University of Massachusetts Lowell Faculty Senate February 7, 2005 Coburn Hall – Room 205

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President

Recording: Janet King

Meeting commenced at 3:36

- I. Minutes of December 6, 2004 were accepted
- II. Report of the Senate Representative to the Board of Trustees Michael Carter
 - a. No Trustees Meeting since last Senate meeting [12/6/2004]
 - b. Meeting at UML next week
 - c. Hired new VC for UMass Academic Services Marcellette Williams [formerly Interim Chancellor at UMass Amherst]

III. Standing Committees

- a. Academic Resources [Liana]
 - i. Resolution: The Faculty Senate strongly recommends that:
 - 1. No new academic programs be initiated
 - 2. No academic programs be terminated
 - 3. No substantial changes be made in existing academic programs

Without the review and approval of the Faculty Senate

passed unanimously

- b. <u>Undergraduate Policy Committee</u> [Art]
 No resolutions
- c. Graduate Policy and Affairs [Bodo]
 - i. <u>Resolution</u>: Plastics Engineering Department be authorized to offer a Graduate Certificate program in Elastomeric Materials

passed unanimously

- ii. <u>Resolution:</u> The Department of Psychology be authorized to offer a Graduate Certificate in Behavioral Intervention in Autism **passed: 1 opposed 20 approved**
- iii. Resolution: The Department of Community Health and Sustainability be authorized to change the M.S. Degree in Health Services Administration to the M.S. Degree in Health Management and Policy **passed unanimously**

iv. <u>Resolution</u>: The Department of Community Health and Sustainability be authorized to offer three options in the M.S. Degree in Health Management and Policy. These Options are: Management, Health Informatics, Health Policy **passed unanimously**

d. Research and Development [Tom]

- i. Resolution: The Faculty Senate resolves that an ongoing funded research program cannot be halted and suspended by University Administration without an open hearing. This hearing must include a quorum of the Research and Development Committee of the Faculty Senate, and other appropriate persons invited by the Investigator whose program is being investigated. A majority vote/concurrence of all parties (with equal numbers from Administration and R&D faculty, chaired by the University omsbud) is required for suspension of halt of research activities. **passed unanimously**
- ii. <u>Resolution</u>: The Faculty Senate resolves that the Administration must consult the Faculty Senate prior to forming a committee or task force, and that such committees or task forces, at a minimum, must include all willing members of the relevant standing Committees of the Faculty Senate. **passed unanimously**

Issues:

- <u>Faculty Union</u> Rally This Thursday, February10th at the State House departing UML Cumnock Hall approx. 9:15 am
- <u>Faculty Union</u> Meeting next Wed with Campus Admin. to continue contract discussions
- Faculty Senate Elections April/May
- Evaluations / New Admin unable to perform w/accuracy
- Clarification asked regarding undergraduate INC [Incomplete] policy
 -Jane Worthley read statement and agreed to email corrected announcement

Meeting adjourned at 4:50