

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate

Minutes of March 1, 2004

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President
Recording: Jacqueline S. Dowling, Faculty Senate Member

Meeting commenced at 3:40pm, O'Leary 222

- I. Minutes of November 3, 2003 approved.
- II. Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees - Michael Carter
 - A. Master of Music in Sound Recording Technology was approved.
 - B. Student fees ↑2.3% and room/board ↑3.5%. The general goal is to restrain fees to consumer price index (CPI).
 - C. Office of Public Safety. The FBI is investigating irregularities in contracts. The Trustees have asked B. Harrison to review UML, particularly the Research Foundation. Audit currently taking place for poor record keeping.
 - D. State funding. Tone is more upbeat, more realistic expectation.
 - E. UML transformation plan. Lost savings through integrating day/evening school into one unit. Once we employ the technology PeopleSoft, we will see cost savings in staff duties.
 - F. Would like UML to be School of Choice.
 - G. UML only school that did not ask for specific funds (e.g. building funds).
- III. Standing Committees
 - A. Undergraduate Policy and Affairs Committee
 1. Discussion: Will need to replace John Liebowitz, General Education Coordinator. Further discussion about the impact of the Center for Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Studies on the general education requirements.
 2. Motion #1. The General Education Requirements for undergraduates is under the purview of the Faculty Senate. Motion unanimously approved.
 3. Discussion: Center for Advising. Administration is seeking improved advising. The Center will assist with undergraduate, graduate, and evening program. According to Janet King, there will be a full service center on both campuses. There is a degree audit built in it. Advisors will be linked to advising, grades, and hold flags of students requiring advising. Training will be needed for the implementation and control of advising in the new PeopleSoft system. Ultimately it is the faculty's responsibility to provide academic advising. Mentoring is particularly needed for transfer students. Several senators requested that the system be set up with default for advising. Advising centers are to assist faculty advisors but will help with getting general education requirements. All SIS information will be transferred to PeopleSoft by February 2005.

B. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee

1. Resolution #1. The Faculty Senate resolves that the Department of Physical Therapy be authorized to award the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree to graduates of the Advanced Master's PT program who have completed a 52 total credit requirement of the transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy program. See attached. Motion unanimously approved.
2. Resolution #2. The Faculty Senate resolves that the Department of Health and Clinical Sciences be authorized to offer a Certificate Program in "Nutrition Science". Amended to read "Nutritional Sciences". See attached. Motion unanimously approved.

C. Academic Resources Committee - No resolutions
Considerations:

1. Please support the Honors Council resolution on creating a Steering Committee selected by representatives from all undergraduate colleges and divisions.
2. Elect a chair of the Steering Committee who will be a member of the Faculty Senate.
3. Regarding part-time instructions, there are many part-time instructors teaching General Education courses. We may want to discuss this at a later date.

D. Research and Development Committee – No resolutions

1. The Committee will be meeting with Jeff Thompson, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Technology.

E. Budget and Priorities Committee - No resolutions

F. Academic Governance Committee - No resolutions

III. Old Business - None

IV. New Business

- A. Question was raised about having an alternative faculty member attend/vote on Senate business when a senator is not able to attend. Also should the ratio of senator to faculty be changed from 1-10 to 1-7? The Senate Executive Committee will review these recommendations.
- B. Concern was raised about the number (17) of administrative appointments (e.g. dean, provost) over the past 10 years of which a large number (12) were through an internal search process. Suggested that the Senate takes a stand and makes recommendations for these appointments. The Executive Board will review this recommendation. Robert Parkin stated that the Union will grieve these appointments (e.g. provost) in arbitration on 4/5/04.

- V. Adjournment at 4:40 pm.
- VI. Next meeting: Monday, April 5, 2004, 3:30 pm South Campus