

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting  
OCTOBER 19, 2004

Present:      B. Barnes      D. Bergeron   D. Boerth      E. Fisher  
                 P. Gibbs      J. Griffith     A.Hausknecht   B. Jacobskind  
                 Y Kim         R. Kowalczyk   S. Krumholz     K. Langley  
                 S. Leclair     N. O'Connor   E. Ojadi         S. Peterson  
                 M. Roy         S. Scarano     B. Singh         S. Sousa  
                 J Stauder      E. Winiarz     M. Zarrillo

Excused:      M. Anderson   L.. Bianco     E. Carreiro      P.Currier  
                 K. Gramling   G. Koot         J. Leffers         J. Marlow  
                 D. Prentice   D. Rancour     K. Stokesbury   L. Sun

Absent:        M. Baum        D. Borim       L. Cheng         Q. Fan  
                 D. Georgianna A. Gunasekeran                     F. Karakaya  
                 O. Khalil       R. Laoulache   K. Manning       H. Michel  
                 A. Mollo        S. Scott        P. Szatek         L.Travers  
                 H. Xu

Guests:        R. Panofsky     R. Larschan

Susan Leclair, Senate President opened the meeting at 3:42 pm.

1.      Jim Griffith moved to accept Minutes of September 20, 2004.  
Elaine Fisher seconded. Motion carried.

2.      Senate Steering Committee Report

Susan LeClaire presented on behalf of the Steering Committee

Meetings have been scheduled with the Provost; to date, no meetings set with the Chancellor.

Committee has begun to review commencement process. Radical changes in store for the coming year. The committee will be in touch with departments soon to discuss their ideas. Plan for next spring includes informal department get-togethers with graduates and guests.

At the next meeting of the Faculty Senate there will be a presentation on faculty utilization of PeopleSoft for advising, etc. PeopleSoft team will be contacting all departments to set up trainings. Trainings will begin in January or February. (Might want to contact them early to

get date set.) It was suggested that it might be helpful to invite faculty members who do a lot of advising and would like an advance view to the next Senate meeting.

### 3. Honorary Degree Committee

Reported by Richard Larschan. Can tell us about the process, but names, etc. are confidential.

Three categories that govern criteria:

- Should have prominence in greater community, that we should be honored by their presence as much as they are honored by the degree
- Have made significant contributions to the commonwealth
- Have contributed (materially or otherwise) to this institution

Can't give degree to:

Current UMass employees

Current public officials

Board sends names (10) to Chancellor at end of September, she then selects three. Committee consists of five or six faculty, three administrators. Students were invited but responded late.

Jim Griffith asked what happens to notable people who can't do it this year? Answer— there is a revolving list.

It was suggested that we need a plan for extending the stay of the honorary degree recipients, or event earlier in the year where that person's work is featured. Paige Gibbs suggested that the extended stay not be used for fundraising. Marguerite Zarrillo suggested that it might dovetail with the existing Chancellor's colloquial series.

Discussion followed about attendance at such events. It was noted that faculty often cite classes as reasons not to attend. Rather we should consider bringing classes—it would be helpful to students to hear many of these people.

### 3.2 Institutional Review Board - announcement

The IRB must have a public member. Their most recent community member has resigned. The IRB expects to have another community member on board shortly and reviews will resume.

#### 4. New Business

##### 4.1 Selection for Center Evaluations

Greek ballot:

##### **Advanced Technology/Manufacturing Center**

Edwin Thomson, English

Michelle Mandrioli, Chemistry

##### **Center for Business Research**

Heather Miller, Civil Engineering

Yale Magrass, Sociology/Anthropology

##### **Center for Jewish Culture**

Qinguo Fan, Textile Science

Yoon Soo Lee, Design

##### **Center for Rehabilitation Engineering**

John Convoy, Psychology

Robert Waxler, English

##### **Labor Education Center**

Judy Schaaf, English

Madusudan Jhaveri, Civil Engineering

##### **Alternates:**

Boleslaw Mikolajczak, Computer Information Science

Robert Kowalczyk, Mathematics

James Marlow, English

Sigal Gottlieb, Mathematics

4.2 Task force for hiring TAs requested at last meeting will be established shortly

4.3 Other new business

Bal Ram Singh raised issue of draft policy for changing allocations of Indirect Costs. Faculty Senate Steering Committee is waiting to get several proposals from Provost to send to the appropriate committees. The committees can then review, discuss and report back to Senate.

Motion that research committee immediately begin consideration of the Draft Policy concerning Indirect Costs. Emmanuel Ojadi moved, Nancy O'Connor seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Campbell Brothers will be on campus. Matt Roy has tickets and encourages faculty announce to students.

Motion to adjourn. Jim Griffith moved, Elaine Fisher seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:32.