

Memorandum

TO: Faculty and Librarians
FROM: J. Burke, Executive Secretary, Faculty Senate
DATE: May 3, 1999
RE: Minutes: May 3, 1999 Faculty Senate Meeting

The Faculty Senate Meeting was called to order on Monday, May 3, 1999 at 3:30 PM in O'Leary 222. The following Senators were in attendance:

William Phelan, Education; Juan Rodriguez, Education; James Sheff, Chemical & Nuclear Eng; James Rome, Electrical Eng; Ross Holmstrom, Electrical Eng; Robert Parkin, Mechanical Eng; John McKelliget, Mechanical Eng; Laura Punnett, Work Environment; David Hirschel, Criminal Justice; Michael Carter, Economics; Charles Ryan, English; Jeannie Judge, English; Joe Zaitchik, English; Jonathan Liebowitz, History; Peter Blewett, History; Jane Freimiller, Philosophy; Jeffery Gerson, Political Science; Joseph Waterman, Psychology; Jon Hellstedt, Psychology; Jean Pyle, RESD; David Egan, Sociology; Thomas Shea, Biology; Robert Lechner, Computer Science; Bodo Reinisch, Earth Science; Alan Doerr, Mathematics; James Graham-Eagle, Mathematics; AnnMarie Hurley, Mathematics; Arthur Mittler, Physics; George Chabot, Physics; James Egan, Physics; Robert Nicolosi, Clinical Lab Science & Health; Eugene Rogers, Clinical Lab Science & Health; Leanne Hoff, Nursing; Nina Coppens, Nursing; Joyce Wells, Nursing; Sue Bergmeier, Physical Therapy; Charles Feeney, Accounting; Valerie Kijewski, Management; Sangphill Kim, Management; Riaz Khan, OMMIS; Arno Minkkinen, Art; Paula Telesco, Music; Helen Jones, Library; Richard Slapsys, Library;

AGENDA

I. Announcements. Senate President Nicolosi made the following announcements: **(1) the Organizational meeting of the 1999/00 Faculty Senate** was held at 3:00PM today. At that meeting the election of Senators for the 1999/00 Faculty Senate was approved. Professor Robert Parkin was elected Senate President, and Professor Alan Doerr was elected Senate Vice President. Professor Michael Carter was nominated for election to the position of Faculty representative to the Board of Trustees. Professor Juan Rodriguez was nominated for the position of Associate Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees. Ballots for these elections will be mailed to all faculty by Wednesday, May 5th. They should be returned to the Senate office using the double envelope method, by Wednesday, May 19th. Ballots will be counted on Thursday, May 27th at 9:00AM in the Senate Office. **(2) Senate Awards.** Senate President Nicolosi thanked the members of the Senate for their efforts on behalf of faculty governance and expressed special appreciation to the members of the Executive Committee who have also chaired the Senate standing committees during the year: Thomas Shea - Academic Governance; Art Mittler - Undergraduate Policy; Bob Parkin - Graduate Policy and Affairs; Laura Punnett - Research and Development; Jean Pyle - Academic Resources; Chuck Ryan - Budget and Priorities. He thanked Professor Parkin for serving as Senate Vice-President. He also thanked Professor Richard Siegel, Senate Parliamentarian for his assistance. Professor Nicolosi concluded by thanking Professor Janet Burke for her invaluable contributions as

Senate Executive Secretary.

(3) Retirement Lunch. The University Retirement lunch will be held on May 13th from 1:00 to 4:00PM in the Assembly Room of Coburn Hall . Tickets can be obtained from Professor Waterman.**(4) Approval of Senate Standing Committees.** The Executive Secretary has mailed information regarding Senate Standing Committees to all members of the faculty, and invited them to participate by serving on a Senate Standing Committee. In addition all senators who did not respond to the mailing have been called personally to assist them with selection of a Senate Standing Committee. The Executive Committee has met and approved the list of membership for Senate Standing Committees. The committee memberships conform to the rules established in the Senate By-laws. A handout containing committee membership was distributed with the mailing for this Senate meeting, and an updated list was distributed at today's meeting. The Executive Secretary noted additions to the list since its publication. Professor Nicolosi called for a motion to approve the appointments to Senate Standing Committees as listed in the handout and verbally updated at the meeting.

MOTION The faculty Senate approves the appointments to Senate Standing Committees.

VOTE YES 39 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

Professor Nicolosi requested that present committee chairs convene meetings of the new committees for the purpose of electing committee chairs for the next academic year. Those elections must be conducted by secret ballot. **(5) Senate Committee on Post Tenure Review** Professor Nicolosi called on Professor Rome to make a brief announcement. Professor Rome reported that the committee needs additional members and asked Senators to indicate their willingness to serve to either himself, Professor Shea or Dr. Burke.

II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (4/5/99) The minutes of the April 5, 1999 meeting of the Faculty Senate were unanimously accepted as presented.

III. Senate Standing Committees

1. Academic Governance - Professor Shea reported that there are no resolutions from the committee.

2. Research & Development Committee- Professor Punnett reported that there are no resolutions from the committee. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 10th at 1:15 in Alumni Hall 103. The committee will begin to develop the agenda for next year.

3. Academic Resources Committee- Professor Pyle reported that there are no resolutions from the committee.

4. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee Professor Parkin presented the following two resolutions from the committee.

RESOLUTION GPAC 1/S99: The Faculty Senate approves the four options in the MBA program proposed by the College of Management (Finance, Information Technology,

Manufacturing, and Environmental Management Systems).

DISCUSSION There was no discussion.

VOTE YES 38 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

RESOLUTION GPAC 2/S99: The Faculty Senate supports the initiative to develop and implement a collaborative M.S. program in Clinical Laboratory Sciences, with the degree to be awarded by UMass Lowell, between UMass Lowell and UMass

Dartmouth.

DISCUSSION There was no discussion.

VOTE YES 38 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

5. Budget and Priorities Committee Professor Ryan presented the following resolution from the committee:

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate wishes to thank the Chancellor for his role in implementing improvements in University classrooms on both campuses. Moreover, the Senate respectfully encourages him to continue to address the issues of classroom condition that the Budget and Priorities Committee has prioritized through its surveys of the faculty and discussed in meetings with Mr. Caulfield, the Assistant Provost for Academic Space. The Committee and the Faculty Senate look forward to continued improvements in classrooms, consistent with University resources, during the Summer of 1999 and the 1999-2000 academic year.

DISCUSSION Professor Catalozzi suggested as friendly amendment that the word "both" in the first sentence be changed to "all". This was accepted. Professor Liebowitz suggested that continuing maintenance procedures be included as part of the committees suggestions to the administration about classroom maintenance.

REVISED RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate wishes to thank the Chancellor for his role in implementing improvements in University classrooms on all campuses. Moreover, the Senate respectfully encourages him to continue to address the issues of classroom condition that the Budget and Priorities Committee has prioritized through its surveys of the faculty and discussed in meetings with Mr. Caulfield, the Assistant Provost for Academic Space. The Committee and the Faculty Senate look forward to continued improvements in classrooms, consistent with University resources, during the Summer of 1999 and the 1999-2000 academic year.

VOTE YES 39 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

6. Undergraduate Policy Committee Professor Mittler presented the following resolution from the committee:

RESOLUTION The Faculty Senate recommends acceptance of the general education policy as proposed by the UPC in their document dated 4/16/99.

DISCUSSION Professor Parkin noted that the document was an evolving document and expressed thanks to Professor Mittler for his efforts on this issue.

VOTE YES 36 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.