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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

December 7, 2015

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Carter

Attendees: Lisa Abdallah, Elizabeth Altman, Dina Bozicas, Eve Buzawa, Jennifer Cadero-Gillette, Michael Carter, Nicole Champagne, Shehong Chen, Timothy Cook, Timothy Crain, Adrian Cruz, Mitra Das, Judith Davidson, Paul DeStefano, Alan Doerr, Heidi Fantasia, Susan Faraji, Zahra Fardmanesh, Rebecca Foco, Steven Freund, Alice Frye, Xinwen Fu, Heidi Furey, Jessica Garb, Mahdi Garelnabi, Michael Geiger, Robert Giles, Jennifer Gonzalez-Zugasti, Nancy Goodyear, Michael Graves, Keith Hallbourg, Michelle Haynes, Ying Huang, Murat Inalpolat, Stephen Johnston, Whitley Kaufman, Alexander Kheifets, David Kingsley, Margaret Laccetti, Saira Latif, Cathy Levey, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, Karen Lin, Benyuan Liu, Margaret Manion, Maria Matz, Kimberly Merriman, Garrett Michaelsen, Keith Mitchell, Arthur Mittler, Donna Mullin, Charles Ormsby, Melissa Pennell, Anya Peters, Mairead Pratschke, JianHua Qian, Prakash Rai, David Ryan, Michelle Scribner-MacLean, Mitchell Shuldman, Jana Sladkova, Meg Sobkowicz-Kline, Laurie Soroken, Sang Hyun Suh, Stefanie Tate, Walter Toomey, Mark Tries, Jenna Vinson, Yana Weinstein, Naomi Wernick, Jennifer Wilber, Miko Wilford, Thomas Wilson, John Wooding, Hengyong Yu, Juheng Zhang

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting commenced at 3:31 PM.

- Minutes of November 2, 2015 Faculty Senate Meeting, Attachment 1
A motion was made to approve the 11-2-15 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

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

- Proposal for an Ed.D., Leadership in Schooling Option: STEM Education, Attachment 2
The Graduate School of Education is requesting to add an option to the newly restructured Ed.D. in Leadership in Schooling. The option requested is in Science, Technology/Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education. The STEM Education option will have the same structure as the Leadership in Schooling Ed.D., but will replace three of the six specialization courses with STEM Education specialization courses. The dissertation will also be focused on STEM education issues. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal for an Option in Dietetics in the Master of Public Health (MPH), Attachment 3
This proposal is for a full-time, 43 credit graduate program that will result in a Master's Degree in Public Health (MPH) and fulfill the requirements needed to become a Registered Dietitian (RD). A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Proposal to modify and change the name of the Behavioral Intervention in Autism to Behavioral Intervention in Autism for BCBA Preparation, Attachment 4
This proposal changes the number of courses from four to six courses which is required by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB). The name of the certificate is being changed to include the word "preparation" since students attracted to the program in the past think that completing the certificate indicates that they are certified when in actuality more coursework and an examination is required. A motion was made to accept the modification and name change. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Undergraduate Policy and Affairs Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

- Academic Standing Review, Attachment 5
Motion: Remove the first paragraph that was added in fall 2011 and return to placing all students on Academic Warning whose semester GPA falls below 2.0. UPC will also form a sub-committee to review academic standing which will include progress towards degree.
Paragraph to be removed:
Beginning with the Fall 2011 semester, a first-semester freshmen whose grade point average (GPA) falls below 2.0 will not be placed on Academic Warning but will be notified that he or she is considered to be academically at risk and strongly advised to seek help through appropriate University Resources.
The motion was accepted. It passed unanimously.
- Residency Requirement, Attachment 6
Motion: Remove "with the approval of the College Dean at the time of initial matriculation at the University of Massachusetts Lowell." The approval at the level of College Chair will suffice. The motion was accepted. It passed unanimously.
- Proposal for an Amendment to Fresh Start, Attachment 7
Motions:
 1. Replace highlighted "Under this program, a returning student will be treated as if he or she were a transfer student" in first paragraph with: "Under this program, a returning student's previous credits will be treated as transfer credits. The motion was accepted. It passed unanimously.

2. To add the following sentence to the *Fresh Start Policy* and the *Policy on Returning to UML after academic suspension or dismissal from UMass Lowell with an earned Associates*: “Students must maintain good academic standing upon readmission or may face dismissal.” The motion was accepted. It passed unanimously.

- Use of required Language courses as Breadth of Knowledge, Attachment 8
This particular document under consideration will be returned to the Committee for additional revisions/review.

Other Business

- Class Scheduling Issues, (Vice Provost Ting), Attachment 9
Vice Provost Ting remarked that the spirit of shared governance is evident by the large number of faculty members present. He provided an overview of the challenges faced with classroom scheduling. That enrollment has gone up by 50% since 2007 contributes. Optimizing class schedules by planning class time outside of peak times is helpful.
- Bookstore, (Ginger DeFino)
Ms. DeFino requested that faculty submit orders for Spring courses as soon as possible. By ordering early students will benefit.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM.