

**UMass Lowell  
Faculty Senate  
February 2, 2009**

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley

Meeting commenced at 3:35

Minutes from December 2008 meeting accepted

**Faculty Representative to the BOT** → Michael Carter

Proposal regarding transfers w/I University and State System discussed at meeting;  
Amherst; claims compliance w/BHE proposal

Dartmouth/Boston – similar to Lowell's concerns – wanting to maintain autonomy on campus  
yet be sensitive to transfer issues/process

Meeting scheduled for next week; John McKelliget & Charlotte Mandell will be in attendance and  
will report back to senate next month

Meeting in Boston – Chancellors and Trustees; addressing 9C cuts and budget

Campuses likely to request substantial increases in fees next year; concerned that budgets  
cannot be balanced with proposed deficits without increase in fees, increased enrollments, and  
tuition retention for out of state and international students. Deficit 10-16 million....

**Committee Reports:**

Academic Governance

Proposal for change in By-laws regarding election of officers

Handouts provided, discussion ensued – ***motion passed***

GPAC –

Resolution to change nomenclature of the Computer Science from ScD to PhD

Handouts provided... request from students and global recognition of PhD – ***motion passed***

Undergraduate Policy Committee [UPC]

Resolution regarding change in Engineering Technology Curricula

Handouts provided – TAC/ABET expressed concerns with different options; change eliminates  
options and allows selection through engineering electives.

***motion passed***

**Provosts Office:**

Proposed policy on Centers and Institutes

Proposed Guidelines for Responsible Conduct of Research

Handouts provided, discussion continued, concerns raised, questions regarding University's  
current policy, NEASC recommendation, Presidents Office, Amherst document, reference to  
collective bargaining agreement...

Requested additional information and time to review/research. Faculty asked that a  
representative initiating this proposal [Provosts Office] attend next meeting for questions.

***Tabled***

Academic Calendar, Spring 2010

Handout provided, discussion regarding Reading Day, Monday classes on Tues/Wed/etc.

Commencement on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. - ***motion passed***

NEASC Report

5 year review accepted, some questions for follow-up w/i 2 years

1) Strategic Plan – addressing fiscal stability, etc

2) Assessment

3) Appropriate Balance of full and part-time faculty

Committees being formed and will report back to university community on a regular basis.

Assessment

½ day workshop in March for Dept Chairs and Coordinators

Emphasis on assessment of student learning

Task Force Chairs: Michelle Scribner-MacLean, Richard Siegel

Meeting Adjourned @ 4:55