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## Faculty Senate Meeting

### Minutes

December 3, 2012

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Carter

Attendees: Lisa Abdallah (for Dorothy Brewin), Gonca Altuger-Genc, Todd Avery, Sarita Bassil, Eve Buzawa, Michael Carter, Alexander Case, Janie Casello Bouges, Nicole Champagne, Abigail Chandler, Shehong Chen, Liana Cheney, Timothy Cook, Timothy Crain, Adrian Cruz, Danielle Day, Alan Doerr, Lisa Edwards, James Egan, Susan Faraji, Joseph Fisher, Pat Fontaine (for Michelle Scribner-McLean), James Forest, Marie Frank, Clayton French, Steven Freund, Alice Frye, Xinwen Fu, JehanneMarie Gavarini, Susan Gallagher, William Geiger, Nancy Goodyear, Michael Graves, Christopher Hansen, Andrew Harris, Ashleigh Hillier, Tingshu Hu, Ann Marie Hurley, Stephen Johnston, Robert Karasek, Russell Karl, Alexander Kheifets, Sue Kim, Daniel Klain, Ainat Koren, Erika Lewis, Benyuan Liu, David Lustick, Margaret Manion, Dalila Megherbi, Michael Millner, Arthur Mittler, Ravi Montenegro, Donna Mullin, Nese Orbey, Asil Oztekin, Charles Ormsby, Robert Parkin, Geoffry PhillipsMcEnany, James Propp, Jialun Qin, Joshua Qian, Muhammad Quayes, Emmanuelle Reynaud, Charlotte Ryan, David Ryan, Thomas Shea, James Sheff, Michael Shenoda, James Sherwood, Shellie Simons, Meg Sobkowicz-Kline, Berk Talay, Stefanie Tate, Joel Therrien, Nellie Tran (for Sarah Kuhn), Celeste Tremblay, Phitsamay Uy, James Veatch, Jie Wang, Naomi Wernick, Jennifer Wilber, Thomas Wilson, Jin Xu, TzuYang Yu

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting convened at 3:36 PM.

#### 1. Minutes of November 5, 2012 Faculty Senate Meeting

A motion was made by Liana Cheney to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting. It was seconded by Lisa Abdallah and passed unanimously.

#### 2. NEASC Update, (Vice Provost Mandell)

Vice Provost Mandell provided an update on NEASC indicating that the first draft is now available to all on the website. Individuals with specific areas of involvement are advised to review their respective section.

3. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Professor Sherwood)

a. Proposal to increase the number of credits in the Master of Education Degree Program for candidates seeking an initial license in Elementary Education

The Graduate School of Education requests approval to increase the number of credits from 30 to 33 in the Master of Education Degree, Curriculum and Instruction, Initial Teacher License Option, Teacher of Elementary Education. The program is an existing state and nationally approved M.Ed. program offered at the Graduate School of Education. Currently, candidates in the elementary education program, take a total of seven courses (21 credits) and a nine credit practicum to fulfill the degree requirements. The additional three credit course, *01.652 Classroom Management and Integrative Techniques* will increase the total number of credits to 33. A motion was made to accept the proposal and it passed unanimously.

4. Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

a. Proposal for a Criminal Justice Minor

Art Mittler provided an overview of the proposed Criminal Justice Minor. Many students outside Criminal Justice have expressed a desire to minor in Criminal Justice. The minor will provide students with a knowledge about the different components of the criminal justice system (the police, the courts, and corrections), and about the different stages in the criminal justice process. A motion was made to accept the proposal and it passed unanimously.

b. Honors Program Motion 2

Art Mittler provided an over of the proposed motion. The intent is to replace the current Commonwealth Honors curriculum requirement known as, HON 310 Honors Workshop, with an Honors Seminar requirement. This is really a relaxation of the existing requirement not a full replacement. A motion was made to accept and it passed unanimously.

5. Other Business

Fall 2013/Spring 2014 Academic Calendar

Michael Carter presented the Academic Calendar for the 2013/2014 school year. Registrar Patricia Duff indicated that all other UMass campuses follow this very same calendar. Several attendees were concerned that the calendar did not allow enough class time in the semester. The active ensuing discussion resulted in Ann Marie Hurley calling the question for a vote. 48 approved, 17 opposed and 11 abstained.

Library Committee

Michael Carter announced that Margaret Manion was elected Chairperson of the Library Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.