

University of Massachusetts Lowell  
Faculty Senate

Minutes of April 5, 2004

Presiding: Ann Marie Hurley, President  
Recording: Jacqueline S. Dowling, Faculty Senate Member

Meeting commenced at 3:40pm, Coburn 205

I. Minutes of March 1, 2004 approved with the following correction:

Section II. E. Change “Lost savings” to read, “Cost savings” through integrating day/evening school into one unit.

II. Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees – Michael Carter

- A. Appointment of Jack Wilson as President of UML System.
- B. No meetings since last report.

III. Standing Committees

A. Academic Governance Committee

1. Resolution #1

*Whereas:* As is traditional in Universities of quality, and as is embodied in the guidelines of the American Association of University Professors, and in order that the faculty at UMass Lowell maintain primary responsibility over academic matters to advance the quality and reputation of UMass Lowell,

*The Faculty Senate resolves that:* The University shall fill vacancies in major academic positions following deliberations of a committee appointed jointly by the administration and the Faculty Senate, that will rely on nationally advertised external searches. Major academic positions include the academic Deans, the Provost and all Associate or Assistant Provosts, the Chancellor. No distinction shall be made between interim and permanent appointments. Motion passed with two abstentions.

2. Resolution #2

*Whereas The Faculty Senate By-Laws State:*

A. The faculty exercise primary responsibility in such academic matters as curriculum, subject matter and methods of instruction, research, admissions, libraries and other aspects of the university life, which are directly related to the educational process.

- 1. Whenever an academic program is proposed to be added, deleted, or amended substantially, it is the responsibility of the Faculty Senate to approve or disapprove such proposals and to pass its recommendations on to the Chancellor.

*And whereas:* The "Initiative on Experimental Educational Designs" recently announced by Provost Wooding is an academic initiative for which the Faculty Senate has primary responsibility,

*The Faculty Senate resolves that:* The "Initiative on Experimental Educational Designs" must include representatives from the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Policy Committee and must submit all recommendations to the Faculty Senate for the required approval process. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Both resolutions are about respect. It is time for us to demand that the administration work with us. We need to know how new programs and initiatives impact other programs. We are concerned with the lack of process, the following of acceptable procedures. The goal is that we would like to work cooperatively with administration. Please involve us in the process (i.e. search committees and new programs).

B. Graduate Policy and Affairs Committee

1. Resolution #1: The Faculty Senate resolves that the Department of Plastics Engineering be authorized to set a Graduate Certificate Program in Medical Plastics Design and Manufacturing (see attached). Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution #2: The Faculty Senate resolves that the Department of Regional Economic and Social Development be authorized to offer a Graduate Certificate Program in Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies (see attached). Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Question was raised about the impact of the second certificate on other programs. David Turcotte replied that the regional need does not compete with the UMB Graduate Program. There is interest and demand for such courses. The guidelines for a certificate require a minimum of 4-6 courses. The department is able to work with existing faculty and courses with the exception of a field experience.

C. Research and Development Committee – No resolutions

Comment: Animal experiments were moved to North Campus due to other species infiltrating the laboratories. The work was just stopped making it difficult for faculty to carry out their research.

D. Undergraduate Policy and Affairs Committee – No Resolutions

E. Academic Resources Committee - No resolutions

F. Budget and Priorities Committee - No resolutions

IV. Request to faculty by students Heather Makrez, President of Student Government Association and Matthew Morand, Student Trustee. Please put your book orders in by deadline to facilitate the selling and buying of books in a more cost effective manner (see attached letter).

V. Adjournment at 4:53 pm.

VI. Next meeting: Monday, May 3, 2004 3:30pm O'Leary 222