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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

February 1, 2016

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Carter

Attendees: Lisa Abdallah, Elizabeth Altman, Laura Barefield, Dhimiter Bello, Dina Bozicas, Maria Brunette, Eve Buzawa, Jennifer Cadero-Gillette, Michael Carter, Nicole Champagne, Abigail Chandler, Guanling Chen, Johanna Choo, Timothy Cook, Timothy Crain, Mitra Das, Judith Davidson, Alan Doerr, Heidi Fantasia, Susan Faraji, Zahra Fardmanesh, William Fisher, Rebecca Foco, Steven Freund, Alice Frye, Xinwen Fu, Jessica Garb, Mahdi Garelnabi, Nancy Goodyear, Jennifer Gorczyca, Michael Graves, Keith Hallbourg, Michelle Haynes, Javier Horta, Andrew Hostetler (for Miko Wilford), Murat Inalpolat, Kareem Jordan, Wael Kamal, Alexander Kheifets, David Kingsley, Daniel Klain, Margaret Laccetti, Cathy Levey, Haim Levkowitz, Erika Lewis, Karen Lin, Benyuan Liu, Margaret Manion, Maria Matz, John McKelliget, Dalila Megherbi, Kimberly Merriman, Garrett Michaelsen, Joshua Millard, Arthur Mittler, Joann Moriarty-Baron, Donna Mullin, Charles Ormsby, Melissa Pennell, JianHua Qian, Prakash Rai, Marina Ruths, 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, Jennifer Wilber, Thomas Wilson, Seongkyu Yoon, TzuYang Yu, Hengyong Yu, Juheng Zhang

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting commenced at 3:35 PM.

- Minutes of December 7, 2015, 2016 Faculty Senate Meeting

A motion was made to approve the 12-7-15 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

- Chancellor Moloney and Vice Provost Pierson Update

Chancellor Moloney was pleased to see everyone. She commended the work of the Faculty Senate indicating that UMass Lowell has the best Faculty Senate in the University of Massachusetts system. The fairness and respect for one another is noteworthy. Chancellor Moloney thanked the Faculty Senate for its good work.

Chancellor Moloney provided updated information in the way of a presentation with news on Enrollment, Academic Leadership Searches, Campus Improvements and the Budget. Enrollment numbers continue to look very bright. Transfer numbers did not come in as planned. There is a need to shift our focus and pivot to a focus on freshman enrollment. Online enrollment is also doing well. The Provost and Deans are focusing more on student retention, building diversity and still recruiting students from all over the world.

Currently a search is in progress for a new Provost, a new Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation and a Dean of the Manning School of Business. Chancellor Moloney extended thanks to Provost Pierson for stepping in at such a critical time. She announced that Dean Hines is stepping down to return to his faculty role.

Many campus improvements are taking or have taken place including the Innovation Hub, Riverview Suites, a renovated McGauvran Hall, the acquisition of the former Notini building at 225 Aiken St., the Perry Hall renovation and the North Quad Pods construction. She extended thanks to Vice Chancellor Yestramski.

Chancellor Moloney indicated that the new Board of Trustees is fiscally conservative. We should be able to stay on target with our Strategic Plan. “Academic Efficiency” will become popular in our word usage. The Board of Trustees is eager to hold tuition flat and control costs. That UMass Lowell has created new revenue streams bodes well.

Chancellor Moloney once again thanked the Faculty Senators and made a point to thank Faculty Senate President Michael Carter.

Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

- Proposal to change/align name of Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from BA in Modern Languages to BA in World Languages and Cultures

Art Mittler summarized the change. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Proposal to add five minors in the Manning School of Business
 - a. Entrepreneurship
 - b. Finance
 - c. Management
 - d. Marketing
 - e. Operations and Information Systems

Art Mittler provided an overview of the new minors. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Final Proposal for a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Pharmaceutical Sciences

Dean Boroujerdi extended thanks to the UPC for assistance in revising and finalizing this proposal. He received encouragement from Provost Pierson. This program may well generate revenue. A motion was made to accept the proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Language Requirement Options and Language Courses

Melissa Pennell provided an overview. A suggested revision was to add an example under the World Languages Option, 1b. With the revision included a motion was made to allow a student to count one of the three culture/history/literature/film courses used in the World Ready option toward an AH or SS Breadth of Knowledge course in the Core Curriculum/Gen Ed or toward an interdisciplinary minor. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Core Curriculum Committee (CCC), (Professor Graves)

- Clarification of catalog language regarding double counting core curriculum breadth of knowledge credit

Motion: To revise catalog language as follows:

“Collateral courses required by the major may be double counted towards Core Curriculum Breadth of Knowledge requirements when the number of credits taken within the major department is greater than or equal to 36.”

Vice Provost Mandell suggested that the word “double” be removed from the sentence. A motion was made to accept the change. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

For Information Only

- Proposal to restructure Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Requirements

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM.