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Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes

February 4, 2019

3:30 PM

Presiding: Michael Graves

Attendees: Lisa Abdallah, Leland Ackerson, Sedi Bartz, Peter Bender, Michael Black, Elizabeth Bobek, Clifford Bruell, Bryan Buchholz, Jennifer Cadero-Gillette (for Misha Rabinovich), Kwok Fan Chow, Matteo Cimini, Ann Dean, Amit Deokar, Christodouleas Dionysios, Urmitapa Dutta, Jennifer Fish, Patricia Fontaine, Michele Fox, Huiqi Gan, Tony Gao, Richard Gaschnig, Geiger, Mary Gormley, Michael Graves, Wei Guo, Edward Hajduk, Keith Hallbourg, Guixin He, Andrew Hostetler, Michelle Hunt, Michelle Ichinco, Murat Inalpolat, Marian Jandel, Neville Jiang, Stephen Johnston, Whitley Kaufman, Daniel Klain, Margaret Knight, Nicolai Konow, Tunde Kovacs, Ann Kronrod, Eunju Lee, Jongsoo Lee, Cathy Levey, hunter Mack, Mufeed Mahd, Marianna Maiaru, Rebecca Markovits, Sara Marks, Kimberly Merriman, Arthur Mittler, Nese Orbey, Charles Ormsby, Siavash Pakdelian, Robert Parkin, Kevin Petersen, Thomas Pineros-Shields, Jill Portnoy, Sheryl Postman, Rocio Rosales, John Shirley, Aaron SmithWalter, Meg Sobkowicz-Kline, Scott Stapleton, Christoph Strobel, SangHyun Suh, Nichalin Summerfield, Herpreet Thind, Walter Thomas, Todd Tietchen, Walter Toomey, Edgar Torres, Brandon Vaccaro, Jennifer Wilber, Thomas Wilson, Holly Yanco, Xiaoqi Zhang, Yuan Zhang, Wenjin Zhou

Recording: Martha Burns

The meeting convened at 3:35 PM.

- December 3, 2018 Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2018 Faculty Senate Meeting. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Update, (Provost Vayda)

The Provost thanked the Faculty Senate body for the invitation and hopes to attend meetings to present concept ideas, happenings and to entertain questions. The market for students has become very competitive. Enrollment is up but there is a concern relative to retention. There are serious budget concerns. It is important to facilitate growth through flexibility.

Report from the Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, (Professor Abdallah)

- Board of Trustees Meeting, 12-13-18

Lisa Abadallah provided an overview of the meeting. She made a point of noting the names of appointments to Named Professorships including Endowed Chairs on the UMass Lowell campus:

Appointments to Named Professorships including Endowed Chairs

The following colleagues from UMass Lowell were brought for consideration & approval:

Unanimously Approved

1. Appointment of Professor Margaret Sobkowicz-Kline to the Dandeneau Endowed Professorship, Department of Plastics Engineering, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.
2. Appointment of Professor James Sherwood to the Foley Endowed Professorship, College of Engineering for Workforce Development, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.
3. Appointment of Professor Joey Mead to the Pernick Endowed Nanotechnology Professorship, Department of Plastics Engineering, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.
4. Appointment of Professor Carol Barry to the Saab Endowed Professorship, Department of Plastics Engineering, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.
5. Appointment of Professor Alfred Donatelli to the Ward Endowed Professorship, Department of Chemical Engineering, at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Professor Buchholz)

- Bachelor's to Master's Program Proposal

Vice Provost Tello provided an overview of the Proposal indicating that its intent is to streamline the Bachelor's to Master's process. Walter Thomas indicated that Graduate Coordinators were not aware of this proposal and should be included.

A motion was made to table this Proposal at this time. 70 Faculty Senators approved with 2 opposed.

- Proposal to revise the Doctoral Qualifying Exam in the PhD in Engineering, Chemical Engineering

Bryan Buchholz provided an overview of the Proposal.

A motion was made to accept the Proposal. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

For Information Only

Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC), (Professor Mittler)

- Proposal to revise the credit distribution in the RN-BS Degree Pathway

Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee (GPAC), (Professor Buchholz)

- Proposal to revise the graduate certificate in Public Health Studies

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM.