

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Faculty Senate Minutes
March 5, 2007
Coburn 205

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President
Recording: Susan Yuhas

Attendees: Monty Carter, Sherre Strickland, Michael Graves, Thomas Shea, Marina Ruths, David Ryan, Pradeep Kurup, Thomas Wilson. Nicole Champagne, Tom Costello, Haim Levkowitz, Eve Buzawa, Jacob Stowell, Joseph Garreau, Judith Davidson, Anita Greenwood, Michael Carter, Craig Armiento, Oliver Ibe, Marlowe Miller, Bodo Reinisch, Shehong Chen, Christoph Strobel, Paul Coppens, Richard Slapsys, Alan Doerr, Dan Klain, Christopher Niezrecki, Robert Parkin, James Sherwood, Nick Tobin, Ainat Koren, Betty Morgan, Ruth Remington, Erika Lewis, Joyce White, James Egan, Clayton French, Arthur Mittler, Dave Kazmer, Aart Holstag, Khanh Dinh, Andrew Hostetler, Jason Lawrence, Mitra Das, Charlotte Ryan, Bryan Buchholz, Donald Milton, Rafael Moure-Eraso

Meeting commenced at 4:00 pm

- I. Memo presented to Provost Council on Transfer Credits, as new agenda item, regarding: RN BS-Degree Completion Students and Transfer Credits. Vote taken whether or not to put on agenda. *Vote rejected.* Not added to 3-5-07 agenda.
- II. Minutes of February 5, 2007 were accepted with corrections.
- III. **Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees:** Michael Carter

Several subcommittee meetings of trustees. Student tuition increase was voted to hold along with rate of inflation (3.4%). Main item: UMass Dartmouth new programs seeking approval, 2 undergraduate and 2 PhD programs. Had problems with approval process. Graduate programs were approved, undergraduate programs were not approved. Much higher standard in justifying need of program at other campuses, what else will be cut to make room for these programs. Higher hurdle in justifying existence. Subcommittee on technology & research: interest in cross campus initiatives between Worcester and Amherst campuses. Business mentality on the board, Romney appointees. Block on board, controlling key votes. Chancellor Mackenzie comment: new appointees, trying to figure out what to do and how it applies to the University; will respond to negative criticism, might be different vision on the board but can be shaped after struggle. Good appointees on the board.

IV. **Academic Resources Committee:** Liana Cheney
No resolutions

V. **GPAC:** Bodo Reinisch

I. **Resolution 1:** Pre-proposal for a doctoral program in Criminal Justice & Criminology.

The Faculty Senate resolves that the Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology be authorized to develop a doctoral program proposal in preparation for submittal to the UMASS President's Office.

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II. **Resolution 2:** Conditional waiving of the GRE requirement.

The Faculty Senate resolves that the existing graduate admissions policy be amended by the following statement: "The GRE requirement for admission to a graduate degree program may be waived at the discretion of the department hosting the targeted graduate program if the applicant has received a Graduate Certificate in that department with a documented grade point average of 3.5 or better.

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III. **Resolution 3:** Revision of the graduate credit transfer policy.

The Faculty Senate resolves that the limits of 12 credits toward a master's and 24 toward a doctoral degree do not apply to any credits earned by students while in a non-degree or undergraduate BA/MA-BS/MS status, provided the courses were taken within the department offering the master's or doctoral degree.

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VI. **Research and Development:** Tom Shea
No resolutions

VII. **Undergraduate Policy Committee (UPC):** Art Mittler
No resolutions

Meeting adjourned at 5 pm