Lustick, Margaret Manion, Maria Matz, John McKelliget, Dalila Megherbi, Garrett Michaelson, Joshua Millard, Michael Millner, Arthur Mittler, Joann MoriartyBaron, Donna Mullin, Charles Ormsby, Robert Parkin, Joshua Qian, Muhammad Quayes, Prakash Rai, Emmanuelle Reynaud, Marina Ruths, David Ryan, Daniel Schmidt, Michelle Scribner-MacLean, Richard Serna, Mitchell Shuldman, Jonathan Silverman, Shellie Simons, Meg Sobkowicz-Kline, Sang Hyun Suh, Stefanie Tate, Mark Tries, Yana Weinstein, Jennifer Wilber, YiNing Wu, Seongkyu Yoon, Juheng Zhang

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting commenced at 3:36 PM.

- Minutes of November 3, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting

A motion was made by Robert Parkin to accept the November 3, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Alan Doerr and passed unanimously.

Vice Provost Carter provided a report on the status of UMass Lowell's program in Kuwait. She is happy to report that all of the agreements are signed. The launch date is scheduled for the Spring of 2015. Robert Parkin asked whether all the Kuwait undergraduate programs in Engineering will be accredited and if the Kuwait Engineering programs will be accredited separately. Vice Provost Carter responded yes to both questions.

### Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Robert Malloy)

- Final Proposal for a Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA)  
Robert Malloy provided an overview indicating that this particular proposal was very well done. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal for Options in the Master of Public Health (MPH)
  - a. Gerontology
  - b. Healthcare Management
  - c. Nutrition
  - d. Population Health

This item was removed from the agenda because it needs a vote of approval from the GPAC. It has been previously presented for information only but needs an official vote. This item will be voted on at the next GPAC meeting.

### Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Arthur Mittler)

- Proposal for Curriculum Changes in the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Plastics Engineering  
In an effort to bring the BS in Plastics Engineering more in line with other undergraduate programs two two-credit courses will be removed from the curriculum. A motion was to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal to revise Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor of Science (BS) Engineering Degrees  
A two-credit course, 25.108, Intro. to Engineering II is being removed from the curriculum and will no longer be required. Any pertinent course material will be filtered into 25.107, Intro. to Engineering I. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Preliminary Proposal for a Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree in Digital Media  
In response to questions about resources needed for a quality program, Provost Abdelal affirmed full financial support for necessary investments in personnel and labs. This degree program will connect fine arts, social sciences and technology. He indicated that before considering adopting a new program its future long-term success is always factored into the decision making process. Vice Provost Pierson indicated that the process from Preliminary through to the Final stage takes about two years. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal to add a Crime and Mental Health Concentration to the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Criminal Justice  
The School of Criminology and Justice is proposing to add a Crime and Mental Health Concentration in response to the heightened need and call for information about mental health issues in the criminal justice system. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal to change the name of the interdisciplinary minor “Work, Labor and Society” to “Labor Studies”  
The minor name change will more accurately reflect the academic content of the minor’s signature course, “Introduction to Labor Studies.” It will also more accurately reflect the Minor’s collaboration with the university’s Labor Education Program and the Minor’s Service Learning component. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Final Proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (BSE) Degree: Biomedical Engineering

Stephen McCarthy provided an overview of the proposal. The proposed Biomedical Engineering program will prepare students for professional careers in biomedical engineering. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

For Information Only:

- GPAC: Proposal to change Practicum requirement for the Master of Science (MS) in Autism Studies
- GPAC: Proposal to make modifications to the Mechanical Engineering PhD Program
- UPC: Proposal to change the name of the “Cultural Studies” Department to “World, Languages and Cultures”

Other Business

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.