

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
May 8, 2006

Present: P. Bacdayan M. Baum D. Bergeron D. Boerth
D. Borim E. Carreiro K. Curran-Kelly
P. Currier Q. Fan E. Fisher D. Georgianna
P. Gibbs L. Goodman J. Griffith Y. Kim
A. Klobucka G. Koot R. Kowalczyk S. Krumholz
K. Langley R. Laoulache W. LeBlanc S. Leclair
H. Michel B. Mikolajczak G. O'Reilly S. Peterson
T. Puri D. Rancour F. Scarano E. Winiarz

Excused: L. Brodeur B. Jacobskind J. Leffers B. McFarlane
A. Mollo P. Owens F. Sousa

Absent: C. Benevides B. Bouchard J. Fobanjong A. Gunasekaran
S. Haines A. Hausknecht A. Klimt P. Longo
J. Marlow B. Notaros S. Scott B. Singh
K. Stokesbury L. Sun

Guests: L. Cheng K. Gramling S. Sousa

1. Minutes of April 18, 2006.

J. Griffith moves to accept; E. Fisher seconds. Motion carries.

2. Elections

First election for Senate President conducted by Secretary S. Krumholz
G. Koot nominates S. Leclair
K. Langley nominates E. Fisher

28 ballots cast- 1 Langley; 12 Fisher; 15 Leclair

Susan Leclair is declared Senate President.

Steering Committee Nominations:

Sonya Peterson – Nursing
Susan Krumholz – Soc. Sciences
Ken Langley – Engineering
Gerard Koot – Humanities
Elaine Fisher – CVPA
Eileen Carriero – Science
P. Gibbs – Library

Business seat is open

J. Griffith moves to direct secretary to cast one ballot. P. Currier seconds. Motion carries.

E. Fisher nominates S. Krumholz as Secretary. J. Griffith seconds.
J. Griffith moves to direct secretary to cast one ballot. P. Currier seconds. Motion carries.

2. b. Professor Emeritus

No one has paperwork in yet for Prof. Emeritus; we will honor the new Professor Emeritus as soon as we have the necessary information.

3. Committee Reports – held for reporters to be present

4. Other business.

a. Committee for Yvonne Sandstrom award—no awardee this year. The committee got a late start and didn't think anyone nominated merited the award.

b. Need to elect representative to Bd. of Trustees and Intercampus Faculty Council. Open nominations. J. Griffith nominates Paige Gibbs; G. Koot seconds. J. Griffith moves to have secretary cast one vote. P. Currier seconds. Motion carries.

3. Committee Reports

a. Cultural Affairs Committee- Lisa Knauer

Decided to survey students and faculty on campus to see what people wanted. Will get results May 17th. Also developing a survey for faculty. Expect to be able to give a more complete report in the fall after they can process some of this data.

Don't know what to do next. Lines of authority and planning are opaque.

S. Leclair – frustrations for committees—having people commit and not show up; time has changed committee charges. G. Koot - Discussion needs to happen about what we do and what committees should look like. We might look at how Amherst is doing things. D.

Georgianna says that there is a grievance regarding the role of the research committee.

Impt. to remember that all of these committees have been doing very good work for a very long time.

Don Boerth proposes that we approach things saying that we continue to operate as we have, and not allow Esposito to “rule from the grave”.

Eileen Carreiro says that committees still need to move forward with the attitude that the committees work.

D. Georgianna suggests that we also look at Amherst model, re: chancellor and Provost answer questions for 15 minutes at each meeting.

c. SFFAC report (attached)

c.1. Online classes- D. Boerth

Report of committee was reviewed.

G. Koot asked why do we accept the idea that all online courses must be offered through PCE. He suggests that offering more online classes would free up classroom space.

This Thursday the UMass Online office is celebrating 5 years; it has been very successful.

D. Boerth noted that students get upset when they find out after registering that a class has a substantial online component; we’ve been asked to mention in registration information when a class is “blended”.

c.2. Large classes – Very few on campus, even with 100-level classes. SFFAC has worked with Gen Ed. comm. and CTE on assessing the impact of these large classes.

c.3. D.Panofsky brought an issue to the committee. What happens to Incomplete grades?

Proposed policy was presented (see attached) and generated much discussion. K. Langley suggested we table this item so that we can review it and revisit it in September.

P. Currier moves to adjourn. E. Fisher seconds. Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.