

University of Massachusetts Lowell Faculty Senate Meeting

Monday, May 3, 2010

O'Leary 222

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley

Attendees: Diana Archibald, Doreen Arcus, Francis Bonner, Bryan Buchholz, Michael Carter, Nicole Champagne, Shehong Chen, Cindy Chen, Liana Cheney, Sean Collins, Timothy Crain, Mitra Das, Alan Doerr, Lisa Edwards, James Egan, Joseph Fisher, Pat Fontaine for David Lustick, Marie Frank, Stuart Freedman, Clayton French, Steven Freund, Ken Geiser, Nancy Goodyear, Michael Graves, Vanessa Gray, Andrew Hostetler, Oliver Ibe, Robert Karasek, Russell Karl, David Kazmer, Alexander Kheifets, Margaret Knight, Robert Kunzendorf, Pradeep Kurup, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, Mafeed Mahd, Margaret Manion, Sanjeev Manohar, Annette McDonough, Arthur Mittler, Betty Morgan, Martin Moser, Philip Moss, Rafael Moure-Eraso, Donna Mullin, Eric Nelson, Robert Parkin, Jialun Qin, Marina Ruths, Charlotte Ryan, David Ryan, Daniel Schmidt, Nancy Selleck, James Sherwood, Jay Simmons, Shellie Simons, Jana Sladkova, Paul Song, Jacob Stowell, Anthony Szczesiul, Stefanie Tate, Jie Wang, Ellen Wetmore, Thomas Wilson, John Wooding, Jin Xu, Holly Yanco, Yi Yang

Absent: Craig Armiento, Eve Buzawa, Alexander Case, Janie Casello Bouges, Peter Gaines, Robert Giles, Minjeong Kim, Xuejun Lu, Ramaswamy Nagarajan, Christopher Niezrecki, Geoffry McEnany, Craig Slatin, Chronis Stamatiadis

The meeting convened at 3:17.

Ann Marie Hurley called the Senate to order and welcomed Chancellor Meehan.

Chancellor Meehan addressed the Senate providing an update on campus events. He informed the Senate that the development of a strategic plan for 2020 is nearing completion. He stated that Michael Carter is on the Search Committee for a new system president. Student success rates are going up and the faculty has played a significant role. The number of beds has been increased on campus as it has been proven that students who stay on campus have a richer academic experience. The purchase of the Inn and Conference Center in downtown Lowell has allowed students to engage with the urban center of Lowell. We will be breaking ground on the new emerging technologies building soon. Senator Kerry and Congressman Tsongas will be attending the groundbreaking. A new academic building will be built on campus and will house nursing, criminal justice and psychology. The Fine Arts Program will be expanded. Opportunities exist to expand the master's program in policy and international relations.

The Chancellor announced that the House came out with a budget that contained a 13 percent across the board cut and noted that we must raise awareness on the lack of commitment to higher education in Massachusetts.

This year's Commencement speaker, Roger Goodell, worked his way up from being a paid intern to the top of the NFL. Our campus will receive attention nationwide as a result of his talk.

Chancellor Meehan closed by complimenting the faculty on their good work in making the University successful.

Official Business

Election of Senate Officers and Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

Liana Cheney announced the results of the Faculty Senate election. Ann Marie Hurley received 36 votes and Nicole Champagne received 32 votes. Ann Marie Hurley was declared President of the Faculty Senate for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Michael Carter was elected as the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees; he ran unopposed. Eve Buzawa was elected as the Alternate Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees.

Minutes of the April 5, 2010 Faculty Senate Meeting were accepted as amended.

Report of the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees (Michael Carter)

Michael Carter reported that the next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on June 9 at UMass Lowell. He attended a Search Committee meeting on the morning of May 3 relative to the search for a new system President. He stated that the Committee is in the process of choosing a professional search firm. The overall timetable for the Search Committee is to have three final candidates to present to the Board of Trustees in early 2011. The Search Committee will visit the Lowell campus sometime in September to solicit input. He informed the Senate that the website with information regarding the search is www.massachusetts.edu.

Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (Jim Sherwood)

The proposal to reduce the number of credit hours for the Graduate Certificate in Victims Studies was approved and passed unanimously.

The proposal for new credit hour requirements for all options for an MS in Energy Engineering was approved and passed unanimously.

Ann Marie Hurley announced that Martha Burns is the new Secretary to the Faculty Senate. Michael Carter asked if all correspondence should be sent to Martha Burns via e-mail. Ann Marie stated that there is an e-mail address specifically for the Faculty Senate.

Undergraduate Policy Committee (Arthur Mittler)

Resolution #1

The resolution to change course prefixes for gender studies courses to GNDR was passed unanimously.

Resolution #2

The resolution to make GNDR.240 Introduction to Gender Studies (cross listed as 59.240) a required course for the Gender Studies Interdisciplinary Minor passed unanimously.

Resolution #3

The resolution to approve the Robotics Minor passed unanimously.

Resolutions #4 and #5

The resolutions regarding the Management Information Systems Concentration were withdrawn until fall 2010.

Resolution #6

The resolution to approve the new International Business Concentration was accepted and passed unanimously.

Nicole Champagne wanted it stated for the record that course proposals must be approved before public relations and marketing advertise the course.

Other Business

Michael Graves announced that the General Education Committee looked at syllabi for all undergraduate courses and stated that:

- Syllabi for all general education courses must contain learning outcomes;
- General education course syllabi should establish a rationale for why they are considered general education requirements;
- The Gen. Ed. Committee will continue to monitor the syllabi.

Ann Marie Hurley made a motion to allow the executive committee of the Faculty Senate to have the power to act over the summer on behalf of the Senate body. Motion was accepted and unanimously passed.

Jim Sherwood asked the new faculty Senators to inform him if they are interested in joining the Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee. He stated that there will be an election in the fall and the Committee welcomes new members. Committee members do not have to be Senators. He stated that the College of Management has no representation on GPAC. The next GPAC meeting will be held on Monday, May 17.

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.

Minutes prepared by Martha Burns.