

University of Massachusetts Lowell  
Faculty Senate

Minutes of November 1, 2004

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

Meeting commenced at 3:34pm, Alumni Hall

- I. Minutes of October 4, 2004 accepted with the following correction:
  - IV. A. Academic Governance Committee. The line should read: Rather than a ratio of 1:10, departments with a personnel committee shall be represented by one or more Senators at a *ratio of 1:5* based on the number of full time members as of the first day of the spring semester.
- II. Report of Senate Representative to the Board of Trustees – Michael Carter
  - A. The candidate for Academic Vice-President refused the offer.
  - B. UMass Law School looks like a probable approval for the donation of buildings and pre-accredited program. Many of the trustees believe that it will not take substantial amounts of money to bring the school up to accreditation standards. Although some trustees are uncertain about the timing of accreditation approval due to low student GPAs.
  - C. St. Joseph's final closing is dependent on an environmental survey otherwise the land swaps look like a good possibility. This renovation will be funded largely out of tenant rents. University major funds will not be used unless environmental issues arise.
  - D. As the President's lease is up, currently looking for residential space to host potential donors and alumni events.
  - E. State is implementing \$1 to \$2 million endowment matching for scholarships, endowed chairs, etc.
  - f. Ratio of campus finances. Allocation of funds by differing trustees based on campus operating budget for 2005 expenditures.

Campus	Instructional Support	Institutional Support
Amherst	35%	9%
Boston	37%	10%
Dartmouth	32%	12%
Lowell	31%	12%

- III. Standing Committees
  - A. Academic Governance Committee - Senate membership bylaw proposed change is as follows: The Faculty Senate shall be nominated from and elected by the full-time faculty and librarians by department or academic unit with a personnel committee, at a ratio of 1:5 (See attached). M/s/p (20/1/0). President Hurley will send a letter to each department/academic unit to extend the current membership through this semester with new members being elected for the Spring semester.

- B. Academic Resources Committee – No resolutions
- C. Budget and Priorities Committee - No resolutions
- D. Undergraduate Policy and Affairs Committee - No resolutions
- E. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee

1. Resolution #1. The Faculty Senate resolves that the Plastics Department be authorized to offer the following three programs: 1) Graduate Certificate in Plastics Design, 2) Graduate Certificate in Plastics Processing, and 3) Graduate Certificate in Plastics Materials (see attached). M/s/p unanimously.

Discussion: Certificates cannot be awarded without a grade of a "B" average. There is a universal policy for certificate programs. The meaning of the asterisk (\*) after some of the course titles was unknown. Voted on the course title and descriptions without the asterisks.

2. Resolution #2. The Faculty Senate resolves that the Department of Psychology be authorized to offer a non-thesis / project option for the Master's Degree in Community Social Psychology (see attached). M/s/p (19/1/1).

Discussion: There is a writing component of a major paper.

3. Resolution #3. The Faculty Senate resolves that the new INC rules previously approved for the undergraduate program be adopted for the graduate program at UML with the added provision of the extension clause be described on page 21 of the Graduate School Catalog. M/s/p

Discussion: The PeopleSoft system is not as flexible as originally publicized. The allocation of INC vs course grade was clarified.

- F. Research and Development Committee – No resolutions

#### IV. New Business

- A. Ombuds Office: Alan Lincoln (See attached) [www.uml.edu/ombuds/](http://www.uml.edu/ombuds/)

#### V. Adjournment at 4:35 pm.

- VI. Next meeting: Monday, December 6, 2004, 3:30 pm Alumni Hall  
Note: New senate members will elect officers at 3 pm.