

Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
September 28, 2006

Present: P. Bacdayan C. Benevides D. Boerth E. Carreiro
K. Curran-Kelly Q. Fan E. Fisher
L. Forker D. Georgianna P. Gibbs J. Griffith
S. Haines A. Hausknecht B. Jacobskind A. Klobucka
G. Koot R. Kowalczyk S. Krumholz K. Langley
R. Laoulache W. LeBlanc S. Leclair H. Michel
B. Mikolajczak A. Mollo S. Peterson D. Rancour
F. Scarano B. Singh E. Winiarz

Excused: D. Borim L. Brodeur P. Currier L. Goodman
Y. Kim S. Scott F. Sousa

Absent: M. Baum D. Bergeron B. Bouchard J. Fobanjong
A. Gunasekaran A. Klimt J. Leffers
P. Longo B. McFarlane J. Marlow B. Notaras
G. O'Reilly P. Owens T. Puri L. Sun

Guests: R. Panofsky K. Suchon R. Green D. Massano
A. Garro J. McCormack

S. Leclair calls the meeting to order at 3:37 pm.

Before beginning the addenda we had a moment of silence to honor Phil Melanson.

1. Approval of the May 8, 2006 Minutes.

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

2. Steering Committee reports.

2.1 Academic Honesty policy has been approved by the chancellor and is in the process of being posted and implemented.

2.2 Kevin Stokesbury is resigning from Senate. He represents School of Marine Sciences. We will need to select a replacement.

2.3 Bd. Of Trustees meeting and IFC. P. Gibbs reports. At IFC Aug. meeting Lowell campus asked them to endorse mediation about the office of graduate dean (attempt to eliminate). IFC did endorse. P. Gibbs also reported on the Trustees meeting and the election of the new Board Chair (Tocco).

2.4 S. Leclair will collect comments about graduation and forward them to the relevant party.

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Gen Ed committee report. J. Schaaf

- a. Tier 2, I Gen Ed. Requirement: Recommended to senate that this requirement (for computer literacy) be eliminated. That requirement now seems to have been absorbed by the departments.

B. Jacobskind moves to accept the Gen Ed. Committees recommendation and eliminate Tier 2, I requirement. J. Griffith seconds.

E. Carriero is concerned that by eliminating this we might lose university support for technology in those departments. that don't have much technology built in. Also concerned about requirement that each student have a computer. J. Schaaf doesn't feel as though there will be any significant change; skills built in to many of those programs.

P.Gibbs asked about library skills. J. Schaaf said that that is covered in ENL 101. This won't impact library.

G. Koot agrees that computer literacy should be eliminated, but he believes that Information Literacy is very important.

R. Panofsky said that he believes this (having a clear statement in the general education requirements) is a way we show the world what we are expecting our students to learn.

J. Griffith seeks to amend the motion to clarify that by endorsing this recommendation, we do not intend to impede any department's ability to implement their own computer literacy standards. B. Jacobskind seconds. Motion carries.

J. Schaaf says the other issue, which will be presented at length next month, concerns the G, E and D requirements. The Gen. Ed. Committee had previously introduced a proposal that Faculty Senate accepted in principle the changed the way in which we offer students classes in G, E and D. A pilot program was established which created courses to meet these requirements; nine courses in fall of 2005. Did assessments of these courses last spring. On basis of this assessment they want to submit a formal proposal to change the way the university offers Gen. Ed. G, E and D.

3.2 Technology Services update- R. Green

Technology – D. Massano – upgraded lecture halls so that the technology is similar as in the other classrooms. 59 technology enabled classrooms; 320 faculty have laptops though this program. Increased the bandwidth of the internet. Total people logging in 16,000+; 2718 wireless. 4100 students using downloading service.

WebCt – this fall 92 faculty use system; 6381 total registrations of students; 126 faculty trained.

J. Griffith thinks that the technology classrooms and the laptop program constitute the single most significant contribution to learning in the years he has been here.

In response to a question, Massano said that CITS will try to address expanding wireless this year.

Library – R. Green

Dean Montgomery retired. Green is interim dean. Will be a search.

Library has evolved to being an information source and a center for intellectual activity. Proposal to expand and renovate library. Gala will be kick off for fundraising appeal that will pay for the library expansion.

There will be survey online concerning how we all envision the library; link will be email sent out tomorrow.

4. New Business

4.1 Introduction of new Provost

S. Leclair introduces Chancellor MacCormack. The Chancellor reported on the recent Bd. Of Trustees meeting, then introduced the provost, Tony Garro.

Provost Garro then spoke.

He is excited about UMD, though he has only been here for about 1 month.

He plans to attend all faculty senate meetings and has asked deans to attend as well.

Very interested in Gen Ed. We all must play role in these competencies. These are cumulative.

Wants to support ways for faculty to conduct their research. Turn grant office into a more consumer friendly office by providing assistance to faculty. Devote more resources to faculty. All of this will depend upon the strategic plan. He likes to have a plan to drive resource allocation.

Committed to the classroom; will be teaching a course in the spring which is part of the gen.ed. requirements. Will be trained in WebCT.

P. Bacadyan asked about the priority of graduate programs growth. Garro replied that here are some places where a grad program would be good, but in other places not so

good. SWAT ; strengths , weaknesses, assets and threats (inside and out). This will be clarified once a strategic plan is in place.

B. Jacobskind thanked the provost for his interest in the Faculty Senate.

4.2 Selection of faculty to evaluate Dean Peacock, School of Business

Names drawn:

Dr. Laura Forker, Decision and Information Science

Dr. Walter Einstein, Management/Marketing

Dr. A. Gunasekaran, Decision and Information Science

Dr. Tribhuvan Puri, Accounting/Finance

Dr. Raymond Jackson, Accounting/Finance

Wendy Malenfant, Library Access Services

Alternates:

Dr. Michael Anderson, Accounting/Finance

Dr. Barry Haimson, Psychology

Motion to adjourn. Moved g. koot; seconded b. jaqcobsiomng